
St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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MARCH 4, 2012

LENT II

(Reminiscere)

The Introit of this day's Mass, which begins with the word *Reminiscere*, from which this Sunday derives its name, is the prayer of a soul begging God's assistance, that she may sin no more.

Grant, O God, that I may live an honest, chaste and holy life in accordance with my vocation, and go not after earthly and carnal pleasures, as the heathens who know Thee not.



**The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor**

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Julian Larrabee
The Rev. Charles McGuire**

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday Masses

7:30 AM Low Mass

9:00 AM High Mass

11:30 AM Low Mass

5:45 PM Low Mass

Weekday Masses

See THE CALENDAR inside

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules 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 Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—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.

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

Mass Intentions: Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorial Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the church office.

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

Confessions: All Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for times*); First Fridays at 10:50 AM; most Sundays before the morning Masses.

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.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Rosary Chain: To request prayers for special intentions, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MARCH 4, 2012 • LENT II • ST CASIMIR • ST LUCIUS I •

Today is the first Sunday of the month. Our regular second collection is for the support of our Seminary, and our future priests. The blessing of Religious Articles follows all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM and Lenten Rosary led by the Bishop, 11:10 AM. In the afternoon, our first March Movie (2:45 PM) leads into our penitential Lenten Vespers, with Benediction, at 4:45 PM.



✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning to receive your Lenten Alms, for the support of those priests who might not otherwise receive stipends. God reward your generosity!

✠ LENTEN FRIDAY

St. Frances of Rome, patroness of night vision, and St. Dominic Savio, patron of youth, are commemorated on **Friday**, the Lenten Feast of The Holy Shroud. Join us after **5:45 PM** Mass for a Potluck Supper, then at **7:30 PM** for Stations, Candlelight Sermonette, and Week Six of the Sorrowful Mother Novena with Blessing of the Sick.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

You are invited to "pray the steps" with us at Immaculata Church, Mt. Adams, at 3:00 PM.

Set Your Missal: Lent III, collects of Our Lady and All Saints, and for the Living and Dead, Lenten Preface.

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Day of Recollection

Wednesday, March 14th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for children ages 6 through 17. The day includes Holy Mass, Stations, Benediction, and

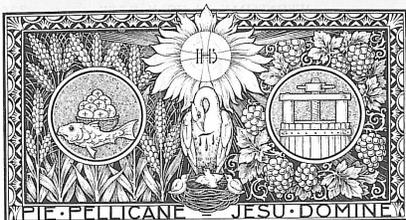
age-appropriate spiritual talks. Parents, please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day. Please call the *school* (513-645-4216) by Monday, March 12th, to let us know if your children will attend. A lunch will be provided. No charge!

Lenten Sunday of Recollection

Bishop Dolan will conduct a "mini-retreat" on **Sunday afternoon, March 25th**. The silent afternoon starts, appropriately enough, with a silent film during lunch. A spiritual conference, Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and First Vespers of the Annunciation complete the afternoon. Hear Holy Mass at the start *or* at the end of this special day.

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

...the repose of the soul of Marcella Bischel, and for all our sick and shut-in, especially Viola Ripperger, Elizabeth Verity, Don Holbrook, and Diane Powell.



There is a beautiful precept which he who has received an injury, or thinks he has, would for his own sake do well to follow: "excuse half,, and forgive the rest."



The **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with blessing of the sick continues this Friday evening. Contact the church office with the names of sick friends or family, or anyone else you wish mentioned during the novena.

✠ POETRY CORNER

Lachrimae Amantis

What is there in my heart that you should sue
so fiercely for its love? What kind of care
brings you as though a stranger to my door
through the long night and in the icy dew

seeking the heart that will not harbor you,
that keeps itself religiously secure?
At this dark solstice filled with frost and fire
your passion's ancient wounds must bleed anew.

So many nights the angel of my house
has fed such urgent comfort through a dream,
whispered "your lord is coming, he is close"

that I have drowsed half-faithful for a time
bathed in pure tones of promise and remorse:
"tomorrow I shall wake to welcome him."

-Geoffrey Hill.

✠ DEAR USHERS AND SERVERS. . .

Thank you! We depend so much upon you. *Please*, if you can't make your scheduled service, try to find a replacement, and call in any case, so we know. God bless you!

Servers: **MARCH 5 - 11, 2012**
•FRI 3/9 5:45 PM LOW: Regular Friday Servers
7:30 PM STATIONS: Regular Servers, A.D. Kinnett
•SAT 3/10 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 3/11 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt CHAPLAINS: J. Soli, R. Hill ACS: A. Richesson, N. McClorey
TH: J. Simpson TORCH: J. Lacy, M. Simpson, J. Morgan, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor
5:45 PM LOW: J. Gunsher

Ushers: **MARCH 11, 2012**
7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Ardinghaus
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Collection Report
Sunday, February 26th\$3,614.00

Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

At The Elevation

There was some discussion lately about what to do at the elevation of the Mass. There are no fixed rules for the faithful, but it is recommended that one should look at the Sacred Host, and say "my Lord and my God," for which an indulgence is granted, and the same for the Precious Blood (seven years).

As to whether you like to make the sign of the cross (for this is the moment of Christ's death on the cross) or to beat your breast (as did some of the now-converted Jews returning home from Calvary), is entirely your own choice.

Under the English Protestant persecution, some of the faithful never looked up. (The French still don't at Benediction; only bowing in adoration.) The English and Irish Catholics looked down, they say, so that they could truthfully deny, if interrogated, knowing who the celebrant of the Mass was.

Many beautiful prayers have been composed for this most sacred moment of the Mass. This is what St. Therese of Lisieux used to say, at the Elevation of the Sacred Host: "Most Holy Father, look upon the Face of Thy Jesus, and make there to be as many elect as there are sinners." At the Elevation of the Chalice: "O Divine Blood of Jesus, water this earth of ours, make the elect to bud forth."

I've selected some more of these beautiful elevation prayers, below, and will try to publish additional ones.

-Bishop Dolan

Hail, Victim of Salvation! Eternal King! Incarnate Word! sacrificed for me and all mankind! Hail, precious Blood of the Son of God! Hail, sacred Flesh, torn with nails, pierced with a lance, and bleeding on a cross for us, poor sinners! O amazing goodness! O infinite love! O let that tender love plead now in my behalf; let all my iniquities be here effaced, and my name be written in the Book of Life. Hail, sacred Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the

world! O cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my soul, that nothing in future may ever separate me from Thee. Behold, O Eternal Father, Thy Holy Jesus, and look upon the Face of Thy Christ, in Whom Thou art well pleased. Hear the voice of His Blood crying out to Thee, not for vengeance, but for mercy and pardon. Accept this divine oblation, and through the infinite merits of all the sufferings that Jesus endured on the Cross for our salvation, be pleased to look upon us, and upon all Thy people, with an eye of mercy.

Flesh of Christ, hail, sweet oblation
Sacrifice for our salvation
On the cross a victim slain
Saved by that Thy death of sadness
Raise us, decked in light and gladness
With Thee glorified to reign.

*Ave caro Christi cara
Immolata crucis ara
Pro redemptis hostia
Morte tua nos amara
Fac redemptos luce clara
Tecum frui gloria.*

At the Elevation of the Host: My Lord and my God! I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee and whatsoever Thou lovest. I grieve for Thy sake that I could ever have offended Thee.

At the Elevation of the Precious Blood: Hail Precious Blood flowing from the side of my Lord Jesus Christ, and washing away the stain of every sin. Purify, sanctify and keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

BOOKS OF POWERFUL INFLUENCE

If we were asked to name the books that influenced us most in the whole course of our life, and if in our reply to this question we were permitted to name only four books, we would mention the following:

1. The Holy Bible, and especially the New Testament and the Psalms.
2. Butler's "Lives of the Saints." We have special pleasure, however, in

recommending to the pious reader Bowden's "Miniature Lives of the Saints."

3. "The Imitation of Christ" (or "The Following of Christ") by Thomas á Kempis.

4. St. Ignatius Loyola's "Book of the Spiritual Exercises."

We would add to these, if we were permitted to name just one more book, St. Francis de Sales' "Devout Life."

-Fr. F. X. Lasance



Catechism Corner

*What Every Christian Must Believe
(continued)*

3. We must believe that God created the angels to be with Him for ever, and that one part of them fell from God by sin, and became devils; that God also created Adam and Eve, the first parents of all mankind, and placed them in the earthly Paradise, from whence they were justly banished for the sin they committed in eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree; and that by this transgression of Adam we are all conceived and born in sin, and must have been lost for ever, if God had not sent us a Saviour.

4. We are bound to believe in the Saviour of all mankind, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man; perfect God from all eternity, equal to His Father in all things; and perfect man, from the time of His coming down from heaven for us, having a body and soul like ours.

✠ WORKS OF MERCY ✠

Litany Of Compassion For The Sick

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, for His consoling grace to strengthen the sick in times of trial.

℟. Holy Child, comfort (him/her/them)

When pain or distress is overwhelming: ℟.
When the healing process goes slower than hoped: ℟.
When terrified by treatments or therapy: ℟.
When it's hard to let go of long-held plans: ℟.
When the feeling of alienation arises: ℟.
When worn out and weary: ℟.
When troubled by impatience and negativity: ℟.
When loneliness adds to anxiety: ℟.
When sickness makes it difficult to communicate: ℟.
When discouragement or despondency sets in: ℟.
When fear makes it impossible to face the future: ℟.
When the ravages of disease attack self-esteem: ℟.
When anger and resentment assail: ℟.
When beset by worry or fretfulness: ℟.
When it's hard to rely on others for care: ℟.
When envy arises toward those who are healthy: ℟.
When pessimism or cynicism holds sway: ℟.
When anguish is intensified by the need for reconciliation: ℟.
When sickness is mistaken for punishment: ℟.
When loved ones are far away: ℟.
When sickness causes financial hardship that leads to worry or despair: ℟.
When afflicted by the feeling of nothing to hope for: ℟.

When weakness makes it impossible even to think: ℟.
When friends draw back fearful of disease: ℟.
When illness makes those who are suffering moody or irritable: ℟.
When haunted by regret and the shame of past sins: ℟.
When it's difficult to sleep: ℟.
When there's loss of appetite: ℟.
When there's resistance to necessary change: ℟.
When tempted by denial: ℟.
When nobody seems to understand: ℟.
When bound to home or when restricted in movement: ℟.
When listlessness and apathy threaten: ℟.
When medication seems to make things worse: ℟.
When all that's needed is a caring touch: ℟.
When it's impossible to maintain familiar routines: ℟.
When it's hard to find the strength to go on: ℟.
When it becomes difficult to pray: ℟.
When suffering of any sort becomes hard to bear: ℟.
When death draws near: ℟.

Our Father...

℟. And lead us not into temptation

℟. But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray: Most merciful Father, Thy beloved Son showed special compassion to the suffering, tenderness to those long sick, and healing to the infirm laid before Him.

We place before Thee all those who are ill and in need of healing grace. May the love and mercy of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, raise up all who suffer from sickness and restore them to health and peace. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTINUED

✠ CALLING ALL COOKS. . .HELP!

Good cooks, great cooks, fair-to-middling cooks...the Fathers need your help. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to prepare meals for the clergy's daily dinner. Cook and package up a meal at home, and drop it off at church with the grocery receipts for reimbursement. Can you help, even one day each month?

Please visit the meal scheduling web site, "**Cucina Clerical,**" at www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/

where you can view the calendar for days when meals are needed; register and log in, and schedule a day where you can help. Or, simply contact Marlys A. (859-384-0103) or Gloria Z. (513-227-3788) for more information or with any questions.

The grateful Fathers offer Mass once a month for the intentions of all the volunteer cooks! Come lend a hand.

TIME FOR READING

We have today a writing public and a talking public. There is little reading. There is little conversation, in the sense of the constructive interchange of ideas. If there are to be again "men of letters," as well as stars of the printed word, there

will have to be a reading public for something besides newspapers, picture papers, popular magazines, textbooks and best sellers. For these we have what might be called a skimming public. Although the literacy tests are high, almost no one has the time or the patience to read. We skim, we glance at digests which do our skimming for us. So the very great majority of books, including some of the best current publications...find their way onto the living room tables, where visitors may see them displayed; they find their way no farther.

—John Ulric Nef,
Universities Look for Unity
(Pantheon Books, Inc.)

(This was published in December 1943! How are you doing with your Lenten spiritual reading?)

OUR LENTEN CALENDAR

MARCH 2012

SUNDAY

March 4 **March Movies**

2:45 PM

Part I of "The Tree of Wooden Clogs",
with refreshments

4:45 PM

Vespers and Benediction

SUNDAY

March 11 **On the March**

3:00 PM

Mt. Adams Immaculata Church
Doing the Steps of the Passion

SUNDAY

March 18 **March Movies**

2:45 PM

Part II of "The Tree of Wooden Clogs",
with refreshments

4:45 PM

First Vespers of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY

March 25
**Annunciation Afternoon
of Recollection**

12:45 PM

Quiet Lunch (catered lunch for sale for a
nominal charge) with a Silent Movie:
"Joan of Arc"

A Prayer followed by a Spiritual Talk, and

3:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Annunciation Holy Hour with Rosary and
Devotions

4:45 PM Annunciation Vespers and
Benediction

SATURDAY

March 17

Feast of St. Patrick

**Top of the Morning!
Celebrate with us. . .**

9:00 AM

Holy Mass, with Special Irish music,
followed by Breakfast

MONDAY

March 19

St. Joseph's Day

**A bite to eat. . .
and Bread for God's Poor**

11:20 AM

Solemn Mass, Blessing of the Bread
A Hot Cross Bun for Everyone
and a Hot Lunch

Bring some non-perishable food for
the poor, and place it on St. Joseph's
Table.

MONDAY

March 26 **The Annunciation: Come, let us adore!**

11:20 AM Solemn Mass

1:15 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary

2:00 PM Vespers and Benediction

EVERY FRIDAY

Lenten Evening Devotions

5:45 PM

Holy Mass with Homily
Sacred Heart Novena

6:45 PM

Potluck Supper - bring a dish to share

7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross
Candlelight Sermonette
Sorrowful Mother Novena &
Blessing of the Sick
Benediction
Holy Communion

March 9

Mass of the Holy Shroud

March 16

Mass of the Five Holy Wounds

March 23

Mass of the Most Precious Blood

March 30

The Seven Sorrows of the BVM

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

It had to happen sooner or later, and it did, right here in River City: Drive-through Ashes for Ash Wednesday! Some Protestant lady minister of the Methodist persuasion was scheduled to be distributing ashes in her church parking lot. Other Protestants offered the formerly Catholic sacramental on sidewalks, near subway stops, or at bus terminals.

It seems ashes were the “in” thing this year. The world and its fashions! Go figure. Actually, ashes stand for the passing of this world and its passing fancies. For years non-Catholics rejected sacramentals as superstitious, but now seem to have discovered them since the era of “Ecumenical sharing.” May they one day discover the Faith which gives them meaning, and goes far beyond fashion.

Spring seems to be with us, give or take a March day or two. Our brethren in Europe, including Ukraine, had a bitterly cold winter, and are yearning for relief. We barely had winter at all. So much for “global” warming!

The first crocus blossomed last Sunday, nestled in some leaves outside Fr. Cekada's office. It may be too early for your soul's Spring to spring to life and flower, but be patient. God sends the rain, His grace, and shelters us from the winds of this world, keeping us warm in some little corner with His love. You will flower in time. The secret is to stay put. Persevere in your Lenten program. Pray every day. Do the penance you promised. Wait on the Lord.

Our first Lenten Friday was well attended, as I hope they all will be. We all need a little silence, a little sitting still, a little prayer. Lent with its demands and devotions provides you with a perfect place, your own “desert place” or mountain top to be with Our Lord. This should begin with your quiet reading and prayer each morning, and extend to some extra visits to church. Out of this quiet comes rest for the soul, and then spiritual stretching and growth.

Our schoolboys are chanting Vespers with us at noon now, after the school Mass, so beautifully sung. It is truly a pause that refreshes, a Lenten practice that brings many graces. Have you found one that works for you?

Fr. McKenna enjoyed his first “Gertrudian Sunday” with us as a priest. We thank him for bestowing his first priestly blessing on so many. We had a nice group for the morning reception in his honor. Father has started visiting the sick, and has even volunteered to cook a Lenten meal for us. Looks like he's a keeper!

Fr. Cekada was teaching at the seminary last week, and now will be supervising studies for Fr. McKenna's final semester. Father Cekada and Philothea Press report an encouraging uptick in sales for his **Work of Human Hands**. His latest video was about the shocking changes in the prayers of the New Mass. These easy to listen to videos are a great introduction to the whole question for those who are just coming into it. Spread the Faith!

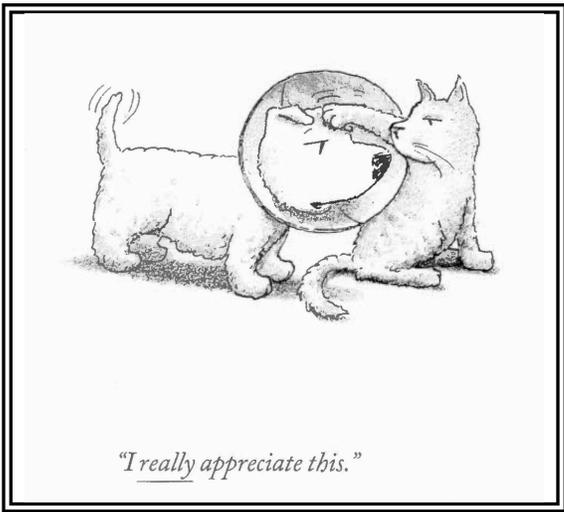
May St. Joseph bless and prosper your month of March. Come back this afternoon for the first of our March Movies, a severely beautiful portrayal of rural Catholic life in the Italy of a century ago. Come to Vespers like a Christian!

May St. Joseph share his strong tender love for Jesus and Mary with you.

–Bishop Dolan



Lenten Work of Charity



The Dog

The dog received little sympathy from the people of the ancient world, and many terrible scriptural texts spoke against it. David described thus his situation with his enemies: “For dogs have compassed me;” and the Church has heard this cry echoed by Christ persecuted by the Jewish priesthood. Solomon's words, “As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly,” have been constantly applied by the Church to the worst renegades and backsliders. Jesus himself taught that the children's bread must not be given to the dogs, and St. Thomas Aquinas remembered these words when he wrote the *non mittendus canibus* of his *Lauda Sion*.

The dog, which is man's particular and devoted friend, defends him and often saves his life. Christian art did render the dog justice in making it symbolize fidelity in all its aspects. In this role it lies at the feet of the effigies of queens and ladies of quality in their burial vaults, and also under the feet of vassal lords and faithful squires; and in St. Peter's Church in Rome, the dog's image accompanies the statue of Fidelity personified.

Since it is also the devoted guardian and defender of the flocks, Christian symbolism has made the dog the emblem of priests of all orders, who are appointed to be caretakers of Christ's human flock. It is thus that the *canes dominici* are sometimes shown as well as referred to in connection with the Dominicans.

But never until now was the dog given the honor of representing Christ himself!

✠ THE CALENDAR

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 3/5/12 Ferial Day** FAST
- 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Fr. McKenna's Intentions
-  11:20 AM **High Mass** Cucina Clerical-for our cooks (*The Fathers*)
- 12:20 PM **Vespers**
- TUE 3/6/12 SS PERPETUA & FELICITY, MM** FAST
- 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Repose of Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
-  11:20 AM **High Mass** Jesse Crail Family (*Jane & Rob Brockman*)
- 12:20 PM **Vespers**
- 5:00 PM **Low Mass** Private Intention (*Patrick Omlor*)
- WED 3/7/12 ST THOMAS AQUINAS, CD** FAST
-  8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Joseph Mantello (*Paul & Karen Puglielli*)
-  11:20 AM **High Mass** Poor Souls (*Connie Kamphaus*)
- 12:20 PM **Vespers**
- 3:00 PM **Children's Stations and Holy Communion**
- 5:00 PM **Low Mass** In honor of & thanksgiving to St. Joseph (*Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor*)
- 6:30 PM **Choir Practice**
- THUR 3/8/12 ST JOHN OF GOD, C** FAST
- 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Lynch Family*)
-  11:20 AM **High Mass** God bless America, and Poor Souls (*F.R. Mattingly*)
- 12:20 PM **Vespers**
- 5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Mary Wheeler (*Ralph Otis*)
- FRI 3/9/12 ST FRANCES OF ROME, W
ST DOMINIC SAVIO, C
THE HOLY SHROUD** FAST
- 8:00 AM **Low Mass** For the Consolation & Deliverance into Heaven of the Souls in Purgatory (*Rose & Nick Manno*)
- 10:55 AM **Confessions**
-  11:20 AM **High Mass** †Stella Simpson (*SGG School*)
Benediction
- 12:20 PM **Vespers**
- 5:15 PM **Rosary and Confessions**
-  5:45 PM **Low Mass** In honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help & for Poor Souls (*Patrick Omlor*) **with Homily, Sacred Heart Novena**
- 6:45 PM **Lenten Potluck Supper**
- 7:30 PM **Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI & Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Holy Communion**
- SAT 3/10/12 FORTY HOLY MARTYRS**
FAST AND PARTIAL ABSTINENCE
- 7:15 AM **Confessions**

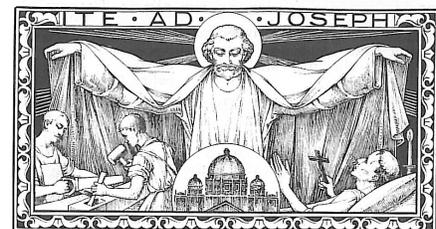
- 7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Stella Simpson (*Dan Beaven*)
- 8:10 AM **Sermon, Low Mass** Our Lady of LaSalette-Poor Souls of Priests (*JCS*)

- SUN 3/11/12 LENT III**
- 7:30 AM **Low Mass** Church & Country (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
- 9:00 AM **High Mass** †John Kolb 8th Anniversary (*Patricia Kolb*)
- 10:40 AM **Sunday Classes**
- 11:10 AM **Bishop's Lenten Rosary**
- 11:30 AM **Low Mass** †Rosemary Eiser (*Mr. & Mrs. Sieverding*)
- 3:00 PM **The Steps at Mt. Adams**
- 5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the People of St. Gertrude

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WERE SAID IN THE MISSIONS:
 † Stella Simpson (*Marian & Ed Briggs*)
 Thanksgiving to God & St. Jude for prayers answered (*Cecilia Omlor*)
 All of our Priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
 Our Priests in Mexico (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
 Our Priests in France (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

A Thought

The deeper the darkness,
 The brighter the morn;
 The spirit's rare gladness
 Of sorrow is born.
 The fiercer the tempest,
 The sooner the calm;
 The sharper a wound,
 The more soothing the balm.
 The brightest of blossoms
 Lie close to the sod.
 The lowliest hearts
 Are dearest to God.
 The heaviest cross
 That to earth bows us down
 If patiently borne,
 Wins a glorious crown.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Thought: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

(Commandment ii)

Meditation: To have that love for our neighbor which is commanded by the Lord, we must entertain good and amiable feelings towards him, especially when he is disagreeable and annoying to us on account of any defect, natural or moral; for then we find nothing in him to love, except in God.

The maxim of the Saints was that in performing works of charity and kindness, we ought to consider not the person who receives them, but Him for whose sake they are done. Nor let us be discouraged if we sometimes feel repugnance; for an ounce of this solid and reasonable love is of much greater value than any amount of that tender and sensitive love which we share with the animals, and which often deceives and betrays our reason. (St. Francis de Sales)

Often consider how it is said in the Gospel that Jesus Christ loved us, and washed us in His Blood; and observe that He did not wait to love us until after we were washed from our impurities; but He loved us when we were vile and impure creatures, and then washed us. Let us, then, love this dear neighbor of ours without examination, whatever he may be. (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

Prayer: Blessed Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, give me grace to be kindly disposed towards all men, and never to be the cause of division among any of Thy people. Put away from me all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil speaking, with all malice: and grant that in honour preferring others, I may walk in love, even as Thou, Lord, lovedst me, and gavest Thyself to die for my sins. Amen.

MONDAY IN LENT II

Thought: Among the means best fitted to acquire and preserve union and charity with God and our neighbor, none can be found better and more efficacious than holy

humility, in abasing ourselves beneath all, esteeming ourselves the least, the worst, and lowest of all, and thinking evil of no one. For, self-love and pride are what lead us to sustain our opinions against those of our neighbor, and thus cool the love we owe him.

(St. Vincent de Paul)

Meditation: It is only the humble soul which always shows toward its neighbor those delicate attentions, that esteem and respect, and that kindness of behavior which constitute true charity. Charity, says St. Paul, is patient; it suffers everything from others, without making any one suffer. Now humility perfectly understands how to do so, but not pride, which is essentially impatient, and incapable of suffering contradiction, contempt, and a want of consideration.

Prayer: We entreat Thee, O God, in Thy mercy deliver us from pride and grant us the inestimable gift of humility, that we may not follow the evil spirits in their pride to destruction, but Christ, the divine Master of humility, to sanctification. Amen.

TUESDAY IN LENT II

Thought: The best, and the easiest, and the shortest way to love God with all your heart, is—to love Him with all your heart.

(St. Francis de Sales)

Meditation: We learn to speak by speaking, to walk by walking, to study by studying. So also we learn to love God and our neighbour *by loving them*, and those who attempt any other method are mistaken. (St. Francis de Sales)

Love God as your *Benefactor*, and show Him your gratitude by making good use of all He has given you: the powers of your soul, your bodily senses, the creatures He has made for you, every moment of your life, every grace He grants you. Gratitude will lead you to perfect love.

Prayer: My God, grant that I may love Thee, and as the sole reward of my love, grant that I may ever love Thee more and more.

(Indulgence 100 days, once a day)

WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

Thought: "If you will forgive men their offences," says Our Lord, "your heavenly Father will forgive you also your offences." (Matt. vi. 14)

Meditation: If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed His heavenly Father to forgive them also. Let him remember also that when he says the *Our Father* every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself.

How patiently Christ, the king of heaven, bore with the apostles, enduring at their hands many incivilities, for they were but poor, rough, and illiterate fishermen. How much more ought we to bear with our neighbor, if he treats us with unkindness."How patiently Christ, the king of heaven, bore with the apostles, enduring at their hands many incivilities, for they were but poor, rough, and illiterate fishermen. How much more ought we to bear with our neighbor, if he treats us with unkindness." (St. Philip Neri)

Prayer: My God, I lovingly call to mind Thy commandment and teaching that we forgive our enemies and do good to those who treat us ill. I wish, therefore, fully and freely to forgive all those who have injured me, whether knowingly or unknowingly, and to blot out, for Thy sake, the memory of their offenses against me. Give me, my God, the great grace of a forgiving heart! Amen.

THURSDAY IN LENT II

Thought: No one should think or say of another which he would not wish thought or said of himself.

(St. Teresa)

Meditation: Our Lord said to Blessed Angela di Foligno, "The clearest sign of mutual love between Me and My servants is that they love their neighbors." Tertullian relates that the mutual love of the first Christians was so manifest that even the heathens were much astonished at it, and said among themselves: "See how these Christians

love one another! how much respect they have for each other! how ready they are to render any service, or even to suffer death, for each other's sake!"

St. Jerome says that in his old age St. John the Evangelist was not able to come to the sacred assemblies, except supported by the arms of his followers; nor could he preach long sermons, on account of the weakness of his voice, but he would constantly repeat these few words: "Little children, love one another." After a time, those present became weary and asked him why he always gave them the same instruction. "Because," he replied, "this is the precept of the Lord; and if you observe this, it alone will be enough."

Prayer: Keep me, Lord, among my brethren and neighbours, that I may speak of thy peace; keep me among those who preserve unity of spirit in the bond of peace, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. From the love of God proceeds unity of spirit, from the fellowship of the Holy Ghost comes brotherly love.

—Baldwin of Canterbury

FRIDAY IN LENT II THE HOLY SHROUD

Thought: What is sweeter than this thought: the amiable Heart of my God thought of my soul, loved it, and procured a thousand means of salvation for it, as if He had no other soul to think of in the world?

(St. Francis de Sales)

Meditation: It is certain that on the tree of the cross the heart of our Lord Jesus beheld yours, and that He loved it....Yes, pious soul, we can all say with Jeremias: *O Lord, before I existed, Thou hadst regard to me, and didst call me by name.* Our Lord wished, even after His death, to have His side opened, that we might see the thoughts of His heart, which were all thoughts of love, and that we might go to Him with confidence, in order to hide ourselves in His side, and to receive from Him an abundance of graces and benedictions. (St. Francis de Sales)

Prayer: O God, who art worthy of a greater love than we can give or understand, fill my heart with such love towards Thee as may cast out all sloth and fear, that nothing may seem too hard for me to do or suffer, in obedience to thee: and grant that by thus loving Thee, I may daily become more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY IN LENT II

Thought: Human love is sweetest when it leadeth to a more Divine and perfect love.

(A. A. Procter)

Meditation: Among all those who are included under the title of neighbor, there are none who deserve it more, in one sense, than those of our own household. They are nearest of all to us, living under the same roof and eating the same bread. Therefore they ought to be one of the principal objects of our love, and we should practice in regard to them all the acts of a true charity, which ought to be founded not upon flesh and blood, or upon their good qualities, but altogether upon God. (St. Francis de Sales)

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You love all Catholic homes and have imprinted in our hearts a deep affection for our own dear family. Bless, therefore, I beg of You, all the members of my family, and keep them safe in Your friendship and Your grace. Have mercy on us, each one, dear Lord, according to our needs and prayers. Keep peace among us and mutual love, so that our home may resemble Your holy home at Nazareth. Give us more and more love and kindness, one for the other. Make us forgiving, dutiful, patient, and true. May true piety and truly Catholic culture pervade the atmosphere of our home. Amen.



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The Sacred Heart: pen-and-ink drawing
by Saint Margaret Mary or one of her novices (1685)

"The measure of love is to love without measure."

-St. Francis de Sales

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