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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MARCH 20, 2011 • LENT II • • TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY •

¶**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.

¶**Rosary Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Rosary 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 Churaching 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.



*This is My beloved Son...hear ye Him..*

¶**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.

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The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** is available after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 A.M. Lenten Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 P.M. You are welcome to pray the Holy Rosary with us before the 7:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Masses. Take a moment after Mass to pledge a home Holy Hour this month. The chart is in the vestibule. The power of this prayer is **great**.

✠ THIS WEEK

There is no school on **Monday**, a day of rest for our little scholars and staff after a busy week and weekend at church. Our boys meet with Fr. McGuire (**The Knights of the Sacred Heart**) at **4:00 P.M.** at Sharon Woods park. Catch a Mass or two during the quiet days next week, when Our Lord may come upon the altar otherwise unattended. Soon enough the special weekend will be upon us with **Friday's** great feast of the **Annunciation**, with its **Pro-Life Adoration** of the **Blessed Sacrament** and evening Holy Hour with stations.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Morning classes are offered as usual. Benediction follows the 11:30 A.M. Mass, and Rosary precedes it. There is a beautiful sacred concert being performed Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. at St. Francis de Sales Church.

Set your missal: Lent III, commemoration of St. John Damascene, Lenten Preface.

Servers

MARCH 21 - MARCH 27, 2011

- FRI 3/25 5:45 PM LOW: J. Soli, T. & J. Simpson
- SAT 3/26 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons  
8:00 AM LOW: M. Briggs
- SUN 3/27 7:30 AM LOW: A. & D. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lotarski, J. Soli  
TH: S. Lawrence ACS: A> Lawrence, R. Hill  
TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor, P. Lawrence, N. McClorey,  
J. Simpson, A. Richesson  
11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli  
BENEDICTION: P. Lotarski  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers

MARCH 27, 2011

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

✠ ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

The Rosary Confraternity's gathering last Sunday was truly a social and a spiritual success. Fifteen members attended and the group included some of the newest members alongside some who've been with us from the beginning, over two decades now. Plans were formulated for a group outing, the theme of which might aptly be titled, "The Shrines of Cincinnati." We're looking forward to spending a day exploring some of the area's Catholic past which thankfully escaped the Novus Ordo's wrecking ball. Details to follow as they develop.

Next, we decided the time was right to revive an important work of charity, that of having Masses offered for recently deceased Confraternity members as well as for deceased relatives. Bernie, Ernie, as well as Craig Byrne, were part of the Rosary Confraternity and we will not forget them. Additionally we try to console those members who've lately lost a loved one.

An appeal was made for a volunteer to be a backup to Kirby Bischel for leading the Rosary before the 11:30 Sunday Mass. If you regularly attend the 11:30 and can arrive in time for the start of the Rosary, please let us know.

After a bit of refreshment, we closed with recitation of the Rosary in Church, led by Bishop Dolan, and some lingered on to hear Vespers.

At our next meeting we hope to finalize some dates and locations for the public pro-life Rosary, and to start some preliminary planning aimed at making the 2011 Rosary Sunday breakfast better than ever. If you're interested in joining the Rosary Confraternity, leave a message at the Church office, or e-mail Gloria at [gzbilicki@gmail.com](mailto:gzbilicki@gmail.com). Enrollment will be scheduled as soon as practicable....and you don't have to wait till October!

Collection Report

Sunday March 13th .....\$4,346.50

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

The Annunciation

Creation stilled its breath in ecstasy;  
Sad darkness caught a ray of hope  
restored:

An Angel flew with Eden's flaming  
sword,  
Long lifted for the Maid of Prophecy.  
"The Holy Spirit shall o'ershadow thee!"—  
The heavens' wheeling jewels, in one  
accord,  
Grew dim; the racing dawn beheld its  
Lord  
And glowed to wine—God knelt to make  
His plea.

A dewdrop, born of barren night, she  
heard,

And thrilled to mesh the Light in  
golden art;

Then melodied a song for ages to  
extol—

"Let it be done according to Thy  
word!"

A burning sword was buried in her heart  
And wrote a crimson cross upon her  
soul.

—Leonard Foley, O.F. M.

***Come and adore the Blessed Sacrament  
with us Friday afternoon.***



✠ THE ANNUNCIATION

The anniversary of the Incarnation of the Son of God in the virginal womb of our Blessed Mother will be kept with two distinct observances this Friday, March 25th. You are welcome to either, or both! The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:20 A.M. High Mass. (We are earnestly seeking adorers, for the afternoon hours, until closing Benediction at 3:00 P.M.) The children's Holy Hour is at 2:10 P.M. The evening services are as usual.

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>3/21/11</b>	<b>ST BENEDICT, AB - NO SCHOOL</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Fr. Abbot Leonard Giardina <i>(C. Simpson Family)</i>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>3/22/11</b>	<b>ST ISIDORE THE FARMER, C</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls - Richard Rentschler <i>(DJR)</i>
	<b>12:20 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua for Mom & Dad <i>(A.M. Omlor)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>3/23/11</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Richesson Family Thanks <i>(Cecilia Omlor)</i>
	<b>12:20 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Stations and Holy Communion</b>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>(N.B. Special Time) Low Mass</b> †Ernie <i>(John Seyfried)</i>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>3/24/11</b>	<b>ST GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Marita Evans & Family (M/M Scott Richesson)
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Frances & Maury Weaver <i>(H.O. &amp; Becky Hinton)</i>
	<b>12:20 PM</b>	<b>First Vespers of the Annunciation</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Melvin E. Prell <i>(Bernie Brueggemann)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/25/11</b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
	<b>10:55 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Stella Simpson <i>(Chris Browne)</i>
		<b>Exposition</b>
	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Vespers of the Annunciation, Pro-Life Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>2:10 PM</b>	<b>Children's Holy Hour</b>
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Benediction</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions and Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Rosemary Dolan - 2nd Anniversary
	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Parish Lenten Supper-Baked Potato Night</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Holy Hour: Marian Stations, Candlelight Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick and Benediction with Sacred Heart Novena, Holy Communion, Confessions</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/26/11</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Betty Vogel <i>(C. Simpson Family)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sermon</b>
	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Peter <i>(Mike Briggs Family)</i>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/27/11</b>	<b>LENT III - ST JOHN DAMASCENE, CD</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the salvation of my family & myself <i>(Beth Brueggemann)</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> John, Becky Ellis for their intentions <i>(Richard &amp; Elizabeth Smith)</i>
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Classes</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Patrick Lotarski Thanks <i>(Bob Uhlenbrock)</i>
		<b>Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

It is a soft St. Patrick's Day, mild for March, and glowing with the promise of green and growth for Spring as I write this. I hope yours was a pleasant one. The ever so talented children of the school choir surprised me with ancient Irish music for the High Mass today, a splendid tribute to the great Patriarch St. Patrick.



The girls met on Monday and did a beautiful table for St. Joseph to receive his homage yesterday, especially in food for the poor. The boys were playing outside in the meanwhile, but driven indoors by the bitter damp wind that day. March weather!

It was just the school (thank God for every last one of them, teachers and children and clergy!) to remember poor Craig Byrne on Tuesday for the traditional funeral his family denied him, opting instead for the N.O., the No-Mass of the Novus Ordo. We sang a fine Requiem for this loyal Catholic and Gertrudian, and prayed a Rosary for him who often led it for others. I looked up his obituary, and learned that like Richard Weik he was a lover of fine music. Craig was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Guild. Fr. McGuire reported that Craig would generally touch two topics at each visit: a denunciation of the new religion, and a request for prayers for his family. Let us remember him lovingly, and all of this winter's dead in particular.

Our Rosary Confraternity president reports elsewhere in the bulletin on what was our first proper meeting in many a year, and one of our most successful. Thanks to all who turned out for it on a fine Sunday afternoon, and stayed for the Rosary.

Thanks too for all of our Lenten Leprechauns who made this past busy week at church pass so well...the Monday meetings, St. Patrick, its Mass and music and lunch, the Lenten Friday and its pizza, St. Joseph's Day and breakfast. God reward you with a most blessed Lent.

I wish the same to each of you. How wonderful it is this Lent to see a soul or two creep in to church and kneel around the altar for a weekday Mass, lest the Saviour be sacrificed again and seen only by angels, who have no need of it, although they love to go, and jostle for a space nearby the ineffable mysteries. Let us pray for this Lent for a little of the love of the Irish for the Mass. "It is the Mass that matters."

May good St. Joseph, with St. Patrick and Blessed Mary, make it ever so in our midst.

God bless you.

-Bishop Dolan

*Man sins, my children; but if he has not in this first moment lost the faith, he runs, he hastens, he flies, to seek a remedy for his ill; he cannot soon enough find the tribunal of penance, where he can recover his happiness.*

-Saint John Mary Vianney

“We must endeavor to impress on our minds once and for all that the psalmody of the Mass was intended to be clothed with the marvellous melodies contained in the Gregorian antiphony. If, therefore, we wish to appreciate the full artistic beauty of the Roman Liturgy, it is not enough to read, nor even to meditate upon the words of the Missal, for these are like the text of some great drama, the full significance of which cannot be fully grasped until one sees it interpreted on the stage. In the same manner, the Roman Liturgy must be seen and heard in the basilicas, with the music, the sacred vestments, the ritual, and the processions which render it so rich and varied, so sublime and impressive. When carried out as the *Caerimoniale Episcoporum* and the *Missale Romanum* prescribe, the liturgy is seen to be so great a masterpiece of heavenly grace and beauty that no art can ever produce its equal.”

*Cardinal Schuster's words should inspire us this Lent to thank, and pray for, those who practice, and sing, and serve year round at our church; your fellow Catholics, little and great. God reward them, encourage them, and increase their numbers! We are truly blessed at our church.*



Chalice

All creation waited;  
The brooding Spirit heard,  
Oh, be it done to me  
According to Thy Word.

And she became the first  
Of chalices to hold  
The Savior Whom we carry  
In ritual cups of gold.

—Paul Stauder, S.J.

HOLY WATER

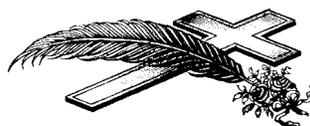
What is holy water? How is it made, and what does it do?

Holy Water, blessed and made holy through the special blessing of a priest, is one of the many sacramentals in the Church. It is used piously by Catholics to drive away evil spirits and recall the purity of heart one should have in approaching God. Water of itself symbolizes purity, and in the making of “holy water,” the priest adds a pinch of salt to signify incorruption and immortality. It also relieves the poor souls in Purgatory.

ONE RELIGION AND ANOTHER

Is not one religion as good as another?

Two contradictory statements can not be true. If one is true, the other is obviously false. God is essentially Eternal Truth. As God of all Truth—as Truth Itself—He cannot be pleased with both truth and error. Therefore, to assert that it makes no difference to God what man believes is to assert something akin to blasphemy. If we say that one religion is as good and as equally true as another, we deny objective truth altogether. One is bound to seek for the one true way of worshipping the all-true God, and to embrace and accept the truth when he sees it.



Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world, because you can't quit and rest.



¶ SUNDAY CONCERT

Next Sunday afternoon, I thought we would prayerfully assist at this sacred concert. You are welcome as well. Musica Sacra is a wonderful Cincinnati institution and deserves our support. St. Francis De Sales church used to be the church to attend in Cincinnati in the 1920's. It has beautiful stained glass, and untouched marble altars from the old days, as they were too poor to “wreckovate” the church. The music and the setting all make for a wonderful Lenten meditation.

—Bishop Dolan

¶ STATIONS IN LENT

At 3:00 PM on Wednesdays, we offer the traditional Children's Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion.

At 7:30 PM every Friday in Lent we offer the Stations of the Cross, Candlelight Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, Benediction and Holy Communion.

¶ LENTEN FRIDAYS

Every Friday in Lent we offer our regular Mass at 5:45 PM, followed by a potluck supper. You're welcome to make a donation, or bring a dish to share with others. This Friday is baked potato and topping night. At 7:30 PM we have our Lenten Holy Hour with Way of the Cross, Novena and Benediction. Come participate in this wonderful tradition at St. Gertrude the Great.

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## ✠ THE TIRE IRON AND THE TAMALE

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During this past year I've had three instances of car trouble: a blowout on a freeway, a bunch of blown fuses and an out-of-gas situation. They all happened while I was driving other people's cars, which for some reason makes it worse on an emotional level. And on a practical level as well, what with the fact that I carry things like a jack and extra fuses in my own car, and know enough not to park on a steep incline with less than a gallon of fuel.

Each time, when these things happened, I was disgusted with the way people didn't bother to help. I was stuck on the side of the freeway hoping my friend's roadside service would show, just watching tow trucks cruise past me. The people at the gas stations where I asked for a gas can told me that they couldn't lend them out "for safety reasons," but that I could buy a really chintzy one-gallon can, with no cap, for \$15. It was enough to make me say stuff like "this country is going to hell in a handbasket," which I actually said.

But you know who came to my rescue all three times? Immigrants. Mexican immigrants. None of them spoke any English.

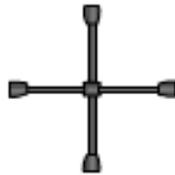
One of those guys stopped to help me with the blowout even though he had his whole family of four in tow. I was on the side of the road for close to three hours with my friend's big Jeep. I put signs in the windows, big signs that said, "NEED A JACK," and offered money. Nothing. Right as I was about to give up and start hitching, a van pulled over, and the guy bounded out.

He sized up the situation and called for his daughter, who spoke English. He conveyed through her that he had a jack but that it was too small for the Jeep, so we would need to brace it. Then he got a saw from the van and cut a section out

of a big log on the side of the road. We rolled it over, put his jack on top and we were in business.

I started taking the wheel off, and then, if you can believe it, I broke his tire iron. It was one of those collapsible ones, and I wasn't careful, and I snapped the head clean off.

No worries: he ran to the van and handed it to his wife, and she was gone in a flash down the road to buy a new tire iron. She was back in 15 minutes. We finished the job with a little sweat and cussing (the log started to give), and I was a very happy man.



The two of us were filthy and sweaty. His wife produced a large water jug for us to wash our hands in. I tried to put a \$20 in the man's hand, but he wouldn't take it, so instead I went up to the van and gave it to his wife as quietly as I could. I thanked them up one side and down the other. I asked the little girl where they lived, thinking maybe I'd send them a gift for being so awesome. She said they lived in Mexico. They were in Oregon so Mommy and Daddy could pick cherries for the next few weeks. Then they were going to pick peaches, then go back home.

After I said my goodbyes and started walking back to the Jeep, the girl called out and asked if I'd had lunch. When I told her no, she ran up and handed me a tamale.

This family, undoubtedly poorer than just about everyone else on that stretch of highway, working on a seasonal basis where time is money, took a couple of hours out of their day to help a strange guy on the side of the road while people in tow trucks were just passing him by.

But we weren't done yet. I thanked them again and walked back to my car

and opened the foil on the tamale (I was starving by this point), and what did I find inside? My \$20 bill! I whirled around and ran to the van and the guy rolled down his window. He saw the \$20 in my hand and just started shaking his head no. All I could think to say was, "Por favor, por favor, por favor," with my hands out. The guy just smiled and, with what looked like great concentration, said in English: "Today you, tomorrow me."

Then he rolled up his window and drove away, with his daughter waving to me from the back. I sat in my car eating the best tamale I've ever had, and I just started to cry. It had been a rough year; nothing seemed to break my way. This was so out of left field I just couldn't handle it.

In the several months since then I've changed a couple of tires, given a few rides to gas stations and once drove 50 miles out of my way to get a girl to an airport. I won't accept money. But every time I'm able to help, I feel as if I'm putting something in the bank.

—Justin Horner

*This edifying story reminds us of the basics this Lent, which are too easily forgotten. May it inspire you!*

—Bishop Dolan

### SUNDAY SERMON

St. Paul wove wisdom into words  
I know.  
How wrong then  
To let lean walls listen alone.  
But oh,  
How long? God, how I wish this voice  
Would sword its way  
Into the intellect instead of swaying  
My oft agreeing head  
That finds not wisdom in wise words  
But lullaby –  
– instead –

—Sister M. Florian, O.S.F.

*Sympathetically offered for the snoozers in our midst.*

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