
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. MARK GREATER LITANIES EASTER III

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

¶**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.

¶**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.

¶**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.



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH

11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW



¶**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.

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

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ APRIL 25, 2010 • EASTER III •

ST MARK • GREATER LITANIES • THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH •

Multiple observances mark this as a great day of prayer. The Greater Litanies, are sung in **Procession** at **10:45 AM**, and the Mass of this observance follows at **11:30 AM**. **Vespers of St. Mark** and **Benediction** are at **4:45 PM**.

¶ THIS WEEK

Two dear devotions at St. Gertrude are honored this week, and may draw you away from your regular work day routines to make a visit, light a candle or hear Holy Mass. The actual feast of the **Mother of Good Counsel** is kept tomorrow, **Monday**, with Masses at **11:20 AM** and **5:00 PM**. **Friday**, on the feast of **St. Catherine of Siena** (invoked against cancer, especially breast cancer) we keep the feast of **Little Dr. Jesus**. Come and bring your symptoms and your sick. On **Monday** afternoons at **4:00 PM**, we generally offer wholesome outdoor games for boys, under a priest's supervision. Bring your son! **Tuesday's Saint** is the patron of Catechism teachers, **St. Peter Canisius**. **St. Joseph's Octave** closes on **Wednesday**, the feast of the mystic and missionary of the Cross, **St. Paul**. **St. Peter Martyr**, happy product of a Catholic school, is honored **Thursday**. **Saturday** is the Feast of **SS. Philip and James**, Apostles. Open May with us on **First Saturday**, (**7:30 & 8:00 AM**) Feast of **Our Lady of Consolation**. **Rosary** and **May Devotions** with **Benediction** mark the month's first day, and our **First Saturday** of May, after the 8:00 AM Mass, at approximately 8:45. I'm hoping for at least a handful, but Our Lady and I would surely be happy with a churchful!

Wedding Banns

Wedding Banns for Matthew Robert Schneider and Regina Gilliam.

THE GREATER LITANIES

The Church celebrates today two solemnities which have nothing in common. The Greater Litanies, so called on account of their Roman origin, and the feast of St. Mark, which is of later date.

In ancient Rome, on April 25th, used to be celebrated the pagan feast of Robigalia. It consisted principally of a procession for a good harvest. The Greater Litany was the substitution of a Christian for a pagan ceremony and fixed on this date when first St. Peter entered Rome.

This litany is recited throughout the Church to keep away calamities and to draw down the blessing of God on the harvest. "Vouchsafe to grant us to preserve the fruits of the earth, we pray Thee, hear us" is sung by the procession though the countryside.

The whole Mass shows what assiduous prayer may obtain, when in the midst of our adversities we have recourse with confidence to our Father in Heaven.



¶ HOW CAN I HELP TO SUPPORT MY CHURCH?

• Please use the Sunday offering envelopes. Give us a call if we missed giving you a set.

• Make up or simply mail in (using the envelopes) any Sunday offerings you missed. It may seem a small thing, but it makes a big difference! Please go over the last few months and "settle arrears" for missed collections, so we can pay our winter bills.

• Set a fair amount for your Sunday offering, keeping in mind the damage done by inflation to the dollar, and the devil to our congregation. Always give at least this amount, but sometimes give more!

• Be generous with God, so that He may be generous with you.

✠ POETRY CORNER

HOW GOOD THE EARTH

If only foolish man would dare
To banish fear and live by prayer.
If man could only understand
The love that fashioned sea and land,
The love of God that moves unseen
Through the forests to keep them green,
That brings ripe fruit to the berry vine,
And throbs through every breathing pine;
That brings the crimson to the rose
And nourishes each flower that grows;
That guides the destinies of man
According to a well-laid plan;
Then earth would be a sweeter place,
Filled with God's benevolent grace.

—Harriet Markham Gill

ST MARK, THE EVANGELIST

St Mark, the disciple of St. Peter, is one of the four Evangelists who wrote, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, an abridgement of the life of Jesus Christ. His narration begins by the mission of St. John the Baptist whose "voice was heard in the desert"; he is represented with a lion lying at his feet, because the lion, one of the four symbolical animals in the vision of Ezechial makes the desert re-echo with its roaring.

He was one of the seventy-two disciples. He went to Egypt where he was the first to announce Christ at Alexandria. The preaching of the Gospel, which his martyrdom confirmed, made him to enter into glory where St. John shows him to us as one of the four symbolical animals who attend the triumph of the immolated Lamb.

His body was taken to Venice, whose patron he is since the ninth century. Rome possesses a church dedicated to St. Mark, where a Station is held on the Monday of the third week in Lent.

Let us profit by the teaching of St. Mark who wrote the Gospel of Christ and preached it, and let us have recourse to his prayers.

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	4/26/10	OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL Ss CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PpMm 11:20 AM Low Mass Our dear friend †Nadine Henry (<i>Julia Gorman</i>) 4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart 5:00 PM Low Mass Poor souls most devoted to Our Lady (<i>Lynches</i>)
TUE	4/27/10	ST PETER CANISIUS, CD 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor souls - least charitable (<i>Lynches</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Fr. McGuire (<i>Steven Heckenkamp</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Benedict S.I.
WED	4/28/10	OCTAVE DAY OF ST JOSEPH ST PAUL OF THE CROSS, C ST VITALUS, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Ercoli (<i>Steven Heckenkamp</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson (M/M Lotarski) 5:00 PM Low Mass Poor souls forgotten (<i>Kent Maki</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THUR	4/29/10	ST PETER MARTYR 8:00 AM Low Mass Pro-life Rosary Confraternity 11:20 AM High Mass †Ralph Patton (<i>Bernie Brueggemann</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan (<i>Steven Heckenkamp</i>)
FRI	4/30/10	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK TRIDUUM TO THE LITTLE DR. JESUS OF THE SICK 8:00 AM Low Mass Mrs. Dorothy Gates (<i>Jim Gates</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Low Mass Gene Walsh (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions/Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom! (<i>Joseph Simpson</i>) Novena & Benediction, Confessions
SAT	5/1/10	FIRST SATURDAY OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION ST PHILIP & JAMES, APP 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad! (<i>Joseph Simpson</i>) 8:00 AM Sermon & Low Mass In honor of the Mother of God thanksgiving for petitions granted (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) May Devotions, Triduum and Benediction
SUN	5/2/10	EASTER IV CONFESSION SUNDAY 7:30 AM Low Mass †Joseph Wilson - Death Anniv. (<i>M/M Victor Ritze</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Dr. Mary Ann Wozny (<i>F.M.</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism and Adult Ed. Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass †Mrs. Verna Stentz (<i>The Hille Family</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude's

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

I apologize to you for the inconvenience and confusion last Sunday when the water main broke. It does this about once a year, but this is the first – and I hope last – time on a Sunday. While I am grieved to think of souls turned away from Sunday Mass, I am edified by the pluck and spirit of sacrifice so many of you showed, not easily to be deterred from the debt of the Sunday Sacrifice of the Mass. May God reward you and grant you final perseverance.



Today is a day of greater prayer than usual. The Greater Litanies, like burst pipes, do not usually fall on a Sunday, but also offer their own special opportunities to prove our piety, and persevere in prayer. May God hear the prayers of those who “doubled up” today, and of all who processed with us.

Last Saturday eleven little future First Communicants were duly tested. Some must be re-tested on a chapter or two of Catechism, and some know everything perfectly. This is usually the case. All of our children, however, received the Sacrament of Penance, and will continue to prepare for Holy Communion by making good confessions, as should we all.

What a nice, long, sunny and peaceful Paschaltide we are having this April. May Our Risen Lord show you the steps to peace of heart, and Our Mother of Good Counsel tell you what to do. The Little Doctor of the Sick, the Holy Child Jesus, has special office hours for His feast on Friday. Walk-ins welcome!

Peace be yours in abundance. May the repeated petitions of many many rosaries and litanies be the steps in your path towards peace of heart. –Bishop Dolan

BLESSED HENRY SUSO

An angel appeared one day to the Blessed Henry Suso, and offered him a shield, a lance, and spurs, saying: “Hitherto you have fought among the infantry, and now you will join the calvary; hitherto you have practiced mortifications of your own choice, now you shall be mortified by the scourge of evil tongues; hitherto you have enjoyed milk from the breast of Christ, now you shall be inebriated with His gall; hitherto you have been pleasing to men, now they will rise against you.” The following day, as the servant of God was meditating upon this vision, he felt impelled to go to the window, and on looking out, he saw a goat in the courtyard with a rag in its mouth, which it was pulling and tearing. Then he heard a voice which said: “Thus are you to be torn by the mouths of others.” He, thereupon, went downstairs and picked up the rag, which he preserved as a precious pledge of his cross.

PEACE

“Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, ‘Peace be to you.’” (John XX,19.) Peace! There is no word that sounds sweeter or makes us more wistful, none that calls forth more enticing pictures of bliss and contentment than the state of mind and heart implied by this little word.

Peace is precious because it is so elusive. Especially in these days of undue excitement and mad rushing and false evaluations, it has become a rare possession. Thousands upon thousands who possess all this world can offer, would eagerly barter their prominent positions for a quiet, secluded spot where they would be alone, with peace.

Would they find it after sacrificing all they held dear before, and for which they had slaved so much? This is very doubtful, unless it were done with complete and generous abandon to the will of God. This change of heart is difficult because the soul that has strenuously striven for earthly goods and social or ecclesiastical prominence is not easily attuned to the policy of “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moth consume.” (Matt. VI, 19.)

Peace must come from within ourselves. We will seek it in vain from outward sources. “Peace is the evening star of the soul, as virtue is its sun: and the two are never far apart.” Thus, peace can be preserved, even in the midst of life’s bitterest trials. Peace can be expected and hoped for only as a natural effect of a clean, untroubled conscience in harmony with God’s will.

Six great enemies to peace inhabit us as a consequence of our depraved nature: pride, impurity, avarice, ambition, envy and anger. If these enemies were to be banished, we should come very

close to enjoying peace. This is the psychological analysis of a secular philosopher. How much better should we priests realize it!

We all long for peace. It is within our grasp. If we do not enjoy it, the fault is our own. Christ offers it to us. It is ours for the accepting if only we would avoid that which frustrates it. None of us priests has to be restless, upset, dissatisfied or disgusted.

In our correct disposition toward our Master lies the source.

Nature’s Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy
Low, in stately reverence, bend the trees;
Holy, holy, holy
Soft and solemn Vespers chants the breeze;
Holy, holy, holy
Carol sweet and clear the whirling birds;
Holy, holy, holy
Blossoms rend a psalm in perfumed words.*

—Ray Forrd

Precious Things

Tulips, roses, daffodils,
Colors the sunset brings,
Laughter in young children’s eyes—
All these are precious things.

Beauty is found everywhere
Waiting for us to see—
Grapes upon a garden wall,
Blooms on an apple tree.

Dawn holds iridescent tints,
Dew and limpid air—
Earth is filled with precious things
God meant for us to share.

—Helen Howland Prommell

THE PEACE OF GOD

We ask for Peace, O Lord!
Yet not to stand secure,
Girt round with iron Pride,
Contented to endure:
Crushing the gentle strings
That human hearts should know,
Untouched by others’ joy
Or others’ woe;—
Thou, O dear Lord, wilt never teach us so.
We ask, Thy Peace, O Lord!
Through storm, and fear, and strife.
To light and guide us on,
Through a long, struggling life:
While no success or gain
Shall cheer the desperate fight,
Or nerve, what the world calls,
Our wasted might:—
Yet pressing through the darkness to the light.
It is Thine own, O Lord,
Who toil while others sleep;
Who sow with loving care,
What other hands shall reap;
They lean on Thee entranced,
In calm and perfect rest:
Give us that Peace, O Lord,
Divine and blest,
Thou keepest for those hearts who love Thee best.

—Adelaide A. Proctor



BE AT PEACE

Do not look forward to what may happen to-morrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you to-day will take care of you to-morrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thought and imaginations.

✠ WISDOM FROM THE DESERT



Three old men came to see Abba Sisoës, having heard about him. The first said to him, "Father, how shall I save myself from the river of fire?" He did not answer him. The second said to him, "Father, how can I be saved from the gnashing of teeth and the worm which dieth not?" The third said, "Father, what shall I do, for the remembrance of the outer darkness is killing me?" By the way of reply the old man said to them, "For my part, I do not keep in mind the remembrance of any of these things, for God is compassionate and I hope that He will show me His mercy." Hearing this, the old men went back offended. But the old man, not wishing to let them go away hurt, said to them, "Blessed are you, my brothers; truly I envy you. The first speaks of the river of fire, the second of hell and the third of darkness. Now if your spirit is filled with such remembrances, it is impossible for you to sin. What shall I do, then? I who am hard of heart and to whom it has not been granted so much as to know whether there is a punishment for men; no doubt it is because of this that I am sinning all the time." They prostrated themselves before him and said, "Now we have seen exactly that of which we have heard tell."

The Desert Hermitess Sarah said,
"If I prayed God that all men should approve of my conduct, I should find myself a penitent at the door of each one, but I shall rather pray that my heart may be pure towards all."

Abba Sisoës said, "Let yourself be despised, cast your own will behind your back, and you will be free from care and at peace."

Abba Ammoun of Rhaithou asked Abba Sisoës, "When I read the Scriptures, my mind is wholly concentrated on the words so that I may have something to say if I am asked." The old man said to him, "That is not necessary; it is better to enrich yourself through purity of spirit and to be without anxiety and then to speak."

Abba Sisoës said, "Seek God, and do not seek where He dwells."

He also said, "Shame and lack of fear often lead to sin."

Abba Joseph asked Abba Sisoës, "For how long must a man cut away the passions?" The old man said to him, "Do you want to know how long?" Abba Joseph answered, "Yes." The old man said to him, "So long as a passion attacks you, cut it away at once."

A brother asked Abba Sisoës of Petra how to live and the old man said to him, "Daniel said: do not eat the bread of desires." (Dan. 10:3)



INCENSE

Fragrance drifts through our thoughts of Him:

Frankincense and myrrh...

The scent of vineyards on sun-warmed hills

And fields where lilies stir...

Dawn, and a garden, dew-sweet, that held

An empty sepulcher.

—Leslie Savage Clark

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT:

¶FIRST SATURDAY

Reparation Intention: For current blasphemous presentations, both in print and film, concerning the life of Our Lady and St. Joseph.

7:30 AM Low Mass, Confessions

8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass

8:45 AM Rosary & First Saturday and May Devotions, Benediction and Opening of the Month of May.

¶NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. The Blessing of Religious Articles takes place after all Masses. The second collection is for our seminary. Confessions will be heard before and during all Masses.

Vespers, May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set your missal: The Fourth Sunday after Easter, with the commemoration of St. Athanasius, Paschal Preface.

Servers MAY 2, 2010

•SUN 5/2 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, R. Hill
 TH: B. Lotarski AC'S: A. Wanke, N. McClorey
 TORCH: J. Lacy, J. Simpson, S. Arlinghaus, A. Arlinghaus
 11:30 AM LOW: M. & J. Brugger
 4:45 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Volunteers
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers

MAY 2, 2010

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

Collection Report

Sunday April 18th\$3,298.00

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

He has not true patience who is willing to suffer only what he pleases, and from whom he pleases. The truly patient man does not regard the length nor the kind of his sufferings, nor yet the person who makes him suffer—whether he be a superior, an equal, or an inferior; whether he be a holy man or ill-disposed and dishonorable. His only aim is to suffer.

—Thomas a Kempis