

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

January 12, 2014 The Holy Family

Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany
St Benet Biscop, Ab



HE WAS SUBJECT TO THEM

¶ TODAY

If you did not get an Epiphany home blessing packet yet, they are available at the Three Kings Shrine. Make use of this beautiful sacramental in your home today. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ALTER CHRISTUS

\$60 in alms was received this month. Thank you!

¶THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

Saturday is the feast of **St. Peter's Chair at Rome** (Masses at 7:30 and 8:10 AM), the opening of the *Chair of Unity Octave*, which features special prayers each day for the conversion of different non-Catholic groups, ending on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25th). Pope St. Pius X sanctioned and blessed this devotion, and Pope Benedict XV extended its observance to the Universal Church, highly enriching it with indulgences.

The Chair of Unity Octave has accomplished an immense good in awakening Catholics to the need of interesting themselves in the conversion of those outside the fold. When the enemies of Christ seem to be triumphing as never before, how great is our obligation to pour forth fervent prayer for the millions who wander in darkness!

An Indulgence of 300 days is granted each day during the Octave, with a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the close of this devotion.

Lumen Christi

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

All my prayer intentions
(Frances R. Mattingly)

A saint has told us that one day at Mass he saw Jesus Christ with his hands full of gifts looking for souls to whom he might give them.

— St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

¶NEXT SUNDAY

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after all Masses. The Chair of Unity Octave continues. Following the High Mass, we close the Twelve Sundays of our Mother of Good Counsel.

Set Your Missal: Epiphany II with collects of St. Marius & Companions and St. Canute. Trinity Preface.

¶YOUR PRAYERS...

Your prayers make a difference; both Kevin O'Donnell and H.O. Hinton are making good progress in their rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for all our sick and shut-in, especially Bee Lutkehaus, Pete Gebel, and Mary Safrey. Bishop McKenna is said to be very ill, and to have lost his hearing. Remember him and Bishop Morello in your prayers.



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of †Clyde Gabbard who died on January 7th.

¶UPCOMING

Wednesday, January 22nd: Our pro-life day of prayer and reparation for the crime of abortion. There will be a children's Holy Hour at 2:15 PM, with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and other devotions.

Sunday, February 2nd: the feast of the Purification (Candlemas) closes the Christmas season, with the solemn and beautiful *Mass of the Candles* at 9:00 AM, and the Low Masses at the regular Sunday times.

Servers: JANUARY 13 - 19, 2014

FRI 1/17 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 1/18 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 1/19 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt
ACS: J. Simpson, A. Richesson
TH: P. Lawrence **TORCH:** C. Rios,
C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, J. Lacy
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

N.B. Torchbearers who have learned their responses through the Confiteor may report to Bishop Dolan or Mr. Vande Ryt for re-testing.

Collection Report

Wednesday, January 1st\$1,664.00
Sunday, January 5th\$3,724.00
Second Collection\$1,021.00



☩ SUNDAY SEVEN

Seven Remedies for Domestic Peace

1. A little more silent, cheerful patience with all at home.
2. A little more humility when thinking of oneself.
3. A little more common sense in taking others as you find them.
4. A little more firmness in perseverance in the task assigned you.
5. A little more prudence in minding one's own business.
6. A little more fortitude in bearing one's crosses.
7. A little more love for sacrifice and prayer.



Consecration of Family

O JESUS, behold our family prostrate before Thee, in deepest gratitude for Thine inspiring example of Family Life, in the poor cottage at Nazareth – the Model of all Christian families. Once more do we consecrate ourselves to Thee – our trials and joys – that our home, like Thine, may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. Do Thou protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O MARY, loving Mother of Jesus – and our Mother – pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations; to be strength to the weak, a staff to old age, a support to widows, and a Father to orphans.

O JOSEPH, Holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to thee, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with thee, Heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

TO THE HOLY KINGS

The sands of the desert were bare to them
 In the light of the Star that shone;
 But the desolate land looked fair to them,
 Nor offered the sign of a care to them,
 Who wandered their way alone.

In the western sky is a light to them,
 Sending its beams afar.
 In their hearts is a song; 'tis so bright to them,
 Ah, 'twill never again be night to them,
 In the wake of the guiding Star!

Men of the East, we pray to you –
 Ye Kings of the long ago, –
 That the Star which shone like the day to you
 May lead us the surest way to you
 Who the King of the Ages know!
 – Rev. P.J. Carroll, C.S.C.



The Holy Ghost in the Christian Family

The sublimest model of the Christian family was manifested to the world on the first Christmas morn when the brightness of heaven shone round the cave of Bethlehem. Whoever thinks of the workings of the Holy Ghost in that little earthly paradise? Mary was the Mother of Jesus because she was docile to the motions of the Divine Spirit. Joseph willingly made the greatest sacrifices when the same Spirit spoke to him through the Angel. Jesus, the Son of God, was subject to Mary and Joseph until he was led by the Holy Ghost, at the age of thirty, into the desert to begin his life's work. Does the spirit of the world or the Spirit of God hover over our homes? The Spirit of God is the spirit of that harmony which makes the Christian home a haven of peace and happiness.

– The Holy Ghost Prayerbook

☩ THE POETRY CORNER

AS JOSEPH WAS A-WALKING

As Joseph was a-walking,
 He heard an angel sing:
 "This night shall be born
 Our Heavenly King.

"He neither shall be born
 In housen nor in hall,
 Nor in the place of Paradise,
 But in an ox's stall.

"He neither shall be clothed
 In purple nor in pall,
 But all in fair linen,
 As were babies all.

"He neither shall be rocked
 In silver nor in gold,
 But in a wooden cradle,
 That rocks on the moulede."

Then Mary took her young Son,
 And set Him on her knee:
 "I pray thee now, dear Child,
 Tell how this world shall be?"

"This world shall be like
 The stones in the street,
 For the sun and the moon
 Shall bow down at thy feet;

"And upon a Wednesday
 My vow I will make,
 And upon Good Friday
 My death I will take;

"And upon the third day
 My uprising shall be;
 And the sun and the moon
 Shall rise up with Me."

– An old Christmas Carol
 Author unknown



Prayer in Honor of the Holy Family

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

An indulgence of five years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions for the devout recitation of this prayer every day for a month. (Raccolta #276)

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Today's weather was predicted to be the same as last Sunday's, rainy and mild. But what a week ensued. Still, despite skin-cracking cold, and the weather terrorists on T.V., we all did very well. Our standard Sunday attendance was only off by 20 or so, and a biblical 70 fairly bulged the church for Twelfth Night's Solemn Epiphany Mass. The party afterwards was warm and wonderful (thank you, Mark and Marlys!) and we all went back into the cold well fed indeed. Not a bad week at all, this week of the 'Three Kings' coming. The sacred ministers at the Epiphany Solemn Mass, processing to the altar as the choir sings the Provençal carol March of the Kings, always remind me of them.

Our "Baltasar," (the African king), **Mr. Abraham Chukwu**, has returned to the seminary for the resumption of classes tomorrow. On Saturday, I will be going to Brooksville myself to give the annual retreat. Several of the Fathers will be making the retreat along with our future priests. Please keep us all in your prayers.

A good daily Rosary, a family Rosary, is like a mini-retreat, a bit of recollection in the midst of a distracting day. I hope you will make this spiritual exercise, alone or with others, a nonnegotiable all week long. But it is better to pray with others.

I'm thinking of Rosaries today, because Vic Ritze, a longtime and prolific Rosary maker, has officially retired, passing his enthusiasm as well as his equipment on to his daughter Theresa Hill. God bless you, Vic, for all of the thousands of Rosaries you must have made over the years, which have accompanied me for distribution in mission lands, or been passed out here at St. Gertrude.

We had a quiet Requiem and Absolution for †Iris Wilson yesterday. Keep her in your prayers. Joan Lotarski remembered on Wednesday that it was the third anniversary of Ernie Nellenbach's death, a dear, generous and truly holy soul. The same must be said of Bernie Brueggemann, whose anniversary is February 12th. Fr. Eldred Leslie's fifth is January 21st. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

On a more prosaic note, how did you survive the big freeze? We kept some faucets on trickle to avoid frozen pipes, but the office and the Helfta heating went out. It was only for the day, and the pipes were thawed out and heat restored. In the meantime, it was chilly. I could not move my fingers fast enough on the

computer keyboard to stay warm. One of the more colorful members of staff likened his position hovering over the solitary space heater to "a bum at a burn barrel." Great simile, Jim!

Fr. Lehtoranta was three days delayed returning from Milwaukee, and has already left, yesterday, for a quick visit to Louisiana. Let us pray for a good trip for him, as also for **Fr. McKenna**, who had an early departure for Milwaukee last Wednesday, and hours and hours of driving to reach Grand Forks, North Dakota, where it's really cold. He only got there at 11:00 PM.

Epiphany concludes tomorrow, but our quiet contemplation of the joys of Christmas continues through February 2nd and Candlemas, which this year falls on a Sunday. Next Sunday we conclude already our Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel, who has so watched over us and our needs these past ten years in our new church.

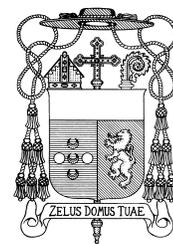
Speaking of numbers, we are reprinting a popular bulletin feature of years ago, "The Sunday Seven," as well as the ever-necessary Catechism Corner. There's still time for a New Year's resolution: take some time to read the bulletin each Sunday. Think about it. Clip and save something that strikes you. Pass it on to someone else. What a great little magazine you receive 52 times a year! It feeds your spiritual life, and furnishes something to share with others.

I've noticed how many people, visitors and faithful both, come to church without a prayerbook. So, I thought we would add a little Sunday Mass explanation to the music/prayer leaflets we pass out. Take yours home with you. Cut out a prayer you like. Pass it on, or place it in your prayerbook.

God bless our families! We all came from one. May we all come back together to God one day, family intact, by a true love for God's Family: **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!**

May they bless you,

– Bishop Dolan



✠ QUIET CORNER: YOUR SUNDAY MEDITATION

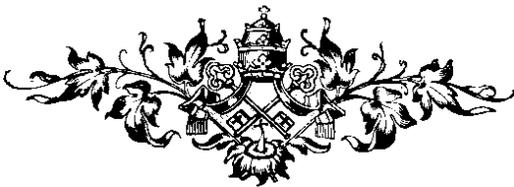
What the devil can't do himself he does by using other people. *He takes up his position on the tongues* and in the hearts of his servants and before their mind's eye. *He makes them see what doesn't exist.* So they conceive within their hearts *all sorts of evil thoughts and resentments regarding their neighbors – often regarding those they most love.* Once they have conceived these things within, the devil takes up his position on their tongue and *causes them to give birth to them in words.* *Words lead to actions,* and this is *how he divides those who love each other.* This is the source of the *impatience and antipathy and hatred* that deprive people of the unity of love

We must defend ourselves against this dangerous wave **with hatred and contempt for ourselves,** opening our mind's eye to know God and God's goodness, to know his eternal will, which neither wants nor seeks anything but that we be made holy. *He allows the devil to cause others to torment and harass us only to prove the virtues of love and true patience within us,* and so that our imperfect love may become perfect. For the virtue of love is proved and strengthened in interaction with our neighbors.

– St. Catherine of Siena

We love God truly in so far as, when finding ourselves with people who differ from us, we behave graciously to them, speak charitably of them, are willing to meet them again, and to do them a kindness.

– St. John Marie Vianney



✠ CATECHISM CORNER: Read after Mass

I believe that our first parents, Adam and Eve, lost their original state of union with God, together with other marvelous gifts of grace and nature because of pride and disobedience; that they became subject to concupiscence and death, and that, through original sin, we have inherited the effects of their sin.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor – January 15th



In 1815, as American troops under the leadership of General Andrew Jackson fought the Battle of New Orleans, Mother Marie Olivier de Vezin (Superior of the Ursuline Nuns) and a large assembly of New Orleans women prayed before the statue of the Blessed Mother at the old Ursuline Convent on Chartres Street downtown. The Reverend

Mother vowed that if the Americans were spared loss of life in the battle, the Ursuline Nuns would annually hold a Solemn Mass of thanksgiving in honor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor's quick response to their prayers. And quick she was, as before the end of morning Mass on Jan. 8th, a messenger arrived announcing the end of the battle and defeat of the British. General Jackson publicly acknowledged the American victory was a result of heavenly intervention.



January

*The world outside is very fair tonight,
Like a spread canvas, gleaming pure and white;
With dark of hemlock rising line on line,
And majesty of cedar and of pine,
Under a star-gemmed canopy that glows
With brilliance that the summer never knows.*

*I do not fear the winds that beat the hedge
And heap high drifts along the garden's edge;
I have been snug behind an open door,
And so I love the tingling cold the more.
My eyes have wept so long for such a sight –
God's world upon a January Night.*

– Rena Stotenburg

Do your little duties, which most men make light of, with great exactness; for if you will faithfully do your lesser duties, your greater duties, I may say, will take care of themselves.

– Cardinal Manning

✠ THE CALENDAR

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

MON	1/13/14	OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY 11:20 AM High Mass Andrew M. Prell-Happy Birthday (from 1/12) (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
TUE	1/14/14	ST HILARY, BPCD ST FELIX, PRM 6:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich (<i>Fred Stepanich</i>) (rescheduled from 1/8) <i>N.B. Special time</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor forgotten Souls (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Catherine Smith (<i>Simpson family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan-20th Anniversary-continued good health (<i>M/M David Marko</i>)
WED	1/15/14	ST PAUL, FIRST HERMIT ST MAURUS, AB <i>OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass For my intentions (<i>Linda Cardamone</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Francesc Ewen, for her health (<i>Joe and Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special intention BKK (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	1/16/14	ST MARCELLUS I, PM 7:00 AM Low Mass Tom Kunkel and family 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Ina (<i>DJR</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Grandchildren (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Edmund Christian Strauss (<i>His parents, Paulina & Edmund Strauss</i>)
FRI	1/17/14	ST ANTHONY, AB <i>OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Chris Ritze and family 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Special intention (<i>Briggs family</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena IV 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls IV-Thank you, Our Lady of Good Counsel (<i>Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/18/14	ST PETER'S CHAIR AT ROME ST PRISCA, VM <i>Opening of the Chair of Unity Octave</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich (<i>Samantha</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass †Evelyn Rentschler-15th anniversary (<i>DJR, RR, JV</i>)
SUN	1/19/14	EPIPHANY II ST MARIUS & COMPANIONS, MM ST CANUTE, KING, M <i>Chair of Unity Octave II</i> 7:05 AM Rosary

Our Beloved Dead – January

Name	Date of Death
Jean Ostendorf	1-01-1990
Robert H. Lutkehaus	1-02-1992
Joseph R. Duff	1-06-1993
Steven A. Nemeth	1-08-2002
Ernest Nellenbach	1-08-2011
John A. Donadio	1-14-2004
James W. Bragley	1-15-1991
Vivian Deardorff	1-15-1996
Evelyn Rentschler	1-18-1999
George C. Vande Ryt	1-18-1997
Robert J. Kunkel	1-19-1995
Rev. Eldred Leslie	1-21-2009
Matthew Nies	1-24-1985
Rev. Urban Snyder	1-25-1995
Rev. Roy Randolph	1-26-1998
Elizabeth Binzel	1-27-2003
Robert Blomker	1-28-2001
Robert A. Stirnkorb	1-30-1991

Chair of Unity Octave Prayer

Antiphon: That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

V. I say unto thee that thou art Peter.

R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thy Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will. Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. **Amen.**

7:30 AM Low Mass Special intention of my family & friends (*Beth Brueggemann*)

9:00 AM High Mass In honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel for all our friends & their intentions (*Mike Briggs family*) **Closing of the Twelve Sundays of Our Mother of Good Counsel**

10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes

11:05 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Low Mass H.O. Hinton-his recovery (*Rebecca Hinton*)

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

✠ DEVOTION OF THE MONTH: THE HOLY NAME & THE HOLY FAMILY ✠

LITANY

OF THE SWEET HOLY NAME

from St. Gertrude's Manual (*abridged*)

LORD, have mercy us;
Christ, have mercy on us;
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God!

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of David!
Jesus, King of Glory!
Jesus, most benignant!
Jesus, most amiable!
Jesus, most kind!
Jesus, most tender hearted!
Jesus, most gracious!
Jesus, most sweet!
Jesus, profuse of gifts!
Jesus, dispenser of delight!
Jesus, most worthy of our love!
Jesus, splendor of the Father!
Jesus, the beloved one of Thy Father!
Jesus, the blossoming branch of the root of Jesse!
By the power of Thy sweetest of Names!
By the tenderness of Thy loving heart!
By the love with which Thou didst become man!
By the love with which Thou wert laid in the crib!
By the love which made Thee submissive to Thy dear Mother!
By the love which Thou hast re-established between God and man!
By the love which exists between Thy Father and Thyself!
By love itself, which love Thou art,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Let us pray:

Most loving Jesus! Beautiful friend of all loving souls, accept these litanies offered to the honor and glory of thy sweet Name and for the sake of that love, with which for the consolation of all men Thou hast assumed this Holy Name, grant that through the might of this exalted name I may be preserved from all temptations in life and death. Amen.

REPAIRING YOUR HOME

In many ways the Feast of the Holy Family is the most important feast of the year. The family is the basic unit of society. The vitality of both Church and State is tightly bound up in the strength of family life. As long as our homes and families are strong and strongly Christian, we are strong and have every reason to look forward to a future of security and happiness. However, if family strength weakens and begins to give in to the pagan influences of our times...and it will be only a matter of time before we shall face a crisis in our way of living.

This Feast of the Holy Family is of (relatively) recent origin. It has been providential in bringing to (our) attention the wonderful example of the Holy Family at Nazareth. It has served in some measure as a deterrent to the further spread of present-day evils in family life, while seeking to restore the true spirit of obedience, love, and devotion that should be found among parents and children.

Today is a good time to check up on our responsibility as members of a Christian family. What are you doing and what have you done during this past year to make your home a more solid, substantial, sane, and sensible Christian place in which to live? What can you do to make it a better place? This is tremendously important because most of our lives are spent in our homes. As far as going to Church is concerned, this means one hour out of the week for most of you. You are at business five days a week from, let us say, nine to five. The rest of the time you are at home. Now, if your home is all that it should be and you are doing everything in your power to keep it up, physically, mentally, and spiritually, then you have little to worry about. If, on the other hand, you can see that your home is going down and badly in need of repair – and I do not refer here to the roof or the living room furniture, but to the relationships of one member of the family to the other and, above all, the relationship of every member of the family to God – if you find these relationships in a sad state of disrepair, then you must take action.

We all know that times have changed so rapidly that we are literally dizzy trying to keep up with them....there has been almost a complete revolution in home and family life.... The first fact that we face today is this: keeping a family together and on the right track, is definitely more difficult today than it was (a century ago). That was another world, almost another civilization. It is well to understand this, for, once we squarely face up to this reality...we can understand better the big job that lies before us...

– The Homiletic and Pastoral Review

What can there be on earth more serene and joyful than the Christian family? Taking its origin at the altar of the Lord, where love has been proclaimed a holy and indissoluble bond, the Christian family, nourished in the same love by supernal grace, is consolidated and receives increase....

Tranquil walls resound with no quarreling voices nor do they witness the secret martyrdom which comes when hidden infidelity is laid bare; unquestioning trust turns aside the slings of suspicion; sorrow is assuaged

and joy is heightened by mutual affection. Within those sacred precincts, children are considered not heavy burdens but sweet pledges of love; no reprehensible motive of convenience, no seeking after sterile pleasure bring about the frustration of the gift of life, nor cause to fall into disuse the sweet names of brother and sister.

– Pope Pius XII (1939)

