

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM,
9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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St. Mark, Ev

April 27, 2025
LOW SUNDAY

¶ SUNDAY IN WHITE

Today is the Octave Day of Easter. Catechism Classes resume at 10:40 AM, and Vespers with Benediction are at the usual time of 4:45 PM.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tomorrow is the transferred feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, with Masses at 8 and 11:25 AM. **Wednesday** is the feast of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick. On **First Thursday**, feast of Ss. Philip & James, there will be a **Holy Hour** for priests at 5 PM, followed by the altar boys' pizza party. **First Saturday** is the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross, with the veneration of the Relic of the True Cross, and blessed Palm Crosses available. Please note there is **no 8:15 AM Mass Saturday**, due to a wedding.

¶ THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER

Mary's month of May opens on **First Thursday**, also the feast of the Apostles Philip and James. Masses are at 7, 8 and 11:25 AM, and 5 PM.

Opening **May Devotions** are at 3:10 PM. Honor our Blessed Mother by participating in this short but sweet service, which will be offered every school day at 3:10 PM plus most Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Don't forget your family May Altar!



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

Second Collection for the Oblates. Blessing of Religious Articles after all Masses. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM; Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Second Sunday after Easter, second collect of St. Monica. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In honor of the Sacred Heart and that all members of the Church Militant may grow in fervor in the practice of their holy Faith.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass
8:05 AM Regina Coeli, Benediction, Exposition of the Relic of the True Cross, Sermon, Veneration of the Relic

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

¶ MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCES

Mass remembrance envelopes are available in the vestibule. To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass on Mothers Day, fill out an envelope and return to an usher or the bookstore today, or drop it off at the church office by Friday, May 9th.



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of

†Tom Simpson, who died on April 18.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

May Crowning: Mothers Day, Sunday May 11. *Attendance is mandatory for First Communicants.*

First Fatima Rosary Procession: Tuesday, May 13, 7:15 PM

Collection Report

Sunday, April 20th\$6,195.00
Easter Collection.....\$5,018.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

CHRISTUS REGNAT – CHRIST REIGNS!

Jesus does not rule over earthly territories but over souls, and He does so through the Eucharist.

A king must rule through his laws and through the love of his subjects for him.

The Eucharist is the law of the Christian: a law of charity and of love, which was promulgated in the Cenacle in the admirable discourse after the Last Supper: “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you...If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

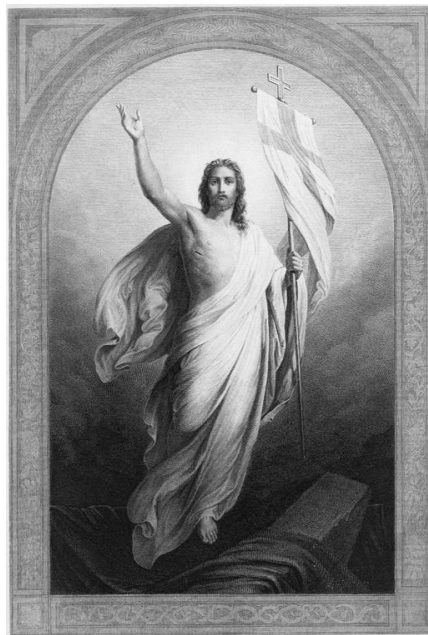
This law is revealed in Communion; the eyes of the Christian are opened in Holy Communion as were those of the disciples of Emmaus, and he understands the fullness of the law.

The “breaking of bread” is what made the first Christians so brave in the face of persecution and so faithful in practicing the law of Jesus Christ. *Erant perseverantes in communicatione fractionis panis.* “They were persevering in the communication of the breaking of bread.”

Christ’s Law is one, holy, universal, and eternal. It will never change or be impaired in any way; Jesus Christ Himself, its divine Author, is defending it. He engraves it on our hearts through His love; the Legislator Himself promulgates His divine law to each of our souls.

It is a law of love. How many kings rule by love? Jesus is about the only one Whose yoke is not imposed by force; His rule is gentleness itself. His true subjects are devoted to Him in life and death; they would rather die than be disloyal to Him.

– Bl. Peter Julian Eymard



LOW SUNDAY

Everything today speaks to us of faith: “Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed.” “It is the foundation and root of all justification.” It is by a living faith, the conviction of the Divinity of Jesus Christ that we live the divine life.

It is by faith that this divine life begins: Those who believe in His Name...are born of God. “Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world... Who is he who overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” This intimate conviction of the Divinity of Jesus Christ makes us throw ourselves at His feet like the man born blind: “The just man liveth by faith.” “He that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live.”

By this faith, we identify ourselves in some way with Jesus Christ: in our thoughts, in our desires, in our words, in our actions.

Then comes to pass the: “I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me... I live *in the faith* of the Son of God, Who loved me, and delivered Himself for me.”

We must act in the Name of Jesus Christ.

– Abbot Columba Marmion

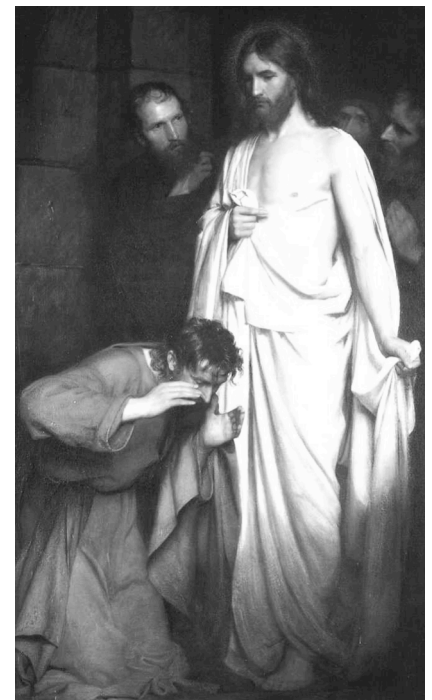
PRODIGALS

With folly spent we come unto
The Life that loosely hung
Full ripe upon an April tree
When Godliness was young.

Like Dismas and his fellowmen
We ply our thievery,
To win the bleeding Lips that wear
A word of Charity.

And down the April road we go
More wisely, being led
By penitence, to find Him in
The breaking of the Bread.

– Charles M. Carey, C. S. C.



Easter Flower Memorials

Tom & Stella Simpson
Jim & Mary Rose Peter
Theresa Simpson

Michael Gilmartin
Peter & Mary Rose Gilmartin
Thomas Gilmartin

Robert E. Brockman
Jane Brockman



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

The church has been bustling with so many different ceremonies and events lately that it is overwhelming...in a good sense! We have had so many blessings lately, between the successful "Bishop's Meeting" a few weeks ago and what many have said was the best Holy Week we have ever had. God has been so very good to us.

Mark Lotarski said that he cannot remember having such good attendance for the Holy Week ceremonies. I believe he said that we had around 200 people each day of the Triduum. I could not be more proud of your devotion. One other interesting thing that he mentioned is that church attendance during Holy Week was up not only here, but in general. It makes one wonder what God is preparing us for. Certainly, it seems that God is offering many graces—and souls are cooperating with them.

Right now, I feel like a proud father and must give some praise. The choir did a fantastic job with the complicated chants throughout Holy Week and Easter, even timing them just right—something which is very difficult to do. It certainly was nice to have the organ back for Holy Saturday and Easter, too! Our servers did a professional job at the altar, running the ceremonies smoothly. The sacristans and helpers did their work flawlessly and without any drama. All this made for a very peaceful and, more importantly, prayerful Holy Week. Thank you one and all! Thanks, too, to the Caggesos for the delicious meals.

Bishop Selway was with us for a few days this past week, mainly to be present at Tom Simpson's funeral, but also just to visit with the clergy. His Excellency and I went to the seminary together (he was four years ahead of me), and we have become good friends over the years. It has been good to see him and to be in communication with him these last few weeks. Bishop Selway and I plan to visit Most Holy Trinity Seminary sometime after Easter break. Eventually, **Bishop Sanborn** will be invited here. We must, especially in these days of chaos, hold to unity and charity. It is important for the Church, and it is important for the clergy and people on a personal level as well.

As mentioned above, Tom Simpson died on Good Friday. Tom was a long time parishioner here at St. Gertrude the Great before moving to Florida and joining Bishop Selway's chapel in Brooksville. It is very providential that he died on the day he did. He was always a devoted server, teaching many of our young men how to serve (he was also my MC the day of my ordination), and himself serving each Mass with great

dignity and attention to detail. He was a model server whom I wish many of our younger servers could have known. But Mr. Simpson had a great devotion to the Holy Week ceremonies, which is why it is believed that Our Lord took him from this world on the same day on which He Himself died. One other touching anecdote about him. He had always loved both the SGG clergy and the MHT clergy. When we had our unfortunate split a few years ago, it hurt him very much. He several times told us that one of his biggest prayers was for our reunion, and he said prayers for this daily. Again, it can be no mere coincidence that this reunion was accomplished just before his death. God works in such beautifully mysterious ways. Blessed be God for His goodness.

I know many people are going to want to hear our thoughts on Bergoglio's death. Firstly, our hope is that he repented and was able to save his soul by an act of God's grace. We cannot pray for him publicly, but we can and should pray for him privately. I am sure that there are other opinions on the matter, but that is mine. What does his death mean for the Church? Who knows. He was not a pope in the first place. However, it could be that God uses this as an opportunity to send us a true pope. Personally, I do not believe that we look to the Novus Ordo cardinals to give us a pope. I cannot see how heretics can elect a true pope. Others will have their opinion to which they are entitled though. In any case, it will take an act of divine grace for there to be a pope elected, and I am sure that God will make it clear when and how this is to be done. I am sure that all sides of the opinion on the Thesis debate will be satisfied. In the meantime, we should say many prayers that a pope be given to us unworthy sinners. How much would be solved if only we had a pope.

Have you made your Easter Duty of a worthy Holy Communion? If not, there are plenty of opportunities to make it to confession and Holy Communion. Our Lord says several times in today's Gospel, "Peace be to you." Oh, what peace there is in having a good conscience, clear of mortal sin. Our Lord has made it so easy to obtain this peace. Courage! Just go. The priest will help you, and Our Lord will forgive you!

– **Bishop McGuire**



✠ CALENDAR

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| MON | 4/28/25 | ST. MARK, EVANGELIST 8:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Simpson (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special intention (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) |
| TUE | 4/29/25 | ST. PETER MARTYR • ST. JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Father Michael Oswalt (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Souls in Purgatory (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Tom Simpson (<i>Sr. Ulrica</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Kirby Bischel (<i>Andy & Wendy Hable</i>) |
| WED | 4/30/25 | ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V <i>HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Naomi Kosovich (<i>KR</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Rest in peace †Richard C. VandeRyt (<i>James Kolenich</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Grandpa – Rest in peace (<i>Sister Eulalia & Sister Regina</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Bishop McGuire and his intentions – Thanks! (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>) |
| THU | 5/1/25 | SS. PHILIP & JAMES, APP • ST. PEREGRINE, C FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Intentions of Fr. McKenna (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Anthony Caggese</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) |
| FRI | 5/2/25 | FIRST FRIDAY • ST. ATHANASIUS, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass Our fallen away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction Sr. Ulrica (<i>Sr. Eulalia</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Tom Simpson (<i>A.M.B.</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena <i>All Night Adoration</i> |
| SAT | 5/3/25 | THE FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS FIRST SATURDAY • SS. ALEXANDER & COMPANIONS, MM <i>THE HOLY SEPULCHER</i> 7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Conversion of my family (<i>Jason Murray</i>) 8:05 AM Regina Coeli, Benediction Exposition of the Relic of the True Cross Sermon, Veneration of the Relic 11:00 AM Nuptial Mass William Long & Kayla Lynch |
| SUN | 5/4/25 | EASTER II • ST. MONICA, W 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Brenda Gray (<i>KR</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Thou knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass The soul of †John Noe (<i>Jim & Diana Kolibob</i>) |

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor May 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Tim Giese, Michael Simpson
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Anthony Caggese, *Volunteer needed*
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Dan Stanislawski
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Philip Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Bruno Siqueira
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and our tender Mother, we invoke thee under the title of our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, because thou art the Mother of the Savior who lives in the Eucharist, and because it was from thee that He took the Flesh and the Blood with which He there feeds us! Thou art the sovereign dispensatrix of all graces and, consequently, of those contained in the august Eucharist. Thou didst first fulfill the duties of the Eucharistic life, teaching us by thy example how to assist properly at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, how to communicate worthily, and how to visit frequently and piously the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Servers

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| FRI 5/2 | 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos |
| SAT 5/3 | 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns |
| SUN 5/4 | 7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, A. McClorey TH: N. Kolenich ACS: L. Rabjohns, D. Hudson TBS: M. Drevenak, J. Smith, P. Caggese, B. Constantino, J. Hudson, J. Stewart 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, P. Caggese CROSS: B. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey |

4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great