

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

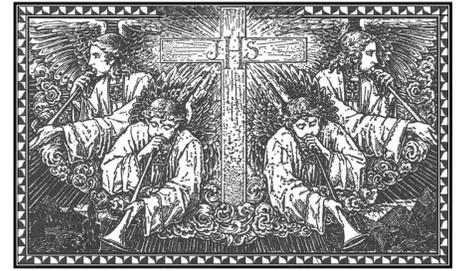
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

November 24, 2013 Last Sunday After Pentecost

St John of the Cross
St Chrysogonus



THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF
THE SON OF MAN IN HEAVEN

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ Today is the Last Sunday after Pentecost, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. The blessing of expectant mothers is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Don't forget to visit the Gift Shop after Mass for Advent Candles, Calendars, and good reading for the upcoming season of preparation and prayer.

¶ THANKSGIVING DAY



A special holiday Mass of Thanksgiving is offered **Thursday at 9:00 AM**. Assisting at Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let's joyfully and gratefully stress the religious character of this holiday. This year we celebrate the feast of St. Catherine Labouré and thank God and the Mother of God for the Miraculous Medal, and so many powerful helps to Heaven. *The abstinence is traditionally dispensed on the Friday after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken.*

¶ ST ANDREW'S DAY

Saturday, November 30th, is the Feast of the great Apostle of the Cross, one of Our Lord's first followers, St. Andrew. This day also marks Bishop Dolan's 20th Anniversary of Consecration. A High Mass will be sung at **7:30 AM** followed by a Low Mass at **8:30** or so.

We are most liable to temptation at times when we think ourselves least likely to be overcome; when things have been going on smoothly; when we have been long unmolested by assaults. These are times when we have need to watch with tenfold care, lest, through our slackness of security, peace should be more dangerous to us than temptation.

— Cardinal Manning

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT I

The month of December opens along with the season of Advent. It is also the First Sunday of the month with our regular second collection for Most Holy Trinity Seminary. The **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** takes place at **7:25 AM**, and the **Advent Procession** and **Blessing of the Advent Wreath** commences at **9:00 AM**. The blessing of religious articles will be available after all Masses, and Sunday Classes are at 10:45 AM; Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Advent I, with collect of Our Lady in Advent and third collect choice of the priest. Trinity Preface.

Wedding Banns

1st time: Thomas G. Simpson and Karen MacDonald.

¶ ATTENTION TORCHBEARERS!

All Torchbearers who have been serving since last year should by now know their responses. There will be a **test** on responses through the Confiteor, on December 22nd.

¶ SPEAKING OF CANDLES...

Stop! Don't toss that match in the votive candle. If you do, the match catches fire, flames up, and causes the votive glass to **break**. Thank you.

"When we cannot come to church, let us turn towards the tabernacle and make a spiritual Communion. A wall cannot separate us from God."

— St. John Marie Vianney

¶ OUR SICK

Thank you for your continuing prayer for all our sick and shut in. **Fr. Vaillancourt** is much better. By the power of prayer, there was no infection in his bones, and thus he avoided the amputation of his foot. Sr. Mary Cecilia and Sr. Maria Dolorosa of Round Top, NY, need our prayers in their illness. Angela Segrist had surgery last week. Bee is doing well but we're still praying she will be able to come to Mass. Ditto for Paulina, whose birthday is also on Thanksgiving. Please pray for each one of our sick and all for whom we've been asked to pray, including Barry Fangmann and Catherine Smith.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

May my heart and my soul, with all the substance of my flesh, all my senses, and all the powers of my body and my mind, with all creatures, praise Thee and give Thee thanks, O sweetest Lord, faithful Lover of mankind, for Thy signal mercy.

— St. Gertrude the Great

Collection Report

Sunday, November 17th\$2,803.00

HELP THE SUFFERING SOULS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated for the souls in Purgatory, wins the infinite merits of Christ, which open like a floodgate to wash over the souls of the living and the dead. The holy souls in Purgatory cannot now unite themselves to Him in Holy Communion, but they can share in the graces that flow from the celebration of the Mass, especially if we bring them there in spirit by our Mass intentions.

Gregorian Masses (30 Masses offered for one specified deceased, on of 30 consecutive days) are one of the most effective means of delivering a soul from Purgatory. The custom originated with St. Gregory the Great. We are not justified to consider the Gregorian Masses as an infallible means of freeing a soul from Purgatory, because the application of the fruit of the Masses depends on the Holy Will of God. Thus, more than one series of Gregorian Masses can be offered for the same soul.

– *Dedicated Decades*

¶ CONGRATULATIONS

to Adam Lawrence, who received the religious habit of a novice of the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen, with the name Br. Thomas Marie, on the feast of Our Lady's Presentation.

"I do not fear trials sent by Jesus, for even in the most bitter suffering we can see that it is His loving hand which causes it."

– *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

SCHEDULES: NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1, 2013

FRI 11/29 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 11/30 7:30 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: Fr. McKenna, Fr. Lehtoranta ACs: M. & J. Simpson TH: M. Briggs

SUN 12/1 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. **9:00 AM HIGH:** MC: R. Vande Ryt **CHAPLAINS:** T. Simpson, B. Lotarski **ACs:** P. Lawrence, S. Arlinghaus **TH:** N. McClorey **CROSS:** L. Arlinghaus **MITRE:** J. Lacy **CROZIER:** J. Simpson **TORCH:** J. & J. Morgan, A. Soli, T. Lawrence **11:30 AM LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli **4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller **5:45 PM LOW:** G. Miller

Toties Quoties at St. Gertrude's

*It was heartwarming to see both the very young and the old
Committing such acts of kindness in a world slowly growing cold
For the poor souls in Purgatory aren't able to help themselves at all
So it's up to us, the Church Militant, to answer that call
And the month of November is the best time of all.*

*While observing my fellow parishioners as we went in and out of church
I thought that to find an example of God's love, I wouldn't have far to search
For the meager cost of the effort to say six times each, a Pater, Ave, and Glory Be
Under the usual conditions, for the intentions of Holy Mother Church,
we'd purchase an indulgence, plenary
And from the sufferings of Purgatory a soul would be forever freed
And you can bet from that moment on they'd never forget the one responsible for setting them free*

– *John Seyfried, 11/4/13*



A THANKSGIVING VISIT WITH ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ

When I go to the chapel, I put myself before the Good God and I say to Him: "Lord, here I am, give me what Thou wilt."

If He gives me something, I'm quite happy, and I thank Him.

If He gives me nothing, I thank Him even more for I deserve no more than that.

And then I tell Him everything that occurs to me: I tell Him about my sorrows and my joys, and I listen.

If you listen to Him, He will speak to you, too, for with the Good God you must both speak and be silent. He always speaks if one goes to Him with a good and simple heart.

See you at Mass for Thanksgiving!

YES, I KNOW NOVEMBER

Yes, I know November
The tolling of the bell
The whispers of the suf'ring souls
From mountain top to dell.

The chilly, gray, damp mornings
The rustling of the leaves
The whispers of the suf'ring souls
Like moans from one who grieves.

And in the windy noon-time
When clouds fight 'gainst sun's might
The whispers of the suf'ring souls
Cry, "Sanctuary light!"

So 'fore the red-glassed candle
Compelled I go to pray
The whispers of the suf'ring souls
Plead, "Sacrifice today!"

Now deep, dark sanctuary
Is lit by candle bold
The whispers of the suf'ring souls...
"Your prayers are autumn gold!"

So like the leaves of autumn
I fall to kneeling posture
The whispers of the suf'ring souls beg,
"Say a Pater Noster!"

The flicker in the red glass
Burns hotter now with Creed.
Oh, yes I know November
The month of Hope...souls freed!

– *M.O.*



NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

The sirens scared many off Sunday night for the Forty Hours closing, but others came, and all closed well. If you closed your eyes during the procession or gazed just upon the Sacred Host as I did, it would seem, as it was in God's eyes, the triumph of triumphs. The bells, the music, the stately ordered procession, made a splendid ending to forty hours of prayer, solemn Masses and sermons, socializing too and celebration as well as our silent "tête a tête" with our God in the monstrance, held prisoner there only by His love.

As I mentioned at the final little sermon on Sunday, I was praying against a tornado that afternoon, as well as for a tornado: some mighty spiritual force, the Holy Ghost to stir us up, priests and faithful, children and adults, to do great things for God and His Christ, "to tear up and destroy, to build and to plant;" that Our Lord would "renew the face of the earth." Let us settle, as lasting fruit of this momentous month of November, full of victories and solid achievement, for nothing less.

Well, we certainly ate well, didn't we? The chili supper offered so many recipes to sample and chose from! The Forty Hours meals brought together the faithful for some pleasant visiting after opening ceremonies, or Sunday's Solemn High Mass. The reception for **Fr. Nkamuke** was an elegant affair. You ate everything, which is always a good sign. Our new priest is touched and grateful.

I wish especially to thank Mark Lotarski, Katie and Darlene, Fr. Cekada and the choir, our great servers, parents, and pray-ers, and many others. Special thanks go to visiting Andy Hoxie from Michigan, who straightened out our crooked candelabra, and spent hours in the sacristy, setting out and putting away.

Congratulations to our new priest, Fr. Nkamuke, as well as to St. Gertrude's priest sons, **Fr. McGuire** and **Fr. Lehtoranta**, celebrating their ordination anniversaries on St. Gertrude's Day. Speaking of congratulations, let us give ours also to Lorraine Gates who celebrates her 95th birthday on Thanksgiving. Lorraine visited us the other Sunday for the 5:45. She was so happy to be at Mass again, and we so happy to see her. She is unchanged, still her sweet, chipper self.

Thanksgiving should be in our hearts these days for so many graces and favors of late, as well as (this is harder) the providential little crosses God sends for our good. This November has been a month of blessings. Let us end it together on our knees this Thursday, rendering that perfect *thanksgiving* by the Holy *Eucharist*, the actual meaning of the name of this supreme Sacrifice and Sacrament whose valid celebration is the very *raison d'être* of our existence at St. Gertrude the Great.

I am recalling with great thanksgiving myself these days the first anniversary of my successful cancer surgery, November 20th, and your very great kindness, as well as the 20th anniversary of my Episcopal consecration come Saturday, St. Andrew's Day. Many of you, dear friends, have special cause for thanks as well. Let us rejoice together. Thus, well fed and feasted, may next Sunday see us ready for some serious Advent prayer and penance.

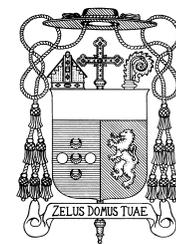
This Last Sunday after Pentecost I am visiting St. Clare's chapel in Chillicothe for Confirmations, a happy first visit for me. Unhappier are the coyote visits. You'd think we were in the Wild West rather than West Chester, Ohio to hear their creepy cries each evening, adult and young, coming from the adjoining brush.

We worry for the cats, but they seem to have it figured out, and have survived their nightly excursions. **Puccini** sticks his paw under **Fr. McKenna's** door when it's time to go, usually quite early in the morning. **Caravaggio** is hibernating for this Winter, I think, but still gets out to run his rounds eventually.

Bishop Sanborn tells me that Sunday's storms delayed him for hours at the Detroit airport. He didn't reach Tampa until 2:00 Monday morning. Monday brought us beautiful weather, almost St. Martin's Summer, a week late. These fine sunny cool days of Autumn are the best the Ohio Valley has to offer.

Fr. Cekada has been busy of late. See his contributions on the SGGResources.org site on the Internet. His "Quidlibet" offerings include a helpful summary of the sede vacante reality of the Catholic Church (*know your Faith!*) as well as an interesting report on the organ, our musical heritage and its talented heirs at St. Gertrude. Of course, there's his Field Guide for Young Catholics, combining Father's trademark precision with humor. Spread it around! Cast some of last Sunday's mustard seeds into the soil for a Winter harvest.

A blessed and thankful Thanksgiving to you all!



– Bishop Dolan

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	11/25/13	ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Santo Niño de Atocha (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Rios, Jr. & family</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Those deceased whose names are on the altar
TUE	11/26/13	ST SYLVESTER, AB
		ST PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM
		ST LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Santo Niño de Atocha (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Rios, Jr. & family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Maria C. Duff (<i>Duff family</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Mary Anne Evans Happy Birthday (<i>Samantha</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Bishop Dolan's intentions
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
WED	11/27/13	FERIAL DAY
		OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention (AV) (<i>Kueblers</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Thanksgiving to Poor Souls (<i>Donna Patton</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Bishop Dolan's intentions
THU	11/28/13	FERIAL DAY
		ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ
		Thanksgiving Day
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Lorraine Gates-Happy 95th Birthday
	9:00 AM	Low Mass Paulina Strauss-Happy Birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
FRI	11/29/13	VIGIL OF ST ANDREW
		ST SATURNINUS, M
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Andy Hoxie-Thank you!
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	11/30/13	ST ANDREW, AP
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	High Mass Bishop Dolan-20th Anniversary of Consecration
	<i>approx.</i> 8:30 AM	Sermon, Low Mass †Justin Yeager (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
SUN	12/1/13	ADVENT I
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:25 AM	Lighting of the Advent Wreath
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Uncle Ken & Aunt Gina (<i>The McConnell children</i>)
	9:00 AM	Advent Procession, Blessing of the Advent Wreath, High Mass In gratitude to Our Lady and St. Joseph (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	<i>Special time</i> 10:45 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
AND PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(*Recite on Saturday evening, November 30th*)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. **R.** Amen.

Mark Your Calendars!

St. Gertrude the Great
Annual Christmas Cookie and Craft Sale
Sunday, December 15, 2013

We welcome your Christmas cookies, other baked goods and crafts.

Please call or email the school office with any questions.

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ALSO UPCOMING

Sunday, December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **St. Nicholas** will be visiting the children after all morning Masses. Following the 11:30 Mass, there will be a recitation by **Bishop Dolan** of "The Immaculate Conception," a poem composed December 8, 1880 by Fr. Abram Joseph Ryan, "the poet-priest of the Confederacy."

- 11:30 AM **Low Mass** Rebecca Uhlenbrock-Happy Birthday (*Bobby, Aubrey, & kids*)
- 4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**
- 5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great