



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH

11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW

PENTECOST XXIV

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT BPCD

NOVEMBER 15, 2009



I still utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

¶**Vespers, Benediction and Novena**
Sunday Vespers and Benediction as announced. Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart and Benediction: Friday evening after Mass. Other Novenas and Devotions, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses, at communion rail.

¶**Children's Confessions:** One Sunday of the month at 10:40 AM, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Prayer Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

¶**Appointments & Sick Calls:** Please phone the church office.

¶**Catholic Books & Religious Articles:** A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who

do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶**Confirmation:** Confirmation is solemnly administered at Pentecost of each year, and privately as requested. According to canon law, children should, if possible, be confirmed before First Holy Communion.

¶**First Holy Communion:** Children should make their First Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason (usually between the ages of five and eight) and know the rudiments of the Faith (the First Communion Catechism.) First Holy Communion is administered each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

¶**Matrimony:** If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest *before* setting a date.

¶**Extreme Unction:** Your priests serve a wide area and must often travel far to administer this sacrament. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a church member

is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

¶**Mass Intentions:** Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

¶**Dress Code:** *Ladies*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

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The **Blessing of expectant mothers** takes places at the communion rail after all Masses. Enrollment in the Rosary Confraternity follows the High Mass, at approximately 10:30 AM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Fr. Saavedra is coming down tomorrow, **St. Gertrude's Day**, to visit with our loyal Knights of the Sacred Heart. Father will decide on the venue, depending on the weather. There is no school on Monday, and we transfer the solemn observance of our Saint's day and anniversary to next Sunday's High Mass. Still, it remains a sacred, special day for us, and you may wish to hear Holy Mass in the morning (**8 AM**) or the evening (**5PM**). Our regular daily Masses (Tuesday-Thursday) during the Octave of St. Gertrude the Great call **you** for prayer, the perfect prayer, and the graces of an extra Holy Communion. On **Friday** we offer another **Requiem Mass** at **11:20 AM**, and continue our **Perpetual Novena** to the **Sacred Heart** after the **5:45 PM** Mass, with **Benediction**. **Saturday** we keep the lesser feast of Our Lady, her **Presentation**. Honor her with us!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

We observe the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, the sixth anniversary of the dedication of our new church. Catechism classes are as usual at 10:30. The third of our Sunday devotions to the Mother of Good Counsel follows all Masses.

Set your missal:

Low Masses - The Last Sunday after Pentecost, commemoration of St. Cecilia and St. Gertrude the Great, Preface of the Holy Trinity.

High Mass - St. Gertrude the Great (Nov. 16), commemoration and Last Gospel of the Last Sunday after Pentecost.

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

SLANDER

If you rob your neighbor of a good reputation, you have the obligation of making reparation. You can't enter Heaven carrying someone else's property. Of all external possessions, a good name is most important. Slander is a form of murder.

With a single stroke of the tongue you can commit three murders. You kill your own soul, the soul of anyone who hears your slanderous comments, and the social life of your victim. It is spiritual homicide. Saint Bernard says that the slanderer has the devil on the tongue, and the one who listens to slander has the devil in the ear. A snake tongue is forked with two points. So also is the slanderer's tongue: It poisons the listener as well as the one being spoken against.

Beware of falsely accusing another person. It is not your business to expose someone's secret sins or to exaggerate the ones already made public. You are wrong to put an evil interpretation on a person's good works, or to maliciously degrade those good works with your words.

People who prefer slander with comments about doing "the right thing" or who make little private jokes are the most vicious slanderers of them all. "I really like him," they say. "In every other regard he is a fine man, but the truth must be told." "She was a nice girl, but she must have been caught at a weak moment." You can see what they are up to with these little tricks. The archer pulls the arrow back as near to himself as possible in order to put more force into the shot. Slanderous joking is the most cruel of all. Hemlock is not a quick poison by itself. There is time to take an antidote. When hemlock is taken with wine, there is no antidote for it. In the same way slander that might pass lightly in one ear and out the other, sticks in the mind when it is told with a funny story.

—St. Francis de Sales: The Devout Life

A Personal Response

If we do not pick on members of our own family or our neighbors across the street, we go after other people who are in the public eye. What motivates us to slander? Perhaps it is a way of self-aggrandizement. Maybe it is simply vicious aggression. Forgive us Lord.

PRAYER

*Grant me an understanding heart
To know that I can never understand
The mystery of Your ways,
Your wondrous love*

*Winding so surely down
My furrowed mind that strains to
apprehend
Your plans surpassing all
My searching thought.*

*Grant me an understanding heart
To be contented-poor in all my dullness
Before the radiance of
Eternal plan*

*That threads outside my meagerness
For wresting from the thicket secret
way
On Your astounding map,
O Perfect Guide!*

*Give me an understanding heart
To know that I can never understand
And need alone to love
Your wondrous ways.*

—Mother Mary Francis, P.C.C.

**Not only is Mary born Immaculate,
but grace abounds in her.**

—Dom Columba Marmion

¶ WORK OF CHARITY

Lorraine Gates is looking for a ride to church on those Sundays when she is able to make it to church. Could you help out? Please call her at 513-891-7284.

Collection Report

Sunday November 8\$3,134.00

Ushers

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

7:30 AM Kent Maki, Scott Peplot, Volunteer, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Paul Puglielli, Steve Weigand
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischele, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

NOVEMBER 21 - 22, 2009

•SAT 11/21 7:30 AM LOW: J. Simpson, T. Simpson
8:00 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 11/22 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lotarski
TH: R. Hill, Cross: F. Puglielli
AC'S ; A. Richesson, T. Simpson
MITRE: Brendan Lotarski CROZIER: N. Puglielli
TORCH: J. Simpson, N. McClorey, P. Dugg, J. Lacy, A. Wanke
11:30 AM LOW: M. & A. Ribar

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	11/16/09	ST GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V NO SCHOOL 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Hannah Lacy (<i>Mommy</i>) 4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart 5:00 PM Low Mass †Rita Brueggemann Birthday Remembrance (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
TUE	11/17/09	ST GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC 8:00 AM Low Mass †David and Rosemary Dolan (<i>Jim & Margie Soli</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass For all of those whose names are on our altar, especially the deceased of St. Gertrude, St. Hugh, and St. Clare 5:00 PM Low Mass †Joseph Kopecko (<i>Richard & Gloria Zbilicki</i>)
WED	11/18/09	DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS PETER & PAUL 8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of Frank Cekada (<i>Tim Hopkins</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Geraldine Gilker (<i>Donald Gilker</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THUR	11/19/09	ST ELIZABETH, W ST PONTIANUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Cekada (<i>Ron & Annette Mobley</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass For my mother, Dorothy Gates (<i>Jim Gates</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass For my intentions (<i>Connie Wozny</i>)
FRI	11/20/09	ST FELIX OF VALOIS, C 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Cekada (<i>Ron & Annette Mobley</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Requiem Low Mass Purgatorial Society 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass Bernie Brueggemann (<i>Bob Brueggemann</i>) Novena and Benediction, Confessions
SAT	11/21/09	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of the BVM (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>) Confessions 8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass †Anne Duff (<i>Duff Family</i>) Confessions
SUN	11/22/09	SOLEMNITY OF ST. GERTRUDE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ST CECILIA, VM 7:30 AM Low Mass Kathy Schweitzer Special Intention 9:00 AM High Mass In Honor and Thanksgiving and Petitions to St. Gertrude the Great (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) 10:30 AM Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass †Nadine Henry (M/M Joe Prashak) 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude



✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

What a beautiful day was last Sunday, as we opened with confidence our 12 Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel counting on her intervention and miraculous aid. It was a perfect day for our cemetery rosary. Alas, the somewhat symbolic confusion caused by a combination of error and criticism led to two rosaries recited at both St. Joseph's. I'm sorry to have missed the most of you, but am edified and grateful you turned out, and that many rosaries were prayed. As I remarked last Sunday "Isn't it time **you** prayed a rosary now?"

Our beautiful grounds become even richer in meaning with the addition of the shrine for the Agony in the Garden, which we hope to dedicate soon. Other gardening projects took place as well, for which I thank Eldon and also a benefactor. May all of this exterior beauty be matched by the interior. I know it will if you ask for it, especially by frequently meditating the rosary, and by making it to daily Mass and Communion sometimes during the week.

As you may have heard, Fr. Ramolla decided to leave us a while ago, and we certainly thank him for all his good efforts and help during the little over a year he spent with us, and wish him Godspeed in his future endeavors.

I have taken up his classes, Religion and Bible History, with grades 1-5, and must say how much I am enjoying it. They are a fine bunch of children, and both know and love their holy faith.

I wish you a blessed St. Gertrude's Day, and every blessing and protection of our powerful patroness upon you, our loyal parishioners.

—Bishop Dolan



All the saints have a great devotion to Our Lady.

—Saint John Vianney

"What happens, happens. To be upset about it is useless, deprives us of the crown of patience, shows us to be in revolt against the will of God. Whatever God does is "wholly good and beautiful." (Genesis, 1:31)

—St. Peter of Damascus

✠ HOLY MASS

HOLY MASS, MY SACRIFICE

WHEN THE SACRED HOST is laid on my tongue in Holy Communion, I can say in truth, "Jesus, my God and my Savior! Thou art all mine: Thy Godhead and Thy Sacred Humanity, Thy love and mercy, Thy grace and salvation."

So also, when I assist at Holy Mass and, after the Consecration, Jesus is raised heavenward by the hands of the priest, I can offer Him to the Heavenly Father as my Sacrifice, to adore Him, to praise and thank Him and to atone for my sins. I rejoice that I can give to the great Eternal God, a perfectly condign Sacrifice. He must look down upon me with complacency on account of this, my most precious Gift.

Holy Mass is, in the first place, the work and Sacrifice of Christ. He is the sacrificial Lamb and the most excellent High Priest. At the word of the priest, He places Himself in the condition of a Sacrifice.

Secondly, the Mass is the Sacrifice of the priest who celebrates it. By him, Christ is put in the condition of a victim and is immolated. Thirdly, it is also my work, my sacrifice, for Christ has given Himself to me, and I, as a baptized Christian, have the power to offer sacrifice, through and with the officiating priest.

When I assist at Holy Mass, I will frequently offer up the Divine Victim to His Heavenly Father, that I may be abundantly enriched. For the true blessing of Mass does not consist in merely being present at it, but in uniting oneself with the priest and with Christ Himself. And with the offering of Jesus, I will unite the offering of myself, with all that I am and have, all that I do and suffer. Then I too will be a victim, offered with the Divine Victim on the altar, and the Mass will truly be my Sacrifice!

OBLATION

O Sovereign and true leader, O Christ, my King, I kneel before Thee here like a vassal in the old feudal times to take my oath of fealty. I place my joined hands within Thy wounded hands and promise Thee inviolable loyalty. I dedicate to Thee all the powers of my soul, all the senses of my body, all the affections of my heart.

Take, O Lord, all my liberty. Receive my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am, all that I have, Thou hast given me, and I restore it all to Thee, to be disposed of according to Thy good pleasure. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I am rich enough, and I desire nothing more.



THE OBLATION

One is our Great High Priest; the hierarchies

Descending from Him all depend upon Him.

The Pope, the Bishop, and the Sacerdotal Priest, and the People.

All are the members of His Mystic Body,

Sharing His life, whom waters sacramental,

Make other Christs: I and these lipping children,

A royal priesthood.

Analogy beyond my comprehension;

That my assaulted breast, these innocent faces

Unite with him who stands before the altar

And Him we offer!

Branched in the Vine, the Sacrifice we bring Thee,

Father, is Christ: Himself the Priest and Victim.

And I, being Christ's, by offering my oblation,

I, too, am victim.

THANKSGIVING

I will extol Thee, O God, my King, and I will bless Thy name forever; yea, forever and ever." O ye angels, archangels, thrones and dominations, principalities and powers, virtues of Heaven, cherubim and seraphim, adore our God for me; thank Him, and love Him, with me. Patriarchs and prophets, apostles, all ye martyrs of Christ, holy confessors, virgins of the Lord, and all ye saints, adore Him, thank Him, love Him with me.

Mother of God, adore Thy Son for me, thank Him, and love Him, for me.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord because He is good, because His mercy endureth forever.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SOULS

The Church's doctrine on Purgatory was stated by the fifteenth-century Council of Florence in this way:

"If those who are truly penitent depart from this life in the charity of God before they have had made satisfaction by worthy fruits of penance for their sins of commission and omission, their souls are cleansed by purgatorial sufferings after death. And the suffrages of the living—namely, the Sacrifice of the Mass, prayers, alms-deeds, and other works of piety - are profitable to those departed souls for the relief of their sufferings."

"To assist the souls in Purgatory is to perform the most excellent of the works of mercy, or rather it is to practice in a most sublime manner all works of mercy together" (Saint Francis de Sales). It was revealed to Saint Bridget that a person who delivers a soul from Purgatory has the same merit as if that person delivered Jesus Christ Himself from captivity.

Saint Thomas Aquinas holds that the least suffering of those in Purgatory is greater than the greatest pain in life. Why? Because their desire is more ardent in Purgatory. We beg to share in their desire.

The Progress Report

A Periodic Update on What's Happening at St. Gertrude the Great School

November 2009

Update by John Lynch

The first quarter of the school year has already come and gone--the second quarter began on November 9th. There have been some changes in course staffing and the students have been busy with many activities. Interesting events are on the horizon.

Faculty/Courses

Bishop Dolan is temporarily teaching the religion classes for 1st and 2nd graders and for the middle grades. (How many schools do you know of that are lucky enough to have a bishop for a substitute teacher!) Fr. Cekada hopes to have another priest on-board to take over these classes permanently after the Thanksgiving break.

Fr. Cekada himself has taken over the conversational German course in the high school. Father picked up his German in the minor seminary and though it's been a while since he used his German regularly, Father reports his fluency is returning quickly. (Don't be surprised if Father accidentally slips into his German while conversing with you in the next few weeks.) Viel Glück with that Father.

Activities

On Saturday, November 10th Mrs. Kinnett, the school's literature teacher, took the high school students to see a production of Shakespeare's play Cymbeline. Cymbeline is a tragedy/romance and is considered to be one of Shakespeare's most imaginative dramas. The production was put on by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company.

The school children continue to sing beautifully at the daily school Masses, often doing complicated hymns a capella. The school does have a budding organist in the middle grades who's picked up the accompaniment to Gregorian chants all on his own using the "square notes"—a skill that even highly-trained organists struggle with, according to Fr. Cekada. (You non-musicians will have to ask Father what the square notes are.)

Father Cekada, who is as you know an accomplished organist in his own right, gave the enterprising musician a book of basic organ interludes last week and Father's intrigued to see what comes of it. Father also has invited

the student to try his hand(s) at Father's cache of Bach compositions. It seems that in the organ-playing world being able to play Bach separates the men from the boys.

On Thursday November 5th, the school children made the traditional November cemetery visit and prayed the Rosary for the Poor Souls. This year the children went to St. Stephen's in Hamilton. Thank you to the school moms who helped transport students to and from the cemetery.

Another autumn holiday was celebrated at the school when the children in Mrs. Johns' class marked Columbus Day by creating, entirely on their own, an elaborate 3-D display depicting Columbus's encounter with the Indians (Native Americans that is, not northern Ohio baseball squad).

What's Ahead

The school is looking to fill a gap in the course schedule for the high school girls. A new class in either home economics or public speaking will be taught from 1:15 PM to 2 PM four days a week. When the class content is decided on volunteers may be needed to assist with the class. Please keep it in mind.

The annual St Gertrude's Christmas Cookie and Craft Sale is set for December 13, 2009. Industrious crafters have been hard at work—one crafter already has over 100 items ready! Soon the bakers will join in the fun by making delicious cookies, candies and breads... with so many things to choose from, you are sure to find something you can't live without. Make sure to mark your calendar for December 13th. You won't want to miss this sale! Proceeds from the sale benefit SGG School.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel please pray for the Students, Teachers, Administrators, Parents and Benefactors of St Gertrude the Great School.
