

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ FEBRUARY 8, 2009 • SEPTUAGESIMA •

ST. JOHN OF MATHA • Today we open the solemn season of Septuagesima, our time for prayerful planning for a good Lent. The Blessing of Throats follows all Masses. Catechism and Adult Classes are at **10:30 AM**. Early Vespers and Benediction are at **1:15 PM**.

✠ **THIS WEEK** is a quiet one, the Mass schedule somewhat reduced due to Fr. Cekada's teaching schedule at our seminary. **Monday** we honor a favorite bishop saint of mine (quite the opposite of St. Francis de Sales) the fiery defender of the Divine Maternity, **St. Cyril of Alexandria**. **St. Scholastica**, our "weather saint" comes **Tuesday** with the devotional feast of **Our Lord's Prayer in the Garden**. Come **Wednesday** to honor **Our Lady of Lourdes**. Come with your sick, and sicknesses. The saints of the Seven Sorrows remind us on **Thursday** of the **Friday Evening Novena** to the **Mother of Sorrows**, which is another day for the sick. Sanctify Christian love, pure and true, with **St. Valentine** on **Saturday**.

✠ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

First Testing & First Confessions: **Saturday**, April 18th. (Baptismal Certificate must be presented before testing, and form filled out.)

• **Obligatory Day of Recollection for all First Communion Children:** Thursday, May 28th.

• **Confirmation:** Saturday, May 30th.

• **First Holy Communion:** Sunday, June 14th

Parents, please remember to submit to the Office **by March 11th**, the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great. If your child is not enrolled in the school or Sunday School, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested in April. Unless we have the Baptismal certificate, we will be unable to do the necessary testing. Sometimes it is difficult to tell if a child is ready for the Sacraments. Please consult the priest. The Church earnestly desires all children to receive Our Lord as soon as possible.

Talk with one of the priests in any case. Don't delay.

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ THE YEAR IN REVIEW FOR

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

HOLY COMMUNIONS: 25,000 (APPROX.)

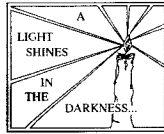
MARRIAGES: 1

BAPTISMS: 12

CONFIRMATIONS: 27

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: 12

DEATHS: 5



✠ VOTIVE CANDLES

The suggested donation for a seven day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for 6-hour votives is 50 cents.

We also offer the practice of making a memorial donation to cover the extremely expensive cost of our Sanctuary light. This light is made of 100% beeswax, and olive oil, representing the purity of Our Lord. It is beautifully sweet-smelling and burns for a fortnight. We are offering the privilege of burning this visible mark of the Real Presence for a suggested donation of \$25.00. For two weeks your prayers, petitions and remembrances for your loved ones will burn continuously in the presence of Our Lord. Envelopes for this privileged donation are available in the vestibule. Your intention will be listed in the bulletin.

✠ **NEXT SUNDAY** Catechism Classes are at 10:30 for children and adults. There are no Vespers the next two Sundays - a bit of prudent rest for pious souls and priests before the exertion of Great Lent. There will, however, be yet another special observance for our sick, with devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes, and the Blessing of the Sick after all Masses.

Set your Missal: Sexagesima, with the commemoration of Ss. Faustinus and Jovita, and Our Lady of All Saints, and Preface of the Trinity.

Servers

FEBRUARY 9-15, 2009

• **MON 2/9** 5:00 PM Low: C. Ritzi
 • **TUE 2/10** 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney, G. Wnek
 • **WED 2/11** 5:00 PM Low J. Bayer
 • **THU 2/12** 5:00 PM Low C. Ritze
 • **FRI 2/13** 5:45 PM Low: G. Keaveney, C. Ritze, J. Bayer, M. Ribar
 • **SAT 2/14** 7:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson
 8:00 AM Low: G. Keaveney, M. Briggs
 • **SUN 2/15** 7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: Joseph Lotarski
 TH: T. Kunkel ACS: T. Simpson, S. Cozzens
 TORCH: P. Duff, J. Simpson, A. Wanke, G. Kunkel
 11:30 AM Low: C. Ritze, M. Ribar
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

✠ POETRY CORNER

THE SACRED TRINITY

Three folds of the cloth, yet only one napkin is there,
 Three joints in the finger, but still only one finger fair;
 Three leaves of the shamrock, yet no more than one shamrock to wear.
 Frost, snow-flakes and ice, all in water their origin share,
 Three persons in God; to one God alone we make prayer.

-Translation by Eleanor Hull

(February is the Month of the Blessed Trinity)



THE GREAT WITHIN THE SMALL

In waste God hides the gold,
 accept what He may send,
 The great within the small,
 though we don't comprehend.

-Angelus Silesius

CANDLE-LIGHT



Day has its sun,
 And night the stars,
 But God has candle-light.

Upon the world's great candle-stick
 He sets
 The little taper of yourself ashine,
 That when the sun has sputtered out
 And all the stars are dead,
 Your immortality may flame and burn
 Across His infinite immensity forever.

Wherefore he will sometime blow out the sun,
 And snuff the stars,
 Preferring the candle-light.

-Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C.

Collection Report

Sunday February 1st\$5,466.25
 2nd Collection.....\$1,337.00

Ushers

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Joe Bayer, Jim Kolenich
 9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Bernie Brueggemann
 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Will Wiegand, Kirby Bischof
 5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	2/9/09	ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD ST. APOLLONIA, VM
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Lotarski & Family)</i>
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Anne Ferro-Special Intention (GPK)
TUES	2/10/09	ST. SCHOLASTICA, V PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN
	11:25 AM	High Mass Kay Capetillo <i>(Mr. & Mrs. A. Capetillo)</i>
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (Beckie Mattingly)
WED	2/11/09	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
	11:25 AM	High Mass Wilker Family Merry Christmas <i>(Katie Bischak)</i>
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THUR	2/12/09	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
	11:25 AM	High Mass Grandpa Bernie <i>(Scott & Lisa)</i>
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In Honor of St. Philomena
	7:00 PM	Compline
FRI	2/13/09	FERIAL DAY
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Votive High Mass of the Holy Cross †William Bendel <i>(Katie Bischak)</i>
	5:15 PM	Confessions/Rosary
	5:30 PM	Infant of Prague Novena VIII
	5:45 PM	Low Mass C. Ritze Family <i>(Kolenich Family)</i>
	6:30 PM	Sorrowful Mother Novena II with Blessing of the sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Confessions
SAT	2/14/09	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY ST. VALENTINE, PRM
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass For Mario Derksen <i>(Kathleen Mary West)</i>
	8:00 AM	Sermon and Low Mass †Dale Downing 6th Anniversary <i>(Shirley Downing)</i> Confessions
SUN	2/15/09	SEXAGESIMA SS FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention <i>(Kathy Schweitzer)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the People of St. Gertrude
	10:30 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass For the conversion of my children and grandchildren <i>(Tim Hopkins)</i>
	5:45 PM	Low Mass John Seyfried-His Intentions <i>(Kent Maki)</i>

✠ OUR SICK

Please continue to keep in your prayers all of our sick, including Jane Donadio, Michael Hinton, and Joan Weigand

BARGAINING

*He bought us with a price no man could pay,
And in that pact surpassed all human loves;
Himself we stole with shabby heed that day
His Mother gave the Priest two turtledoves.*

-Charles M. Carey, C.S.C.

MASSSES IN THE MISSIONS

The following Masses were offered in the missions:

Robert Brueggemann (5) *(John & Lisa Brueggemann & Family)*

†Fr. Eldred Leslie *(The Prell Family)*

Health of Lena Perretti (gravely ill) *(Janet Clementi)*
"Offered by Fr. Cekada"

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Once more, great thanks to Our Lord and Our Lady and all of our good workers for the beautiful Candlemas and wonderful warm Winter Soup Supper we enjoyed last Monday evening. How good the good God is to have given us a real "window of opportunity" between winter storms, with no worse than the west wind to face as we kept the last feast of Christmastide. The wonder of the little ones at the Candlemas is always touching, and the wonderful array of really great soups was so very cheering. Thanks again!

Today we're thinking about throats and Lenten planning, serious prayers for health and holiness. Let us pray for this wicked late Winter to fade out these quiet days of February, and cede to an early Spring.

The world's holidays each Winter are Catholic- "Groundhog Day" (Candlemas really) and St. Valentine and Mardi Gras, St. Patrick and Good Friday, come Spring, and Easter Sunday. Let us pray for a truly Catholic understanding and observance of these feasts. Start in your family.

It looks like the One World Church has emerged finally with **one**, just one, non-negotiable doctrine: the "Shoah"-the six million, and the gas chambers. The Pius X people will have to profess this faith, and I wonder what our Kentucky cousins will do? Let us keep them, and all confused Catholics in our prayers.

On a more mundane note, may I ask you to read and implement the Jog-a-thon plans we sent home last week? This is our one big fundraiser, and the money manipulators' recession may give us, well,-a run for money! So, get an early start, won't you?

God bless you!

-Bishop Dolan



MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN

While it is proper to look forward to a time when justice shall be done in the world, when virtue shall be rewarded and wrongs redressed, we must now, with boundless charity, pity and pray for all poor sinners, realizing the innate frailty of human nature and the evils besetting it in a hard life from birth to death. We must also, consequently, be on our guard against all rash speculations and judgements about the number of the saved and the lost, and the condition and punishments of the latter, never presuming to be privy to the divine counsels or to set limits to the divine mercy and goodness. Above all, we should never be guilty of even thinking of entertaining that inhuman and barbarous state of mind which led some writers and preachers of the past to rejoice over the punishments and tortures of lost souls. We are all, good and bad, children of the one Heavenly Father. He brought us all into the world and He wants us all to be saved.

-Fr. Callan, OP

LONG MASSES AND SHORT

There is a rather good story told of an eighteenth-century bishop. A lady having complained to him one day about the excessive length of the Sunday Mass, he replied: "Madam, 'tis not the Mass that is too long, but your devotion that is too short."

Still better is the narrative of the saintly Princess Wolkowska's explanation of very lengthy and very brief offerings of the Holy Sacrifice. It was a rule of the Princess' life never to say a word contrary to charity about any person or thing whatever. A witty duchess of her acquaintance set out one day to make her violate this rule, and this is the way she went about her task.

"My dear Princess," said she, "I know that you habitually hear daily Mass at the Church of St. Andrew delle Fratte. Well, now, does not one of the priests there try your patience almost beyond endurance? He drones along so slowly that His Mass takes up regularly well-nigh an hour of one's time."

"Why, my dear," replied the Princess, "do you find that disagreeable? I am sorry to differ from you, but I must, decidedly. What happiness is it to be able to recollect one's self at each phase of the Holy Sacrifice, to meditate at one's leisure upon the great mystery, to recommend without precipitation one's parents and friends! I confess, that, for my part, I attend through preference the Mass of that very priest."

"Very well," said the duchess; "but, in that case, you can't like the Mass of Father X, who acquits himself of the sacred function so expeditiously that he hardly keeps the congregation longer than twenty-five minutes."

"But, my dear friend," gently rejoined her companion, "you are reasoning somewhat lightly. Just think of the busy people—the clerks, the poor servants whose time is so limited! It is all well enough for us great ladies to take our time and accomplish at our leisure even our exercises of piety; but, then, everyone has not the same latitude.

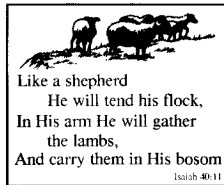
If these persons remained too long in church they would be reprimanded by their clients or their employers. Would you, therefore, deprive them of the benefit of being present at the Holy Sacrifice? Father X's is just the Mass that suits them. Providence, my dear duchess, arranges everything well: the first priest for us, the second for them."



Prayer for Lapsed Priests

Divine Saviour Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who gives His life for His sheep. Oh, be in a very special way the Good Shepherd of those poor lost priests who are also appointed by You to be leaders of Your people, but who have broken the oath of their holy ordination and have become unfaithful to their exalted calling.

Bestow upon these poorest of the poor the very fullness of that pastoral solicitude with which You so faithfully seek the sheep that are lost! Touch their hearts with that irresistible ray of grace which emanates from Your all-merciful love! Enlighten their minds and strengthen their wills, that they may turn away from all sin and error and come back to Your holy altar and to your people. Amen.



Like a shepherd
He will tend his flock,
In His arm He will gather
the lambs,
And carry them in His bosom
Isaiah 40:11

Our gentleness with our neighbor must be carried to extreme, even to foolishness, and we must never retaliate; believe me, if we lose something by this, Our Lord will make it up elsewhere.

-St. Francis de Sales

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN MUST BELIEVE

1. Every Christian must believe that there is one God, and no more than one God: that God is a pure Spirit, the Lord and Maker of Heaven and Earth, who has neither beginning nor end, but is always the same; who is everywhere present; knows and sees all things; can do all things whatsoever He pleases; and is infinite in all perfections.

2. Every Christian is bound to believe that in one God there are three distinct Persons, perfectly equal, of the same substance, and having the same nature: the Father, who proceeds from no one; the Son, who is born of the Father before all ages; and the Holy Ghost, who proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son as from one principle; and that the three Persons are all equally eternal, equal in wisdom and power, and are all three one and the same Lord, one and the same God.

3. We must believe that God created the angels to be with Him for ever, and that one part of them fell from God by sin, and became devils; that God also created Adam and Eve, the first parents of all mankind, and placed them in the earthly Paradise, from whence they were justly banished for the sin they committed in eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree; and that by this transgression of Adam we are all conceived and born in sin, and must have been lost for ever, if God had not sent us a Saviour.

4. We are bound to believe in the Saviour of all mankind, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man; perfect God from all eternity, equal to His Father in all things; and perfect man, from the time of His coming down from heaven for us, having a body and soul like ours.



CHRIST THE KING



Get those sponsors!

I hope you have sent out your forms and have received them back.

*Turn in any funds you have received to the parish office,
bookstore (Connie), or Helfta Hall (Jennifer).*

Canvas your neighborhood or another neighborhood in your area. Pick up forms for door to door (white pack) under sign in the vestibule. Bug your folks to take you out!

Time is running out. We need to work hard to reach our goal. LETS DO IT!

PRIZES ARE:

Family Team Prize For most funds collected.

(All persons in an immediate family whether 1 or 20.)

1st \$250, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150

Individual prizes for most funds collected.

Ages up to 9: 1st \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Ages 10 to 13: 1st \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Ages 14 to 18: 1st \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Adults: *Gift cards to restaurants, coffee, or whatever we happen to have donated.*

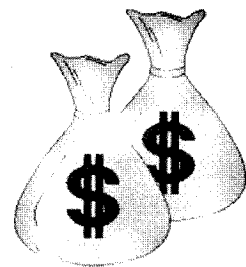
Most laps run:

Ages up to 9: 1st \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10

Ages 10 to 13: 1st \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10

Ages 14 to 18: 1st \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10

Adults: *Gift cards to restaurants, coffee, or whatever we happen to have donated.*



Fun Drawings

Dinner out with your favorite priest, Reds Tickets, Museum Tickets and more.

*For every \$50 you raise, your name will be added to the drawing. Raise \$50 your name will be added once;
raise \$400 your name will be added 8 times etc.*

MALE BOARDERS WANTED

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