
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 8, 2011

• EASTER II • MOTHERS DAY •

¶**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.



I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me.

¶**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

MAY 8, 2011 • EASTER II • GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY • ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL • OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART •

Happy Mother's Day! Our mothers are remembered at all of our Masses today, particularly the High Mass sung for them. The Procession and May Crowning at the Lourdes Grotto follows the High Mass. May Devotions and Benediction follow the 11:30 Mass.

✠ THIS WEEK

The **Maidens of the Immaculate Heart** and the **Knights of the Sacred Heart** both meet at 3:30 PM on Monday. On Wednesday, St. Joseph follows Mary for our Easter devotion as we observe his solemnity with **Solemn Mass**. His Octave extends over the next eight days. The first **Fatima Feast** falls on **St. Robert Bellarmine, Friday**, one of our patron saints in the archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is also the feast of **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**. **First Communion testing** is scheduled for **Saturday** morning. Oh, don't forget daily May Devotions.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER III

We honor St. Joseph at all of the Masses, as well as dear St. Dymphna. Sunday Classes resume in the morning, and Vespers in the afternoon, with May Devotions.

Set your missal: Easter III, with commemoration of St. John Baptist De La Salle (patron of teachers) and St. Joseph, Paschal Preface.

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

✠ YOUR PRAYERS

Please do remember Diane Powell, who received Extreme Unction in church last Sunday. Pray, too, for Kim LeBlanc, who's disappeared again. Fr. McGuire is trying to track him down and minister unto him. Two of our families need your prayers in a special way. Let's remember Lorraine Gates, Patrick Omlor Sr., and all of our shut ins this May and Mother's Day.

✠ POETRY CORNER

THE GROUCHY FAIRIES

At our house, on a rainy day,
The Grouchy Fairies come to play.

Grumble, and Frown, and Scowl, and Tease—
I don't like visitors like these.

But I have thought of a lovely plan
To rid my house of the Grouchy Clan.

I went down town, to the Chief-of-Police,
And I told the man I must have peace.

So he gave me a permit to move away,
Whenever it looks like a rainy day.

Three hops and a jump to the Street of Smile,
And there we'll sit on the Sunshine Stile,

And we'll laugh, and laugh, to see the fuss,
Of the Grouchy Fairies, hunting us.

Tease, and Grumble, and Scowl, and Frown—
Looking for us all over town.

—Mary Mabel Wirries

I found this poem on a rainy September day, years ago in a very old Ave Maria magazine, back when a Sr. M. Augustine was teaching in our school in Sharonville. The other day it resurfaced and I read it to the kindergartners. Clip and save for a rainy day!

Ushers

MAY 15, 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

Servers

MAY 9 - MAY 15, 2011

•WED 5/11 11:20 AM SOLEMN HIGH:
School Servers, Simpsons, Arlinghaus
5:45 PM LOW: T. & J. Simpson, G. Miller
•FRI 5/13 5:45 PM LOW: T. & J. Simpson
•SAT 5/14 7:30 AM LOW: T. & J. Simpson
8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 5/15 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS R. VandeRyt,
R. Hill TH: S. Lawrence
ACs: J. Simpson, J. Lacy
TORCH: S. & L. Arlinghaus, N. Puglielli, P. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW AND BENEDICTION: A.D. Kinnett,
N. McClorey
5:45 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller,
T. & J. Simpson
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

The Month of Mary

Green are the leaves, and sweet the flowers,
And rich the hues of May;
We see them in the garden round,
And market-panniers gay;
And e'en among our streets and lanes,
And alleys, we descry,
By fitful gleams, the fair sunshine,
The blue transparent sky.

O Mother-Maid, be thou our aid,
Now in the opening year;
Lest sights of earth to sin give birth,
And bring the tempter near.

Green is the grass, but, wait awhile,
'Twill grow and then 'twill wither;
The flowrets, brightly as they smile,
Shall perish altogether;
The merry sun, you sure would say,
It ne'er could set in gloom;
But earth's best joys have all an end,
And sin, a heavy doom.

But Mother-Maid, thou dost not fade;
With stars above thy brow,
And the pale moon beneath thy feet,
For ever throned art thou.

The green, green grass, the glittering grove,
The heaven's majestic dome,
They image forth a tenderer bower,
A more refulgent home;
They tell us of that Paradise
Of everlasting rest,
And that high Tree, all flowers and fruit,
The sweetest, yet the best.

O Mary, pure and beautiful,
Thou art the Queen of May;
Our garlands wear about thy hair,
And they will ne'er decay.

—Cardinal Newman

Collection Report

Sunday May 1st\$3,154.00
Second Collection\$896.00

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

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	5/9/11	ST GREGORY NAZANZEN, BPCD
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Cucina Clerical
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	3:30 PM	Maidens of the Immaculate Heart and Knights of the Sacred Heart
TUE	5/10/11	ST ANTONINUS, BPC SS GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Gene Walsh - Birthday (<i>Chris Browne</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Thomas Bootz (<i>M/M Mark Lotarski Family</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	4:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls - Andy DeBrosse (<i>DJR</i>)
WED	5/11/11	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude- Clergy, Choir, Staff, Cooks, Workers, and Supporters for Holy Week
	11:20 AM	Solemn High Mass St. Joseph - Thanksgiving for a good Holy Week (<i>Katie Bischak</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	4:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls St. Joseph
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THUR	5/12/11	SS NEREUS & COMP, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Karen Puglielli</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday Mom (<i>Catie, Will, Maggie, Michael</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Kaldawi Family Intentions, especially Jeanette
FRI	5/13/11	ST ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude especially Evelyn, Elmer, Joyce (<i>DJR</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Shane Hall (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>) May Devotions
	5:30 PM	Confessions (N.B. Special Time)
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Gift of a Mass-Cecilia Gunsher (<i>D. Patton</i>) Novena and Benediction
	7:00 PM	Fatima Rosary Procession
SAT	5/14/11	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST BONIFACE, M
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Charles E. Simpson - 20th Anniversary 5/14 (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	8:00 AM	May Devotions
	8:15 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude - Moynihans Special Intentions (<i>DJR</i>)
	9:00 AM	First Communion Testing/ First Confessions
SUN	5/15/11	EASTER III SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C
	7:30 AM	Low Mass The Poor Souls (<i>Regina Gilliam</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †John Kolb (<i>M/M Victor Ritze</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Kueblers</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude's

OUR MOTHER'S MONTH OF MAY: THE SPRINGTIME OF OUR LIVES

The celebrated Jesuit poet of the later nineteenth century, Gerald Manley Hopkins, asks in his poem *The May Magnificat* a simple question:

**May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season –**

Every May we turn to Mary and honor her anew. We crown her, we bring her flowers, we pray the rosary with a renewed devotion. And why May for all this? There is nothing is Scripture pointing to this "extended feast" of May for Mary. There is nothing on the Church's calendar either that makes May any more likely than any other month to honor her.

The answer to May's devotion is simply found in life. The poet gives the clue:

**Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other
Question: What is Spring? –
Growth in every thing –**

May is the month of Mary because it is the month for spring growth and beauty. It is the month of fragrance and freshness. It is the month of life and light. It is not a Church calendar that points us to Mary; it is our heart's desire for what Mary represents and what she always offers: "growth in every thing."

–James M. Sullivan, O.P.

✠FIRST FATIMA FRIDAY

We open our annual series of Rosary Processions of Reparation, praying for peace, on **Friday** evening at **7:00 PM**, directly following Mass and Benediction at church. This is a wonderful family Friday activity. After supper, come out to the First Watch parking lot, (Union Center Blvd. and Floer Dr.) and process for peace. Show your love for Our Lady, your Queen.

✠PALM CROSSES

Each year on May 3rd, the Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross, we bless Palm Crosses which are meant to be placed in homes, yards, gardens and fields as a most powerful protection against our foes, natural and spiritual. These crosses should be renewed annually. Please feel free to take home some Palm Crosses to put over your door, or to bury in the four corners of your yard.

✠ALTER CHRISTUS

\$266.00 was donated for Masses for the sanctification and support of priests. Thank you for your generosity.

✠THANK YOU

\$389.00 was raised from our Bake Sale in support of the Girls' Camp.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Our Lady of Fatima implores us to pray the
Rosary

The Most Holy Rosary is the KEY to our
salvation

Please join us to pray for our
Families, Church, and Country



FRIDAY EVENING
MAY 13, 2011



After the 5:45 PM Mass & Benediction,
approximately 7:00 PM;
starting in the First Watch parking lot, corner of Union
Center and Floer Dr.



The Holy Cross is a dear devotion of ages past, still held by us as Catholics, yet strangely forgotten. Thus it is that the Finding or the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (May 3rd and September 14) have few takers, although everyone comes to kiss the Cross twice on Good Friday, and we sign ourselves with it all day long. The office of the Holy Cross abounds in the most delightful poetry. The Mass is more sober, but triumphantly joyful. Tuesday was another cold and dark day, but I was thinking that it didn't matter. Church was God's garden, green and white with lilies still, and lit with warm light. We carried in the relic of the True Cross, sang its glories, and kissed it again after we renewed its Sacrifice on the altar. That night the clergy sang Vespers with the now victorious Vexilla Regis, one last time until Autumn. Our Lord must have been pleased, for the rain stopped, the sun came out, and a perfect Spring evening arrived out of the blue to finish the feast day.

We had a lovely reception for Keith and Karla Lawrence's 25th Anniversary, last Sunday in Helfta Hall, along with a very successful Girls' Camp Bake Sale. (Our social hall is a big and versatile room. Have you ever gone back?) Sincere thanks to all who made both work so well. Marriage, like a bake sale is a lot of work, only it lasts longer and the goods must never go stale. The Silver Anniversary for the average Catholic couple, blessed with many children, is just a brief pause for prayer and thanks in a bustling life. God bless and sustain our married folk, and all of our families.

I want to thank Gloria Zbilicki who has been helping in the sacristy for a year and a half. She left the job shortly after Easter, tuckered out I think from just how much work it is. I thank her for her help, and am so happy that Darlene and Mary Lacy and especially some of our young people are stepping forward to learn the art and help out Katie, who's been our anchor for years now. If you would like to help, let us know. We need to assemble a Saturday morning team for the odd fifth Saturday of the month. Such a privilege to work so close to God, and all for God! If we do not seek His glory at St. Gertrude the Great, we are nothing.

Our Seminarians, **Rev. Mr. Vili Lehtoranta** and **Mr. Fadey Bobrov** have returned to Florida. It was nice having them over Holy Week and Easter. Follow them with your support and prayers. **Fr. Larrabee** went home on Easter, and **Fr. Zapp** kept him quite busy on Low Sunday, which allowed the older pastor to get some much needed rest. **Fr. German Fleiss**, ordained in December, spent Easter at St. Hugh of Lincoln in Milwaukee, and was a big hit. Thank God for our largest attendance for Holy Week and Easter ever. **Fr. Ercoli** returned to Milwaukee briefly from Seattle for an Easter Saturday wedding. **Fr. Saavedra** restored the tradition of Tenebrae and Solemn Services for the Triduum at Queen of Martyrs in Frasier, Michigan, with the help of **Fr. Disposito** and the **seminarians**, two of whom, like your pastor, hail from the Wolverine state.

Today - our May Crowning! As I write this I pray for good weather, and plan for any eventuality. The weather God sends is always good. Dale was going to clean out the fish pond just in case the rains hold off, and asked Fr. McGuire if he'd like to help him. Well, I know he would, but...Many are the jobs already in the life of a St. Gertrude priest.

Eldon and Dale (any other helpers out there?) are entering into the busy season for maintaining our beautiful, park like grounds. The rains are slowing things down. Fr. Cekada suggests rice paddies in the lower elevations of our lawn which flood when it rains. Personally, I'm grateful for the pansies, which have given color all Spring. They are tough little soldiers, and mostly make it through the winter. They do like a cool, wet spring, and respond accordingly, clumps of color against the green, green grass.

May Our Lady be the queen of your heart, your marriage and your family. Have a home May Altar and use it daily. With a blessing in the Blessed Mother, and every best wish for Mother's Day.

—Bishop Dolan



**Our Lady, Mother of the Divine Shepherd, intercede for us!
Prayer for the Feast**

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who didst give Thy life for Thy sheep, and Who hanging on the Cross, didst commend us, Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, unto Thy Virgin Mother, grant, by her intercession, that we, following Thee our Shepherd on earth, may be brought to the pastures of everlasting life in heaven. Amen.



O Mary most pure, Mary most sweet, grant that your name from this day forth may be to me the very breath of life.
