



# 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

## ST JOHN, APEV DECEMBER 27, 2009

¶**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.

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **DECEMBER 27, 2009 • ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST •**

The blessing of wine and other beverages follows the High Mass. You are welcome to place anything to be blessed at St. John's shrine. Afterwards, come to the Helfta Hall "to drink the health of St. John," some blessed wine or juice which carries his powerful protection.

**Vespers**, with the most powerful chant of the Magnificat, returns this afternoon at **4:45 PM**, and concludes as is customary with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### ¶ CHILDREMAS

Bring the children to **Holy Innocents' Mass** tomorrow at **11:20 AM**. There is a blessing and a little gift for each child after Mass, and then a little party with a story and a poem or two.

### ¶ NEW YEAR'S EVE:

**Two Masses, 8:00 and 11:20 AM** are offered in the morning, and in the evening, our **5:00 PM Holy Hour** before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed allows us to thank God for the blessings and crosses of 2009, and to beg His forgiveness for our sins this past year, as well as to consecrate the New Year wholly to His glory. Further, Thursday evening is the Sacred Heart's own requested time for a Holy Hour. I hope someone will come. It would be nice to have twelve in honor of the Apostles. **Benediction and Holy Communion** are at **5:50 PM**.

### ¶ NEW YEAR'S DAY



**Happy New Year** First Friday fills up **New Year's Day**, a **holy day of obligation**.

The Masses are at **9:00 AM** and **11:00 AM**. **Confessions** are heard from **8:15 AM**, and at **8:45 AM** we open our annual **Infant of Prague Novena**. Confessions precede the **11:00 AM Mass**, and **First Friday Benediction** follows. Meat may be eaten today, due to the Holy Day of the Circumcision of Our Lord. **There is no All Night Adoration**, due to the holiday.

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

The regular **Saturday** schedule offers two **Masses** to honor Our Lady, at **7:30** and **8:00 AM**, the latter followed by **Rosary and Benediction**. Why not make at least once, or repeat again, the Five First Saturdays?

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, and of the Infant of Prague. Next Sunday is also the First Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** is available after Mass. The **Special Second Collection** is for our Seminary. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 p.m.

### SET YOUR MISSAL:

The Holy Name of Jesus (January 2), Preface of the Nativity.

### ¶ AN INVITATION

The Great Feast of Epiphany falls on Twelfth Night, **January 6th**. Join us for a **Solemn High Mass** at **5:30 PM** (shorter than a Pontifical!) followed by our annual appreciation dinner. We appreciate you! (We'd also appreciate it if you would bring something to share with each other. The church will provide a main course and beverages.) This year we want to thank everyone from the daily volunteers, to those who come on Sundays, and **everyone** in between. If 5:30 is too early for you, do still come when you can.

—Bishop Dolan

### ¶ PRAYERS PLEASE:

Our sympathy goes to Paul and Marlys Arlinghaus on the death of his mother, Ann, last week. Please keep her, and all of our departed in your prayers. Remember too, Loraine Wissing, who recently lost George, and Ralph Patton and family.



### Collection Report

Sunday December 20th .....\$4,272.00

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

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### CANTICLE OF QUIETNESS

**By David's mouth, God spoke, "Be still and see that I am God..."**

**And when the searchers of the stars, schooled to the broad Far quietness of night, followed upon the men of flocks, Hill-bred to stillness as to grass and rocks, The promise bloomed for them where she of David's line (Ineffably hushed to the housing of God) held to her heart the Child Divine.**

**Barren to none of honest will who flee the trafficking within The mind, quitting whatever marketplace, whatever garish inn The heart may hold, the promise blows to flower across all time. And blessed is the quietness that gives it burgeoning clime.**

—Sister M. Paulinus, I. H. M.

*Sister Paulinus was a wonderful poet. This is a poem to pause over, and read again. It speaks to our situation at church, as well as to the soul this season.*

—Bishop Dolan



### Ushers

JANUARY 1, 2010

9:00 AM Kent Maki, Richard Smith, Scott Pepiot, Kirby Bischel  
11:00 AM John Seyfried, Paul Puglielli

JANUARY 3, 2010

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

DECEMBER 28 2009 - JANUARY 1 & 3, 2010

•MON 12/28 11:20 AM HIGH: MC: John Lotarski  
TH: Brendan Lotarski AC's: T. Simpson, A. Richesson  
TORCH: J. Lacy, N. McClorey, J. Simpson, A. Wanke

•FRI 1/1 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: John Lotarski TH: R. Hill  
AC's: A. Richesson, T. Simpson  
TORCH: S&L Arlinghaus, L. Arlinghaus, J. Lacy  
11:00 AM LOW AND BENEDICTION:  
A.D. Kinnett, F. & N. Puglielli

•SUN 1/3 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: John Lotarski,  
TH: R. Hill, T. Simpson  
AC's: B. Lotarski, A. Richesson, A. Wanke  
TORCH: S. Arlinghaus, L. Arlinghaus, J. Lacy  
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett, Volunteer  
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction: G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: A. Beaver

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## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>12/28/09</b>	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Ralph Patton & Family <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. Kunkel)</i> <b>11:20 PM High Mass</b> Christmas Novena IV <b>Blessing of the Children - Children's Party</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>12/29/09</b>	<b>ST THOMAS A BECKET, BpM</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Eradication of cancer - Margie Davey <i>My aunt (Rebecca Stump)</i> <b>11:20 AM Low Mass</b> Christmas Novena V <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Poor souls for Mattingly family conversion
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/30/09</b>	<b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Merry Christmas - 33 living grandchildren <i>(Kirby and Jean Bischel)</i> <b>11:20 AM Low Mass</b> Christmas Novena VI <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Joseph <i>(Tom &amp; Stella Simpson)</i>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>12/31/09</b>	<b>ST SYLVESTER I, PC</b> <b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Merry Christmas - Our God Children <i>(Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel)</i> <b>11:20 AM Low Mass</b> Christmas Novena VII <b>5:00 PM Holy Hour for New Year's Eve</b> <b>5:50 PM Benediction and Holy Communion</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>1/1/10</b>	<b>THE CIRCUMCISION - NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> <b>8:15 AM Confessions</b> <b>8:45 AM Opening of the Infant of Prague Novena</b> <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Christmas Novena VIII <b>10:30 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:00 AM Low Mass</b> Our dear friend Nadine Henry <i>(Julia Gorman)</i> <b>Benediction with First Friday Devotions</b>  <b>N.B. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO ALL NIGHT ADORATION DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>1/2/10</b>	<b>OCTAVE DAY OF ST. STEPHEN</b> <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Christmas Novena IX <b>8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass</b> †Albert Kinnett (Birthday Remembrance) <i>(Margaret &amp; Albert Kinnett)</i> <b>Followed by First Saturday Devotions, Rosary and Benediction</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>1/3/10</b>	<b>THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Frank Fay <i>(Rob &amp; Jane Brockman)</i> <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Becky Mattingly & Children <i>(Tom &amp; Connie Kamphaus)</i> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Ralph Patton <i>(The McClorey Family)</i> <b>4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

I hope all of you are enjoying the Christmas holidays, with families and friends and feasting for our dear Savior's birth. I welcome and thank Fr. Ercoli who is with us again today, as he was to help us for Christmas with his beautiful singing. I am visiting St. Clare in Columbus, and Fr. Cekada is again at the console at St. Gertrude. I thank him, too, for the beautiful Christmas music, especially for Midnight Mass, as well as our tremendous choir. Thanks to Katie and her helpers - especially the little ones for the lovely Church this Christmas. Be sure to take a tour and pray at the shrines. Take the little ones too. Please remember to bring the children to their Mass tomorrow, and our little party. This is a wonderful week to get to an extra Mass or two.

Fr. McGuire reports that Althea LeBlanc was radiant with joy the other day for her Christmas Communion, and that Fred Hauserman, now 101 and counting, is looking good but says he is starting to get a little forgetful! Keep them, and all of our shut in, in your prayers.

I will see you for New Year's Mass. End the year well, in Jesus and Mary.

—Bishop Dolan



### MEDITATION OF THE DAY

#### JOHN'S GLORY

Our Lady took all men to herself in John, this one human being in whom Christ dwelt.

Once again Christ was forming in Mary, for the Advent had come which was her preparation for bearing Christ in all the Christians in the world. And just as in the first Advent, she served Him by serving another man. Then it was Joseph; now it was John.

Until Christ became man, her story was inaudible, inaudible until He laughed and spoke and wept: when His voice was heard on earth no more, Mary too returned to silence.

It was the silence and obscurity of ordinariness, of her extraordinary humility; and once again it was our life.

It was another Advent, a withdrawing and folding upon the life within her life; but a withdrawing that did not separate her from other people but only brought her closer to them; for she had found her Christ in them all.

She found Christ in everyone, and everyone found Christ in her, because they did not know that she was an extraordinary person who had given birth to God or that she had given birth to a mysterious life in themselves. They only knew that she was inexhaustibly sympathetic, illimitably wise, and wholly loveable.

—Caryll Houselander  
*Caryll Houselander (†1954) was a British mystic, poet, wood carver, and spiritual teacher.*

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