

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT NEWSLETTER

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## FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

Last month we opened a new school year with our largest enrollment in many years, the perfect number of thirty-three. Father Ramolla is the new teacher (Bible History, Religion, Latin and German) and as well is doing an excellent job looking after St. Clare Church in Columbus, Ohio. Many of you are following our young scholars as they sing their daily Mass, which is now available by webcast ([sgg.org](http://sgg.org) at 11:25 Eastern Time, and 9:00 AM on Sundays).

Considerable landscaping has truly beautified our church grounds, as has the addition of several shrines. We processed past them on Rosary Sunday, praying Our Lady's *Angelic Psalter*. The Rosary Confraternity enjoyed their annual breakfast, and afterwards an excellent talk from our guest speaker, Joseph McKenzie, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

All October long we pray the proper October Devotions before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on as many days as possible. All of us, young and old, remember our dear benefactors in our Rosaries and Masses.

We are teaching our school children to pray the Rosary in Latin this year. Father Ramolla reports on the wonderful enthusiasm of his Bible History students, and we all enjoy visiting the eight students in Kindergarten class. These children edify us by their excellent behavior at Holy Mass, even the long pontifical high Mass of Requiem for Pope Pius XII on October 9<sup>th</sup>. It is always a pleasure for me to preach to these eager little ones.

All Saints and All Souls will soon be upon us and I invite you to send us the names of your deceased for our altar and Masses and Divine Office and Rosaries during November.

The month of the Holy Souls will be a particularly happy one at St. Gertrude the Great as we observe the Forty Hours Devotion November 14-17. How better to celebrate our patronal feast and church anniversary (the fifth already!) than on our knees, or processing devoutly, worshipping the Most Blessed Sacrament? You would be, all of you, most welcome to join us for this wonderful weekend

Father Cekada is now spending a week each month



*October 9, 2008 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XII. The day was observed at St. Gertrude the Great Church with a pontifical high requiem Mass followed by Absolution as well as special prayers for the repose of the soul of this much maligned pontiff.*

teaching Sacred Liturgy at our truly international little Seminary of the Most Holy Trinity in Florida. Your offering helps to support his travel expenses, as well as expenses of other good priests in need of our assistance.

Father Hernan Monroy of Vera Cruz State in particular sends a most interesting report each month. With more determination than dollars he manages to continue building a very fine replacement church for the one the Society of St. Pius X took from his faithful.

For a donation of five dollars we would be very happy to send you a copy of "The Nine vs. Lefebvre: We Resist You to Your Face," Father Cekada's most recent article, detailing the events of twenty-five years ago when Archbishop Lefebvre expelled nine American priests in preparation for making a deal with – Joseph Ratzinger! (Some things never change.)

The main thing which must never change is our resolute resistance to the One World Church, as we faithfully follow the Roman Catholic Church. Thank you for your support. Be assured of our prayers.

In Christ the King,

— Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan



Rosary Sunday, October 5, 2008, was observed in its usual splendid way at St. Gertrude the Great Church. The high Mass honoring the Holy Rosary was sung, followed by the customary blessing of roses and a Rosary Procession. Following the Mass and Procession the annual Rosary Confraternity Breakfast was held in Helftia Hall. A very informative presentation on seventeenth century artist Bartolomé Estaban Murillo's *Madonna and Child* was given by Joseph McKenzie of Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Our Lady's Nativity was marked by the customary blessing of seedlings following the daily school high Mass which was sung by Fr. Cekada. At the conclusion of the Mass all processed out doors and paused at our recently installed Mary Garden for the blessing. Assisting Fr. Cekada were Fr. Ramolla, our school servers, students, faculty, and many of our faithful.



"Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam." Who says that a five year old doesn't know what's going on during Mass? One of our Kindergartners is only too happy to show what he learned at school! Thanks to his industrious grandpa, this young fellow has all that he needs to "say Mass." Thanks also to the example of good clergy. Maybe one day some fortunate parents or grandparents will see their son "go unto the altar of God."

## All Souls Remembrance

This year *All Souls Day* will be observed on **Monday, November 3rd**. Remember your loved ones on this day by filling out and returning the enclosed special *All Souls Remembrance envelope*. In addition to remembrance on that day, the names of all those sent to us will remain on the altar for the entire month of November.



**MASS AT ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT  
LIVE ON THE INTERNET AT SGG.ORG!**

**DAILY AT 11:25 AM ET SUNDAY 9:00 AM ET**



However, from religious ceremonies, as seen on Television (read Internet), valuable fruits for the strengthening of the Faith and the renewal of fervor can be obtained by all those who, for some reason, are unable to be actually present; consequently, We are convinced that *We may wholeheartedly commend programs of this kind.*

-POPE PIUS XII, *Miranda Prorus*, SEPTEMBER 8, 1957