

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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EASTER III • MOTHER'S DAY

§ MOTHER'S DAY

Our mothers are remembered at all of the Masses today, especially at the High Mass, which is offered for them. Don't miss your Blessed Mother's May Crowning after the High Mass. Catechism classes are canceled today. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son.

§ MAY DEVOTIONS

Honor our Blessed Mother by participating in this short but sweet service. **3:10 PM** on school days. Check the calendar for weekend times.

Congratulations to Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus on the baptism of their son, Leo Albert Jr., on Sunday, May 4.



First Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

Tuesday, May 13

Low Mass at 5:45 PM.

Procession begins at 7:15 PM.

Meet us in the First Watch Parking Lot, Union Center, West Chester.



§ ST. JOSEPH CORDS

St. Joseph Cords will be blessed after the 8:00 AM Mass on **Wednesday**.

§ SPECIAL MASS TIMES

Please note: There will be a Low Mass at **8:30 AM** on **Thursday**, and there will be *no 8 AM Mass on Friday*.

§ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter IV, second collect of St. Venantius. Preface of Easter.

§ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Megan Mann, Annette Erickson, Joe Prell, Gerald Crochet, and the Patt Family.

§ UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmands' Day of Recollection (for children):

Thursday, June 5

Confirmations: June 7

YAG 2025: July 11-13

Girls' Camp: July 22-24

Boys' Camp: July 29-31

Collection Report

Sunday, May 5th\$10,852.00
Second Collection.....\$3,336.00
Good Friday.....\$1,470.50



Congratulations
to Edward & Renee
Fernandez on their
wedding, which took
place on Thursday,
May 8.

REUNION AFTER DEATH

“I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man shall take from you.” There are no more comforting words in Scripture than this assurance of Christ. It was just before His passion, and He predicted to His disciples that though He was to be separated from them, and separated in such a cruel and painful manner, yet they would once more be united. “A little while and you shall not see Me,” He said; “and again a little while and you shall see Me” (John XVI-17).

While we have not seen Christ in the flesh, yet these words have an application to our relations with Him. For at times the sense of His presence is strong and blissful and at others He seems to withdraw and leave us desolate. The thought of these words, “I will see you again,” should nerve us to bear this period of spiritual dryness. Christ will return to us.

Today, however, let us consider the consolation that these words bring to those who have been separated from some loved one. Such separation must come. Every friend can say to the other, every husband to wife, every parent to child: “A little while and you shall not see me.” Sometimes the separation comes in life through circumstances that force lives apart, and inevitably it comes through death. A few decades at most and one is taken, the other left.

But there is consolation for the bereaved heart. As Christ said of His own resurrection, “Again a little while and you shall see Me,” so we may hear others saying the same to us. Death comes to all. We who are left shall die and with death be united to the loved ones who have gone before. Those separated by the poles of the earth must all pass to that country from whose bourne no traveller returns, to that country where they will be reunited, no matter how time and distance have separated

them here.

And when this reunion comes, our hearts shall rejoice and our joy no man can take from us. There will be no more separation then. Here on earth, even the most devoted could not be with each other always. There are inevitable duties that take us out of the best-loved company. Moreover, nearly a third of our lives must be spent in the unconsciousness of sleep.

When we see our loved ones again, however, there will be no such earthly barriers to perfect companionship. Death and his sister, Sleep, will have no such dominion over us. A constant, intimate, unending union will be ours. The crude machinery of language will be replaced by a direct and perfect communication that will make a perfect understanding possible. No jealousies, no suspicions, no misgiving doubts will mar the beauty of that association. “I will see you again,” our separated loved ones are saying, “and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man shall take from you.”



“Give me just one generation of good Catholic mothers, and I will change the world.”

— St. John Chrysostom



A SONG FOR MOTHER’S DAY

Beside the church in a cherry tree
A robin’s nest was made with care.
The old priest parted the bloom to see
The progress made by the little pair.
Then came the great storm! From the
West
The wind blew wild. Hail beat like
lead
On the mother-bird upon her nest
With only blossoms over her head.
The pastor woke in the night and
heard
The fierce storm rage. His cares were
deep,
But he thought of that gentle,
brooding bird:
“God help her,” he said, as he fell
asleep.
Next morn—Sabbath, and Mother’s
Day—
The sun shone warm, the sky gleamed
blue;
And people flocked to the church to
pray
And praise the Lord—for an hour or
two.
But all day long, early and late,
A glad bird sang from his blossomy
tree,
“Praise God for my nest and my
darling mate!
Was ever a mother braver than she?”

— Alice P. Clark



“I do not tremble when I see my weakness, for the treasures of a mother belong also to her child, and I am thy child, O dear Mother Mary.”

— St. Therese of Lisieux

Happy Mother's Day to each and every one of our mothers! It is only right that a day be dedicated to our mothers. Whether your mother is still living or whether she has already entered into eternity, honor her! It is she who gave you your natural life, nurtured you, gave up her time for you, and sacrificed so much for you. If you have a good Catholic mother who helps to protect the supernatural life of grace in your soul, then you are doubly blessed and owe her so much more. Pray for your mother each and every day, respect her, love her!



Today we honor in a special way God's Mother. The May Crowning is such a charming event, and one which is intended to truly honor Our Lady. Our heavenly Mother is both mother and queen. Ponder that! A mother always wants what is best for her child; a queen has the power to obtain it. She can do both. Pray to her today and always with the greatest confidence. The Curè d'Ars once said of her: "The Blessed Virgin is like a good mother who, not content with looking after all her children in general, watches over each one separately." That goes for you, too!

Sister Regina's Kindergarten class put on their own little May procession, with Marian hymns and all! It is impressive to hear them singing them from memory. Speaking of May processions! Tuesday is the 13th and marks the first of this year's Fatima Rosary Processions. We need Fatima now more than ever; we need the Rosary now more than ever! Just look at the history of the Church if you wish to know the power of processions and prayer to Our Lady. They are so powerful and so efficacious! Hope to see you at all of this year's processions in honor of Our Lady.

St. Gertrude's has been blessed with two Catholic marriages since last Saturday. The first, William and Kayla Long, took place the Saturday before last; the second (that of Edward and Renee [Arlinghaus] Fernandez) took place this past Thursday, the feast of the Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel. Congratulations to both couples! And may their married life be filled with many special graces.

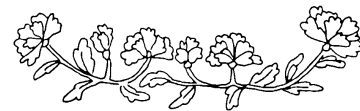
Fr. Brueggemann goes to visit our seminary in Seattle this week. The seminarians are all doing fine, according to **Fr. Ercoli**. Two of them are about to finish their philosophy and are due to be tonsured. Tonsure, while not one of the minor orders, is the beginning of the clerical life for a man pursuing the priesthood. Tonsure is not given until after the seminarian has completed his philosophy courses and is about to

begin theology. Remember our seminarians and their professors in your prayers.

May Our Lady keep watch over you!

– **Bishop McGuire**

P.S. On the animal and critter front, the cats are fine. The story of the week goes to the snails. Somehow (I'm still not sure how), Fr. Brueggemann found a big snail with a very large shell out in Seattle sometime back in the winter and brought it back with him to add to our sacristy snail collection. At some point, Sister put the snail outside and it wasn't seen or heard from for months...until earlier this week when Black Cat and I were walking down to church in the morning and spotted him on the sidewalk. I don't remember the snail, but what a funny moment it was when I brought him back to the sacristy to show him and everyone else remembered him!



A MOTHER'S PRAYER TO THE GUARDIAN ANGELS OF HER CHILDREN



I humbly salute you, O ye faithful, heavenly Friends of my children! I give ye heartfelt thanks for all the love and goodness ye show them. At some future day I shall, with thanks more worthy than I can now give, repay your care for them; and before the whole heavenly court acknowledge their indebtedness to your guidance and protection. Provide for all their needs of body and soul. Pray, likewise, for me, for my

husband, and my whole family, that we may all one day rejoice in your blessed society. Amen.

"The primary goal in the education of children is to teach, and to give the example of a virtuous life."

– *St. John Chrysostom*

✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/12/25	SS. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Anthony Caggese</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Sister Regina (<i>A friend</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/13/25	ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Stephanie Kershnik (<i>KR</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Our Wedding Anniversary (<i>Bruno & Anna Siqueira</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Fr. Simpson & Fr. Brueggemann (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) (from 5/11) 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession
WED	5/14/25	OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH ST. BONIFACE, M 8:00 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving to my Guardian Angel (<i>Judy</i>) Blessing of St. Joseph Cords 11:25 AM High Mass †Kirby & †Jean Bischel (<i>Sr. U</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:10 PM Low Mass "Thou knowest, O Lord" (<i>Renee Fernandez</i>)
THU	5/15/25	ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C <i>ST. DYMPHNA, VM</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Mr. & †Mrs. Dan Hanson (<i>KR</i>) 8:30 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving for answered prayers (<i>Judy</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions
FRI	5/16/25	ST. UBALDUS, BPC <i>ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M • ST. BRENDAN, C</i> Please Note: No 8 AM Mass 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass For all the intentions of all who prayed for my husband (<i>Regina Gilliam</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Alfonso Capetillo – happy birthday (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	5/17/25	ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C <i>OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION</i> 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>The Wilker Family</i>) 8:05 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Pierce Kiernan</i>)
SUN	5/18/25	EASTER IV • ST. VENANTIUS, M 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Tom Simpson – Rest in peace (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Bishop McGuire & the clergy – Thank you 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass The soul of †Natalie Kolibob (<i>Jim & Diana Kolibob</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



MATRIMONY

Matrimony was raised to the sublime rank of a sacrament by Jesus Christ, to bestow upon those who enter into the married state, the grace to enable them to discharge properly the duties of their calling. It strengthens, purifies and elevates natural

affection. It makes the Christian home a haven of unity, peace and love. Since the Holy Ghost is the bond of unity in the Holy Trinity, the Dove of Peace, the Spirit of Love, He should be invoked to bring down heaven's blessing upon our homes. The following is an appropriate prayer for every devoted father and mother, for every loving son and daughter to recite frequently.

Prayer for Our Home

O Eternal Spirit of Love, Dove of Peace, and Bond of Unity in the Holy Trinity, preserve love, unity and peace in our home. Make of it a faithful reproduction of the holy house of Nazareth upon which Thou didst look with such complacency. Bind us all together, not merely by carnal ties, but by the golden bonds of charity, prayer and mutual service. Make us one heart and one soul. By the gift of piety help us to forgive and forget the little grievances that the vicissitudes of life and diversity of character may foster among us. Wheresoever duty may call us, let us never bring dishonor upon our home and our family. Ward off from our home the spirit of pride, irreligion and worldliness. Allow not the lax principles and perverse maxims of the world to take root among us. Teach us to love and respect that Christian modesty which reigned supreme in the holy house of Nazareth. As by Thy help we live in unity here below, give us, we beseech Thee, the grace of final perseverance, that together we may praise Thee and love Thee through a happy eternity. Amen.

SERVERS

FRI 5/16	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 5/17	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, P. Caggese, B. Constantino
SUN 5/18	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, M. Simpson TH: D. Hudson ACS: J. Rabjohns, N. Kolenich MITRE: I. Smith CROZIER: F. Caggese TBS: Ma. & P. Caggese, V. Horton, J. Stewart, M. Kolenich, J. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: P. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey