



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

SOLEMNITY OF ST. GERTRUDE

LAST SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 22, 2009



Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven..

¶**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 Churaching 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.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **NOVEMBER 22, 2009 • LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • OCTAVE DAY OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT • ST. CECILIA •** Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM as are children's confessions, more confessions are heard from **11-11:20 AM**. Today we honor the heavenly patroness of music and the arts, St. Cecilia.

¶ THIS WEEK...

Is a short one, what with Thanksgiving. Tomorrow we close the **Octave** and Novena of **St. Gertrude**. **St. John of the Cross** comes **Tuesday**. Remember choir practice tonight. (Please note the three Masses today and tomorrow.) **Wednesday** is the patroness of philosophers and young ladies looking for suitable husbands, St. Catherine. **Thanksgiving** is **Thursday**, and **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** and meat come **Friday**. The simply splendid Gospel of **St. Andrew's Vigil** is anticipated on **Saturday**. Light your Advent wreath tonight.

¶ THANKSGIVING



Join us for a special holiday Mass of Thanksgiving, on Thursday, November 26th, at 9:00 AM, with patriotic music. Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks! Let's joyfully and thankfully stress the religious character of this holiday. The *abstinence* is traditionally *dispensed* on the *Friday* after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the *First Sunday of Advent*, the beginning of a new liturgical year. The **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** is at **7:20 AM**, and the **Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **9:00 AM**. Catechism Classes are at **10:45 AM**.

¶ *Set your missal:* Advent I, 2nd collect of St. Saturninus, 3rd of Our Lady. Preface of the Trinity.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERS



To Gino and Anne VanderPutten on the Baptism of their newborn son, Colin Michael, November 21st.

¶ "Prepare for Advent"

Visit our Gift Shop to get ready for this season of getting ready. Advent Wreaths, as well as good spiritual reading are available. Be sure to prepare an Advent Wreath (three purple and one pink candle) for your family dining table or shrine. The first candle may be lit on Saturday evening or Sunday.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(recite next Saturday evening)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. **R.** Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment, in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)

¶ PIANO AVAILABLE

A Studio Baldwin piano is available for a family with children who are learning to play. Please contact Mrs. Kinnett at 534-0855 if interested.

Ushers

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

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

Servers

NOVEMBER 28 - 29, 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, Joseph. Lotarski
TH: John Lotarski, Cross: Brendan Lotarski
AC'S : A. Richesson, T. Simpson
MITRE: A. Wanke CROZIER: N. McClorey
TORCH: J. Simpson, N. McClorey, B. Lotarski, J. Lacy,
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett
5:45 PM LOW: A. Beaver

✠ POETRY CORNER

SONG FOR THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

Ay, ay, ay, beautiful girl
in your lovely attire!
Ay, ay, ay, what lovely steps you take!

Girl, hardly had you
begun to walk,
when you had
the desire to fly.

Up the high steps
ceaselessly you climb,
since ascending is for you
a natural inclination.

Those who brought you,
you leave behind,
as you do all
Adam's children.

Seeing you go up
leaves us in admiration
even though we don't know
your final destination.

Blessed your parents
who bring as a present
the best offering
the world has ever seen.

At this rate, girl,
I assure you, if you're
heading for Heaven,
you'll be there in no time.

Now enter the temple,
if it's God you're seeking,
and one day he will come
in search of you.

Ay, ay, ay, what lovely
steps you take.

—Sor Juana Inés De La Cruz
Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz †1695 was a Mexican nun
and a poet, dramatist and spiritual writer.

*The translation of this kind of Spanish language
poetry is dicey. Its vivacious tones, almost meant to be
danced, come across as casual to our ears, but the
original conveys a different sense, not at all irreverent.*

—Bishop Dolan

Collection Report

Sunday November 15\$3,964.00

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

✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 11/23/09 OCTAVE DAY OF ST GERTRUDE THE GREAT**
ST CLEMENT, PM
ST FELICITY, M
11:20 AM **Low Mass** †Nadine Henry (*Gerry Keaveney*)
4:00 PM **Knights of the Sacred Heart**
5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Helen Nugent (*Christopher Browne*)
- TUE 11/24/09 ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD**
ST CHRYSOGONUS, M
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Eamon Shea (*Bob Brueggemann*)
11:20 AM **Requiem Low Mass and Absolution**
†Isabelle Roedel (*M/M Mark Lotarski & Family*)
5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Poor Souls for Mattingly Family conversions
6:30 PM **Choir Practice**
- WED 11/25/09 ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM**
8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Josephine Haggerty (*M/M Joe Praschak*)
11:20 AM **Low Mass** Ernie - Happy Feast Day (*Bishop Dolan*)
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Poor souls - Special intention (*MAW*)
- THUR 11/26/09 ST SYLVESTER, AB,**
ST PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM
THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 AM **Votive Low Mass of Thanksgiving**
For all of the Blessings of God and St. Gertrude
(*Bishop Dolan*)
- FRI 11/27/09 NO SCHOOL ABSTINENCE DISPENSED**
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
5:15 PM **Rosary & Confessions**
5:45 PM **Low Mass of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** In Honor of the B.V.M. (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
Novena and Benediction, Confessions
- SAT 11/28/09 VIGIL OF ST ANDREW**
ST CATHERINE LABOURE
7:15 AM **Confessions**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Pro-Life Cause (*Rosary Confraternity*)
Confessions
8:00 AM **Sermon and Low Mass** Happy Birthday Paulina
(*The Fathers*)
Confessions
- SUN 11/29/09 ADVENT I**
ST SATURNINUS, M
7:30 AM **Low Mass** In Honor of St. Raphael (*Diane Brueggemann*)
9:00 AM **Procession and High Mass**
For the People of St. Gertrude
10:45 AM **Catechism Classes**
11:30 AM **Low Mass** Anna Kurtz (*August W. Kurtz*)
5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Frank Cekada (*S.&C. Niehaus*)

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Blessed St. Gertrude's Day, and happy anniversary. Today we keep the solemn, public feast of our patroness with great thanksgiving, and yes... thanksgiving! It is easier to say thank you when covered with compliments and comfort, as we have so often been. But the bitter gifts are best, God sends them too! Still, He always encloses a "sweetness conversion kit" with each cross. Those who stand on the side of Christ Crucified by the God Who is love can never lose, but the victory begins with a "gratitude attitude."

I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving. But for it to be so, say thanks for **everything**. Don't divide your life between "delete" and Deo Gratias. Start by saying thanks for that humiliating scene, that troubling personality, that persistent pain. These, too, come from the hands of an All Provident God, and are "thankworthy in Christ Jesus Our Lord." As you can imagine, we at St. Gertrude the Great have an awful lot to be thankful for.

Use your imagination and memory in quiet prayer. Bring the good and the bad back before God, offer it upon the paten, make it part of **your** Holy Eucharist or Sacred Thanksgiving. God means that you should have peace in your souls and in your life! But peace comes through prayer, the prayer which lets us say "thank you" to God for everything.

Remember the old days, when we were taught to say thank you when Sister corrected us in school? Imagine if even grown ups practiced that! What humility, what honesty would reign, what peace! Well, you could try it in your life. What a difference one thank you can make!

I'm grateful for all of our St. Gertrude the Great faithful, those who still are, and those who are not, and those who are struggling or suffering. I'm especially grateful for those who have stepped forward to help us keep this great church going, and those who have never stopped doing so, and those who have dropped us like the proverbial hot potato. I love you all in Our Lord's Sacred Heart, and place you daily in Mary's heart for safe keeping.

May their Heart keep yours thankful. Happy Thanksgiving!

—Bishop Dolan



*V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
R. It is meet and right to do so.*

✠ HOLY COMMUNION

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What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is the *daily food* of your soul.

(Holy Communion is the receiving of the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearance of a little wafer of bread.)

Did you ever ask yourself *why* Our Lord chose bread and wine for this Sacrament instead of something else?

Bread and wine formed the *daily food and drink* for the bodies of the people who lived in Palestine in Our Lord's day.

So it would seem that Our Lord meant this Sacrament to be the *daily nourishment* of our souls.

Then, Our Lord makes us say in the prayer which He taught us, "Our Father...*give us this day our daily bread.*" (St. Matthew, 6, 11.)

(Now we should take more care of our souls than of our bodies.)

Our Lord also tells us not to worry about "what we shall eat or what we shall drink" for our bodies. (St. Matthew, 6, 31.)

So that Our Lord means that when we recite the *Our Father* we should ask God to "give us *this day* the *daily bread*" of our souls, namely, Holy Communion.

Our Holy Mother the Church has always understood this to be Our Lord's intention with regard to Holy Communion.

The first Christians (who lived in the very beginning of the Church in the times of the Apostles who had lived with Our Lord) received Holy Communion *every day* (Acts, 2, 46.)

The council of Trent (in the year 1526) said that "the faithful should receive Holy Communion *every day* when they heard Mass." (Session XXII, Ch.5.)

In our own times Pope Pius X issued a decree urging everybody to *daily*

Communion (Dec. 20, 1905.)

Consequently, receive Holy Communion *every day* when possible.

After all, who knows better what is good for you, you yourself or Our Lord and His Church?

Since they want you to receive Holy Communion, *every day*, do so.

It will do you good. You may regret not having received Communion when you could have done so.

If you are in the state of grace, if you have no mortal sin on your soul, or if you had a mortal sin but received absolution for it in confession, and if you have a good intention, Our Lord and His Church invite you to receive Holy Communion any day and *every day*.

Remember, you are *not obliged* to go to confession before receiving Communion *unless* you have a mortal sin on your soul.

So, examine your conscience, and if you find no mortal sin there, and you have a good intention, go to Communion *every day* because Holy Communion is the *daily bread* of your soul.

Why Daily Communion?

- 1. To get strength to keep down sensual passions;*
- 2. To obtain pardon of daily venial sins;*
- 3. To avoid falling into mortal sins;*
- 4. To receive an increase of sanctifying grace;*
- 5. To receive a pledge of eternal life;*
- 6. To obtain pardon of any mortal sin of which you may not be conscious;*
- 7. To obtain pardon of venial sins;*
- 8. To obtain a diminution of the temporal punishment due to sin;*
- 9. To be preserved from future sins;*
- 10. To obtain blessings for self and for others;*
- 11. To gain Indulgences and help the Souls in Purgatory.*

RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION
EVERY DAY!!!

Wisdom from the Desert

Abba Poeman said, "I will tell you why we have so much difficulty; it is because we do not care about our brother whom Scripture tells us to receive. Moreover we do not remember the woman of Canaan (cf. Matt, 15.22) who followed the Lord crying and begging for her daughter to be cured, and the Lord heard her and gave her peace."

Abba Poeman said this about the son of Shemai, "His mistake was to justify himself, whoever does that destroys himself."



THANKSGIVING

*Lord God of Hosts, we render thanks
For all Thy mercies sure;*

*Thy tender love environs us
and will through life endures.*

*Teach us to know Thy perfect will
And truly humble be;
May we in gladness praise Thy name
Through all eternity.*

*Lord God of hosts, we offer thanks
And call upon Thy name;
A psalm of praise to Thee we sing,
Thy wondrous love proclaim.*

*Thou art our refuge and our strength,
There is no other power;
If sudden danger threatens us,
We find in Thee a tower.*

*Lord God of host, we proffer praise,
Direct us on our way;
With grateful hearts we worship Thee
On this Thanksgiving Day.*

—Greenville Kleiser

Words of Our Lord to St. Catherine of Siena on respect due the priest.

You must not sin against them because if you do, you are really sinning not against them but against me. This I have **forbidden**, and I have said this is my will that no one should touch them.

For this reason **no one has excuse to say, "I am doing no harm, nor am I rebelling against holy Church. I am simply acting against the sins of evil pastors."** Such persons are **deluded, blinded as they are by their own selfishness. They see well enough, but they pretend not to see as to blunt the pricking of conscience.** If they would look, they could see that they are persecuting not these ministers, but the blood. It is me they assault, just as it was me they revered. To me redounds every assault they make on my ministers: **derision, slander, disgrace, abuse.** Whatever is done to them I count as done to me for I have said and say it again: **No one is to touch my christ.** It is my right to punish them, and no one else's.

But the wicked show how little they reverence the Blood, how little they value the treasure I have given them for their soul's life and salvation. You could receive no greater gift than that I should give you myself, wholly God and wholly human, as your food.

—*The Dialogue*

A Prayer for Unity

O God the Father: Origin of Divinity, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness, peace, concord: Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another, and bring us back into the unity of love that resembles your divine nature.

—Saint Dionysius of Alexandria also wrote to a priest who instigated a schism: "You ought to have suffered all things rather than have caused a schism in the church. To die in defense of its unity would be as glorious as laying down one's life for its faith."

Let us beware of complaints, resentments and evil-speaking against those who are ill-disposed to us, discontented with us, or hostile to our plans and arrangements, or who even persecute us with injuries, insults, and calumnies. Rather let us go on treating them as cordially as at first, or more so, as far as possible showing them esteem, always speaking well of them, doing them good, serving them on occasion, even to the point of taking shame and disgrace upon ourselves, if necessary to save their honor. All this ought to be done, first, to overcome evil with good, according to the teaching of the Apostles; and secondly, because they are our allies rather than our adversaries, as they aid us to destroy self-love, which is our greatest foe; and since it is they who give us an opportunity to gain merit, they ought to be considered our dearest friends.

—*St. Vincent de Paul*

Those Holy Wounds

I look upon Christ Crucified and see the meaning of love To suffer so, for those we do and do not know, is the stuff True Love's made of Each opened wound from which He bleeds is a fountain of grace that falls On each of us, who answer Him, those different times He calls And when we offer His Holy Wounds to His Heavenly Father above He'll heal those wounds of our own souls, with His plenteous love.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ to heal the wounds of our souls.

My Jesus, pardon and mercy by the merits of Thy Holy Wounds.

—*John Seyfried*
11/15/09

Please practice the powerful devotion to the Holy Wounds for the pressing needs of the Church, and for our brethren at St. Clare Church.

TO HIM WHO EVER THOUGHT
To him who ever thought with love of me
Or ever did for my sake some good deed
I will appear, looking such charity
And kind compassion, at his life's last need
That he will out of hand and heartily
repent he sinned and all his sins be freed

—*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

Sister Mary Jeremy noted that Hopkins's poem is based on a passage in the Revelation of St. Gertrude:

Having heard a preacher declare that no person could be saved without the love of God, and that all must at least have so much of it as would lead them to repeat and to abstain from sin, the Saint began to think that many, when dying, seemed to repent more from the fear of hell than from the love of God, Our Lord replied: "When I behold anyone in his agony who has thought of Me with pleasure, or who has performed any works deserving of reward, I appear to him at the moment of death with a countenance so full of love and mercy, that he repents from his inmost heart for having ever offended Me, and he is saved by this repentance."

That few readers of this poem have recognized it as a close paraphrase of St. Gertrude's lines is one of many evidences that her influence, though strong, has been, as was her cloistered life, hidden.

