

# St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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## Mission Sunday

## Pentecost XXI

October 21, 2012

*The harvest indeed  
is great, but the  
laborers are few; pray  
ye, therefore, the Lord  
of the harvest, that He  
send forth laborers into  
His harvest.*

At the *Introit* of today's Mass is said a prayer of Mardochai, which may be used in all necessities: *All things are in thy will, O Lord: and there is none that can resist thy will: for thou has made all things. . . thou art Lord of all.*



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

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada  
The Rev. Charles McGuire  
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta**

## 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:** Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for times*); 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 ✠

¶ **OCTOBER 21, 2012**

**PENTECOST XXI • MISSION SUNDAY • ST HILARION, AB • ST URSULA & COMPANIONS, VMM**

The blessing of expectant mothers is available today after all Masses. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Your mission is to return this afternoon for Rosary, October Devotions, and Simple Benediction at 5:15 PM.

### ¶ THIS WEEK

We continue prayer for the Missions with a Votive High Mass of the Propagation of the Faith on **Monday**. The monthly Purgatorial Requiem is offered on **Tuesday. St. Raphael**, "God's Healing," closes the month of the angels on Wednesday. Pray to him especially for our sick, as well as for God's guidance in your life. The Martyrs of **Thursday** and **Friday** are honored at three Masses each day; could you assist at one of them? **Saturday** comes the anticipated Vigil of the faithful Apostles **Ss. Simon & Jude**. This is the last Saturday of October, and **Rosary with Simple Benediction** follows the 7:30 AM Mass. Follow Our Lady's request, and the needs of Church and country, with many rosaries, and those sacrifices which make this powerful prayer possible.

*O Mary, mystical rose,  
pray for us!*

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

**CHRIST THE KING / ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
Next Sunday is the great Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King. The children's **All Saints Procession** precedes the High Mass. Parents, please bring your children in the costume of a Saint, and help them to *know* something about their saint. *Children should be in the vestibule by 8:45 AM to line up for the procession.* After Mass some of the children, who have prepared a little story about their saint, may say a few words before the All Saints Party in Helfta Hall, to which all are invited. No Sunday Classes. **Vespers and Rosary and Benediction begin at 4:30 PM.**

**Set Your Missal:** Christ the King, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XXII. Proper Preface.

### ¶ ALL SOULS DAY

Offering envelopes will be found in the pews. Please fill them out with the names of loved ones you wish remembered in the Masses on All Souls Day, and return to the office or to the collection basket.

*"Among pure mortals who can be  
conceived of as better than she who was  
worthy to be the Mother of God,  
who for nine months had as a guest  
in her heart and in her womb  
God Himself?"*

— St. Bernardine of Siena

### ¶ PLEASE PRAY...

...for Charles Henry, Clyde Gabbard, Danny Marion, and all the sick of our parish and our missions.



We extend our sympathy to Bob Uhlenbrock and all the family of †Romilda Uhlenbrock, who recently departed this life. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

### ¶ LUMEN CHRISTI

Envelopes are available in the outer vestibule rack, for memorial donations to the *Lumen Christi Fund*. Your donation goes to cover the extremely high cost of the Sanctuary Lamp candle, which burns continuously in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The candle is made of 100% pure beeswax and olive oil, representing the purity of Our Lord. It is beautifully sweet-smelling and burns for a fortnight (approximately 14 days).

You may avail yourself of the privilege of burning this visible mark of the Real Presence for a suggested donation of \$25.00. For two weeks *your* prayers, petitions or remembrances for your loved ones will burn continuously in the presence of Our Lord. *Your intention will be announced in the bulletin.*

Ushers: OCTOBER 28, 2012

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

### LUMEN CHRISTI

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before  
the Blessed Sacrament for the next  
fortnight for the following intention:*

**For Christians suffering  
in the "Arab Spring" persecutions**  
*(Rebecca Stump)*

### ¶ FROM ST. GERTRUDE'S SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped make last week's Bake Sale a success by either baking, buying, or both! We raised \$370.

*"Surely, she who bears toward us the  
affection of a mother... standing at  
the right hand of her only begotten Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, and with  
a Mother's prayer, is most influential  
in her intercession, and obtains  
what she asks, and cannot be denied."*

— Pope Pius IX

## Wedding Banns

Banns of Matrimony III:

Lauren Lawrence & Christopher Knoll.

### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 4th:

3:00 PM: **Rosary** for the Poor Souls at **Oak Hill Cemetery** in Glendale.

Friday- Sunday, November 16th-18th:  
**Forty Hours, St. Gertrude's** feast day,  
and our anniversary.

Servers: OCTOBER 22 - 28, 2012

FRI 10/26 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers  
SAT 10/27 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons  
8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs  
SUN 10/28 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt  
CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, T. Simpson, Jr. ACS:  
P. Lawrence, S. Arlinghaus TH: A. Richesson  
MITRE: J. Lacy CROZIER: N. McClorey  
TORCH: Jos. Morgan, T. Lawrence, L.  
Arlinghaus, A. Soli, Jack Morgan, J. Simpson  
CROSS: L. Arlinghaus BANNER: J. Simpson  
11:30 AM LOW: P. Lotarski, R. Greenwell  
4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:  
J. Gunsher, G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

### Collection Report

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**Jesus Praying**

He sought the mountain and the  
loneliest height,  
For He would meet his Father all  
alone,  
And there, with many a tear and  
many a groan,  
He strove in prayer throughout  
the long, long night.  
Why need He pray, who held by  
filial right,  
O'er all the world alike of thought  
and sense,  
The fullness of his Sire's  
omnipotence?  
Why crave in prayer what was his  
own by might?  
Vain is the question, – Christ was  
man in deed,  
And being man, his duty was to  
pray.  
The Son of God confessed the  
human need,  
And doubtless asked a blessing  
every day,  
Nor ceases yet for sinful man to  
plead,  
Nor will, till heaven and earth  
shall pass away.

– Hartley Coleridge

**October Voices**

Although the cold October rain  
Is drumming on my windowpane,  
Above the liquid clamoring  
I hear a host of voices sinc,  
“In spite of withered grass and  
leaf,  
He is a fool who walks with Grief,  
For underneath the winds and  
snows  
The earth laughs with tomorrow’s  
rose!”

– Edgar Daniel Kramer



**To Be an Apostle**

Jesus Christ chose poor, ignorant men for his Apostles, men who from a human point of view were very ill-fitted for the work. Not that we must be ignorant and of low birth so as to work for souls, but to teach us how little natural or acquired talent counts, and that it is never the cause of success. Christ chose fisherman to show us that it is not easy work; we have to be ready for great difficulties and fatigue.

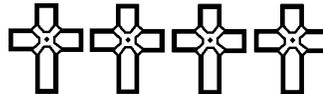
What a wonderful thought it is that Jesus Christ, who was able to convert the whole world by Himself, should have chosen to do it through His disciples. He spent His whole life training them. Jesus took for Himself what was difficult: an ignominious death – and left the renown to His disciples. What love Christ showed in allowing others to help Him in work He could have done alone.

A man called to convert others has need to great virtue, especially humility and obedience. We must not miss our opportunities but so turn things that we appear to be following advice rather than giving it, and seem to be the instrument rather than the worker. This will humble us and make the work easier...

You are happy in being chosen by God to enkindle His love in the hearts of others. To do this it is necessary to have deep humility and an entire distrust of self, besides zeal. We must act without haste and wait with peace and confidence until it pleases God to accomplish in these souls that which His grace alone is capable of doing and of which He alone must reap the glory.

– Bl. Claude de la Colombière

*Bl. Claude de la Colombière (†1682) was a French Jesuit priest and the spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.*



**The Sown Seed**

God has sown the world with living bread; He has sown the seed of Christ in the virgin Mother. He is the Father who has given us life; and Christ, who is God made man, is the laborer in the Father’s field.

“A sower went out to sow” – the countryman has his divine prototype in Our Lord. Christ is the sower who went out to sow, who, having seen the green corn ripen to red, went out to reap, and having reaped and bound and threshed, sowed the earth again with the seed of his own Blood, that the harvest might never fail. He is the laborer in the harvest, whose garment is stained purple and whose seed is crimson; the plowman who dug the furrows deep in His own body, and cleft the hard loan of human nature, cleaving His own Heart.

He gave His Body to be our bread. From the moment when the Holy Ghost came upon Mary and she conceived the Son of God, His Body was given to us. Given in the first instance, just as the seed of bread is given by being buried in the earth, so the seed of Christ, the Bread of Life, was hidden in the darkness, buried in the dust of human nature.

– Caryll Houselander

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

## BISHOP SANBORN'S INSIGHTS

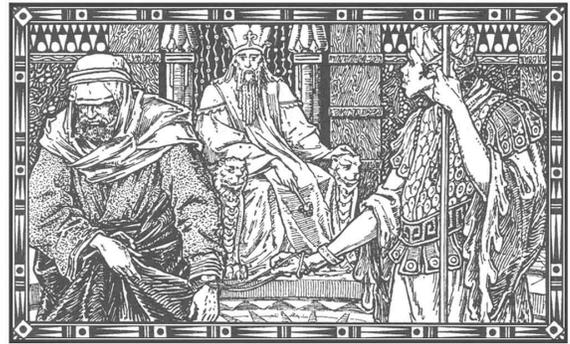
**It's not just the Latin Mass, folks.....**To hear Müller (*head of Ratzinger's Congregation of the doctrine of the Faith*) speak, you would think that he were speaking about a group of Lutheran heretics, instead of Catholics adhering to tradition. For Müller, however, we form "one visible Church" with the Lutherans. So the denial of papal authority, transubstantiation, Catholic teaching on justification, the sacraments, the priesthood, the Mass, to mention only some of the Lutheran heresies, is not an obstacle preventing Lutherans and Catholics from forming "one visible Church." Deny Vatican II, however, and the thunderbolts of anathema are hurled at you. Ecclesiastical death is meted out to you.

The reason for this apparent contradiction is that Vatican II is precisely what permits people like Müller to have not only an ecclesiastical life, but to rise to the top. Vatican II provides the license for all to be heretics, to deny the traditional faith with impunity. For this reason, they defend Vatican II as the supreme principle which cannot be denied. Ecumenism, condemned by the Church's teaching, is the new orthodoxy. Any abomination against the First Commandment may be said or done in the name of "holy" ecumenism. The other three great heresies of Vatican II – religious liberty, the new ecclesiology, and collegiality – are but the three ugly and foul-smelling daughters of this mother heresy. If ecumenism dies, then these heresies must also die with it.

Underneath ecumenism, however, lies a principle which is the deadliest of all – the relativism of truth. A product of modern philosophy, it holds that there is no such thing as an absolute truth. All is relative and subject to change. This error is directly opposed to Catholicism, which holds that there are absolute truths which are supernaturally revealed by God, and which are, therefore, certain not merely from reason, but by the authority of God Himself. As God never changes, these truths never change. The Catholic Church holds, furthermore, that adherence to these truths are necessary for eternal salvation, namely the ability to see God after death, and the avoidance of eternal damnation, or permanent separation from God and perpetual misery. Ecumenism is possible only if one relativizes religious truth.

It is this relativization of religious truth which has killed the Catholic faith in so many hundreds of millions of people in the past fifty years. It is the reason for the disintegration of the once great edifice of Roman Catholicism, and its reduction to handfuls of faithful Catholics scattered here and there.

– M.H.T. Seminary Newsletter, August 2012



*And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers.*

Approaching the end of the liturgical year, in the Mass of *Pentecost XXI*, Holy Mother Church prepares us for the Last Judgment. First, she warns us that life is a warfare, as Job realized (**Offertory**); she warns us against the "deceits of the devil," trying to destroy our riches of divine grace; she warns us also "against flesh and blood" as explained in the **Epistle**, which also describes what the well-equipped Christian must wear for this war. But God will be "our refuge" (**Gradual**). Consoling, too, are the words of Mardochai (**Introit**), confiding in God even when his beloved people faced destruction. Our second preparation consists in forgiveness of all injuries suffered during this life-struggle, even as we, relying on divine mercy, expect the forgiveness of our debts to divine justice (**Gospel**). The **Collect**, **Secret**, and **Communion** are in line with these sentiments of struggle against flesh and devil, and of the exercise of charity towards neighbor.

– My Sunday Missal



### The Six Commandments of God's Church

1. We must sanctify Sundays and Holydays of Obligation by attendance at Holy Mass, and rest from servile work.
2. We must strictly observe those days of fasting and abstinence appointed by ecclesiastical authority.
3. We must humbly confess our sins at least once a year to a priest having competent jurisdiction (*known today as supplied jurisdiction – Ed. note*).
- 4 We must make our Easter Duty, by receiving Holy Communion at some time during the interval between the first Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.
5. According to our means we must contribute to the support of those who minister to us in spiritual things.
6. We must not marry non-Catholics or anyone related to us within the third degree of kindred; we must not marry clandestinely, nor solemnize marriage within the prohibited times.

*Beads of Love*

*I found them after you had left the room. They were tucked down inside the cushion of the chair. You must have been saying them all the while you were there. I drew them up and held them in my hand: your Rosary, old and worn. Each bead well-marked with years of thumbing. The Cross shineless from your lips' caresses. Always near you. Almost part of you.*

*Your life is like a Rosary, too, Mom. Each day resembles a bead of love. You've tasted the glorious mysteries of this life. Your marriage to Dad was a glorious adventure for you. You set out at the beginning with one idea in mind – to be a good wife – faithful in the least detail. You never wavered from that master plan. There were many moments in your youthful married life which were crowned with glory. Bringing your children into the world, for instance. You didn't shrink from the task. On the contrary, you welcomed it.*

*The Joyful mysteries began for you when you saw your babies growing up. You watched them take their first wobbly steps, your heart burning with motherly love. Gradually the pit-pat of baby feet changed into the harsh scraping sound of youthful boys and girls absorbed in play. These, too, were soon transformed into dignified steps that signified your babies had reached maturity. You guided us through the perilous stages of school. You picked out dresses for proms and helped in the choice of the suit your boy should wear on his first 'date.' These were the Joyful periods of your life, Mom.*

*Now for the Sorrowful. The Rosary wouldn't be complete without them. Neither would your life. Sorrow has a definite role to play in all our lives. By sorrow we come to the fuller realization that there is One who is devoid of all Sorrow... One who will aid us if we but ask.*



*Your greatest Sorrow was when you lost one of your babies. If your Faith hadn't been so strong and alive, surely you would have weakened under the burden. Perhaps you thought back on another Mother whose Baby meant all to Her. Her example must have given you new courage to continue the grand work you had begun. There were many other little sorrows that pricked and irked – sorrows you kept to yourself.*

*Now we come to the Cross. You have carried yours gallantly. All through the years some minute of each day has had a Cross in readiness for you. Instead of rejecting it, you reached out and drew it to you, confident that it was the source of all goodness and strength.*

*See, Mom, why I say your life is like a Rosary? The Rosary has spread kindness and cheerfulness wherever it has gone. Your life has done the same. When you meet Our Lady, she can't help but say, "You have put my most beloved devotion into practice. Come and receive your Crown."*

*– William O'Rourke, O.S.A.*



**A RIGHT TO BE MERRY:  
FIVE THINGS THAT I DON'T  
KNOW HOW NON-CATHOLICS  
LIVE WITHOUT**

1. The Sacraments: The Blessed Sacrament wins this one, obviously. How many religions do you know of where there's a place you can go to, pretty much any time you want, and God is waiting there—like, physically—hoping you'll stop in and talk to Him?

Confession is a close second. It's a pain in the neck, it's embarrassing,

and there's always someone who is taking way longer than he needs to, but nothing beats this moment: that one time in ten when you go in there (whether you've done something epically stupid or just pedestrian stupid), and you realize that behind the screen—if it dropped suddenly, you'd see Him—is Jesus Christ Himself, listening and understanding. Melancholic that I am, I sometimes need actual permission to feel okay about everything, and when Our Lord/the priest says "go in peace," then brother, I've got it. Actually, that brings us to:

2. Knowing that everything is, in fact, okay: I just read Josef Pieper's *In Tune With the World*. Not his best, maybe, but listen to this: "No destructive action...can ever corrode the substance of Creation." And: "there is a divinely guaranteed Goodness of being which no amount of mischief can undermine."

"Destructive action" and "mischief" probably sounded more forceful in the original German. Instead, how about "chronic depression," or "death of a friend," or "unrequited love"? Pieper is saying that, in spite of everything, the world is good, and never won't be. Whatever happens, no matter how bad we feel, we are Christians; which means that we never have to suspect that anything is meaningless. Everybody has to feel that way sometimes, but Christians never have to believe it.

To take it one step further: there's no such thing as "too good to be true." All you atheist existentialist types who are so proud of being dour because at least you're not taking refuge in any illusions—joke's on you. Christians get to be realistic and (*continued, inside back cover*)

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## ✠ A NOTE FROM FATHER ✠

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Dear Parishioners,

As you probably read in last week's Bishop's Corner, I have discovered a new hidden talent – mouse slaying! (We seem to be having a little war against mice in the priests' office area of the church.) In just two days' time I was able to rid the church of three mice. I wonder if I will earn the name "Tres" just like the legendary Christero, "Quatorce" who earned his nickname by killing 14 of the Federales in the Christero War in Mexico. I doubt it! In any case, Dale Moore fell into a close second place when he killed his second mouse. Fr. Lehtoranta just spotted another mouse – this one was nice and plump, and seems to have been enjoying some good meals. Those silly cats, Caravaggio and Puccini, have not been doing their duty of catching the mice. However, I did find Puccini one night walking on the roof of the new addition to the cloister. Could it be that he has finally joined our war against mice and was watching from the "high ground?" We shall see!



Well, there are more important things to talk about than the catching of mice. We are a church, after all. Two Fridays ago we had the funeral Mass for †Joan Weigand. Everything from the serving to the singing went well. *Please do not forget to pray for Joan's soul.* It so often happens that we forget to pray for the dead. May it never be said that the parishioners at St. Gertrude the Great ever forgot their duty to the deceased! The funeral directors were quite impressed with our church. I noticed them looking at the different pictures of the saints which are hung all along the walls in the hallway.

The Fatima Rosary Procession must have been quite a sight to behold, both from Heaven and from the passersby on the street. Certainly, Heaven must have been pleased with so many souls in attendance reciting the Psalter of Mary. A new couple, along with their two young children, joined us for the procession. They heard about it in the newspaper.

The Knights of the Sacred Heart started up again this past Monday. Our numbers are up some this year, but we are always hoping for a few more. It is a great opportunity for boys to spend time with a priest, some good Catholic dads, and peers; and to get some exercise – both of the body and of the soul. Parents, have your boys join the ranks of the Knights! (There won't be any mouse slaying – I promise!)

As you can see, we have an addition to our churchyard. Our Lady of Fatima and the three little children are beautifully enshrined near the scene of the Crucifixion. Make a visit sometime, Rosary in hand, to this and our other outdoor shrines.

Oftentimes, it is easy for Catholics to forget that the Church extends far beyond the four walls of their home parish, but it does. Mission Sunday, which we commemorate today, reminds us of this fact. Bishop Dolan has told you about the missions in Mexico and France. We also have quite a few right here in the Midwest: St. Benedict Mission in Indianapolis; St. Clare in Chillicothe, Ohio; St. Isidore the Farmer in Saybrook, Illinois; St. Joseph in Chadwick, Illinois; St. Teresa of Avila in Grand Forks, North Dakota. We even have a mission in Duluth, Minnesota. Fr. Lehtoranta also offers Mass in Kentucky for a Catholic couple. These souls do not have the privilege of having a beautiful church as you do. They do not have the grace of daily access to the Mass and the Sacraments as you do. They do, however, have the *same* Mass as you do. Pray for these people. They long to have what you *do* have. While you pray for them, thank God for giving you what He has so generously given for your salvation.

On this Mission Sunday, may I ask your prayers for all of the different missions and chapels that we clergy here at St. Gertrude's take care of? May St. Francis Xavier and the Little Flower, as well as all missionary saints, watch over our missions!

May God bless you and Mary keep you,

–Father McGuire

*Our prayer is an incense which  
God receives  
with extreme pleasure.*

– St. John Vianney



*Mary surpasses in splendor  
all other creatures.*

– St. Bernard

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## ✠ THE CALENDAR

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*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast  
Please check our website!*

**MON 10/22/12 FERIAI DAY**  
**11:20 AM Votive High Mass** of the Propagation of the Faith  
*(The Children of St. Gertrude the Great)*  
**3:10 PM October Devotions**

**TUE 10/23/12 FERIAI DAY**  
**THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Braydon Otten-surgery *(Becky & Bob Uhlenbrock)*  
**11:20 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorian Society  
**3:10 PM October Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Poor Souls in Purgatory *(P.T. & A.M. Omlor)*

**WED 10/24/12 ST RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Gratitude to Poor Souls & to God for His mercy *(DJR)*  
**11:20 AM High Mass** Bishop Dolan's intentions *(Anonymous)*  
**3:00 PM Exposition, Rosary, October Devotions**  
**3:20 PM Benediction, Holy Communion**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** In Honor of St. Raphael *(Bishop Dolan)*  
**6:30 PM Choir Practice**

**THU 10/25/12 Ss CHRYSANTHUS & DARIA, MM**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Karen Puglielli-Happy Birthday *(Paul)*  
**11:20 AM High Mass** Happy Feast Day, Darlene! *(The Fathers)*  
**3:10 PM October Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Rosemary Aspy *(M/M C. Bellavia)*

**FRI 10/26/12 ST EVARISTUS, PM**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** In honor of St. Philomena for Souls in Purgatory *(Bill Schauble)*  
**10:55 AM Confessions**  
**11:20 AM High Mass** Special Intention *(Mr. & Mrs. Scott Richesson)*  
**3:10 PM October Devotions**  
**5:20 PM Confessions**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** †Jill Wright *(SGG Rosary Confraternity)*  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction**

**SAT 10/27/12 VIGIL OF Ss SIMON & JUDE (ANTICIPATED)**  
**7:15 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Fr. Cekada's intentions *(Anonymous)*  
**8:10 AM Rosary, Simple Benediction**  
**8:30 AM Sermon, Low Mass** For the People of St. Gertrude the Great (from 10/28)

**SUN 10/28/12 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING  
PENTECOST XXII**  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Shirle Downing *(Katie Bischak)*  
**8:50 AM Children assemble for All Saints procession**

**9:00 AM High Mass** Deceased members of Landry family *(Joan Landry)*, **All Saints Party**

**11:30 AM Low Mass** †Fr. Hector Bolduc *(Kirby & Jean Bischel)*

**4:30 PM Vespers, Rosary, and Benediction**

**5:45 PM Low Mass** John Seyfried *(Rosary Confraternity)*

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### A RIGHT TO BE MERRY *(continued from page 5)*

and optimistic at the same time. That reminds me of:  
3. Getting what we want. God made our hearts, and even our most distorted desire has its origin and its end in Him. He made us hungry because there's food. He made us thirsty because there's water. And he made us burn and ache because there's Him. Are there going to be puppies in Heaven? I don't know! But if not, there's something better!

Of course, it takes a lifetime to learn how to seek those desires in the right way *(St. Augustine: "See what you seek, but not where you seek it.")*, and Heaven is a long way off, so there's also:

4. Offering things up. What do non-Christians do with the pain when they're sick, or sad, or they have a migraine? I have no idea. I don't know where all that pain goes. But we're Christians, and we get to use it for something. Being connected to everyone else in the Body of Christ means that all you have to do is say, "Lord, even though I deserve this hangover, I will bear this splitting headache for my cousin, because she feels this bad all the time and doesn't even drink."

We can love people at a distance! It's like a superpower. Pain is money in the bank that you get to spend on anyone you want. Finally, there's:

5. The Magisterium. I saw a great bumper sticker once: "DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU THINK." Similarly, here's Flannery O'Connor: "If you live today, you breathe in nihilism...it's the gas you breathe. If I hadn't had the Church to fight it with or to tell me the necessity of fighting it, I would be the stinkiest logical positivist you ever saw right now."

I've been wrong about some pretty important things in my life. Without the Church, I would have done what the Disneyists are always adjuring us to do, and Followed My Heart. But having a Church guided by the Holy Ghost means freedom from the tyranny of emotions and intellectual fads. Whenever I've thought or been tempted to believe something particularly asinine, the Church has always been there, saying "Bad move, Prever." She's always turned out to be right, even if I generally don't see why until years later.

—J. Prever, "Catholic Phoenix"

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