

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 26, 2014 Epiphany III

St Polycarp, BpM



ONLY SAY THE WORD AND
MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED

¶ TODAY

Sunday Classes are offered at the usual time of 10:40 AM; Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction. A little wholesome Sunday recreation of card and board games will take place after the 11:30 Mass, in Helfta Hall.

What tenderness there is in Jesus' love for man! In His infinite goodness, He established, with each of us, bonds of sublime love! His love has no limits.

— St. John Bosco

¶ FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

This **Wednesday** we honor a popular and well-loved Saint, patron of the Catholic press, friend of the Sacred Heart, and principal patron of the Archdiocese where we reside. Pray with confidence to this benevolent Doctor, **St. Francis de Sales**, who in life was truly all things to all men, and will not fail to intercede for you now. Come to Mass at 8:00 or 11:20 AM or 5:00 PM.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 1ST

The month of the Holy Trinity begins on First Saturday:

- 7:10 AM Rosary & First Saturday devotions, Confessions
- 7:30 AM Low Mass
- 8:10 AM Benediction
- 8:30 AM Low Mass

First Saturday intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's divine Maternity; for those who refuse at the same time to recognize Her as Mother of men.

Lumen Christi

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

For the Church of Darkness to leave Rome
(Jan Maesele)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY – CANDLEMAS

The Feast of the Purification marks the close of the Christmas season with one of the most beautiful services of the entire year. The Blessing of the Candles and Procession begin at 9:00 AM followed by the High Mass.

The blessing of religious articles will be available after all Masses, and our regular monthly second collection takes place, immediately following the first. No Sunday Classes. Vespers of the Purification are sung at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

Set Your Missal: The Purification of Our Lady (Candlemas) with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of the 4th Sunday after Epiphany, and commemoration of St. Francis de Sales. Preface of Christmas.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Martha and Joseph Schappacher on the baptism of their daughter, Sara Michelle, on 1/19/2014.

"I cannot fear a God who became so little for me...I love Him, for He is nothing but love and mercy"

— St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

¶ OUR SICK

Please continue to pray for Mary Safrey, Cecilia Soquet-Juglard and her baby, Florence Scott, Nellie Sutton, Janet Clementi, Kim LeBlanc, Barbara Steinmetz, Jane Donadio, Ruth Higdon, as well as for John Wagner, Katie's cousin Jenny, and all our sick and shut-in. Remember also in your prayers all of our deceased priests, especially †Fr. Eldred Leslie, whose fifth anniversary of death was this past week.



"Frequently and wholeheartedly kiss the crosses God sends you, without stopping to consider what kind they are. For the more ignoble and unwanted they are, the more they deserve to be called crosses. The merit of crosses does not depend on their weight, but on how they are carried. At times it takes more virtue to carry a cross of straw than a heavy one, because the lightest crosses are also the most inglorious, and the least to our liking which always seeks the spectacular."

— St. Francis de Sales

¶ Servers: JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2, 2014

WED 1/29	9:00 AM HIGH: MC: B. Lotarski TH: N. McClorey ACs: J. Simpson, J. Lacy CROSS & MC2: T. Simpson TORCH: C. Richesson, N. McClorey, P. McClorey, A. Soli
FRI 1/31	5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 2/1	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 2/2	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson, Jr. ACs: A. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: J. Simpson CROSS: L. Arlinghaus TORCH: C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, N. & P. McClorey, J. Lacy, A. Soli 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, January 19th\$4,044.00

Praying Today's Gospel

Jesus, let me learn a lesson from this heathen soldier: a lesson of *charity for and sympathy with the sick*, especially those who are of my own family; a lesson of *humility and moderation in my requests*, for I ought to bear my cross with patience. Yet how downcast and discouraged I am in sickness and suffering, instead of submitting with trustful confidence to God's will. But above all, let me learn a lesson of unbounded *faith in You*, the Divine Physician. As the centurion commands soldiers, so You command maladies which are cured, because You are God's own Son, and all nature is subject to You.

Jesus, *increase my faith*. I believe that faith is as necessary for my salvation as it was for the cure of the centurion's servant. Since faith is a habit of mind, help me to *exercise it* constantly lest I lose my taste for the things of God and begin to doubt the truths of my religion. Help me to do so by making acts of faith, by thoughtful meditation on the truths of faith, and by always and everywhere placing my greatest confidence in God.

Jesus, *it is at Holy Communion that I hope for a cure for my sick soul*. With the faith of the centurion I exclaim: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come to me...but only say the word, and my soul will be healed by the power of Your sacramental graces." Your Church teaches me that Holy Communion is a remedy whereby I am delivered from daily faults and preserved from mortal sin, a most powerful safeguard in my continual warfare against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

You heal my soul not only by giving me an increase of sanctifying grace in each Holy Communion, God's very life in my soul, but also by bestowing on me actual grace, which gives me the light to see what is evil and the strength to fight against it. Help me to make Holy Communion the very center of my life, that I may manifest the power of the Eucharist in my every action. I wish to receive It with the deep conviction that It is a most important part of my religion.

— Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D.

"Unfettered Capitalism"

This writer weighed in rather well on the subject in a recent Enquirer.

"I see it in the recent bank and mortgage crisis, the persistence of false and misleading advertising, the way children and young adults are marketed to, the way employees are pushed to work long hours and be loyal but are treated as disposable, the abuse of workers in Third World counties, the increasing wealth gap between rich and poor and the excessive money poured by corporations into the political system.

"When making as much money as you can is the bottom line, it is impossible that greed is not a major part of the equation.

"Capitalism is not a moral system. It depends for its moral health on the just actions of those who practice it."

— G.G., College Hill

God has the virtue of justice in place, and the Church her principles of social justice. Anything else is a sin, plain and simple.



✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

Seven Counsels of St. Francis de Sales

1. Our victory does not lie in not feeling temptations, but in not consenting to them. We do this best by turning our mind to other things and our heart to God.
2. Always keep a spiritual book nearby and read part of it every day as though it were a letter sent you from heaven to guide and uplift.
3. Make sickness itself a prayer.
4. The well being of a home depends on the parents' words, but far more on their behavior.
5. Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; our Father will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
6. Too often we demand more perfection from others than from ourselves.
7. Some see evil everywhere, while the charitable person never looks for it and even fears to meet it.

HUMILITY

Humility is to be still
under the weathers of God's will.
It is to have no hurt surprise
when morning's ruddy promise dies,
when wind and drought destroy, or
sweet
spring rains apostatize in sleet,
or when the mind and month remark
a superfluity of dark.
It is to have no troubled care
for human weathers anywhere.
And yet it is to take the good
with the warm hands of gratitude.
Humility is to have place
deep in the secret of God's face
where one can know, past all surmise,
that God's great will alone is wise,
where one is loved, where one can trust
a strength not circumscribed by dust.
It is to have a place to hide
when all is hurricane outside.

— Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit

"See, my children, the first virtue is Humility, the second Humility, and the third Humility...The saints thought themselves nothing, and God gave them all they asked.

— St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars



✠ CATECHISM CORNER:

Read after Mass

I believe that it will *avail me nothing* to gain the whole world if I suffer the loss of my own soul.

I believe that I am put in this life to *live at peace* with God and my fellow men, and to perform my *duties* to the best of my ability.

I believe that I must *rise above* the evils of the world to God, for Whom I was created.

I believe that I have a revealed **Creed** to believe, a Christian **Code** to live, and a **Cult** to worship God.

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



For the preacher, retreats are always busy affairs, so I think I'll keep my corner brief this week. The cool sunny days here in Florida are a pleasant change from the world of the Vortex up north, and quite conducive to the hours of prayer, preaching and meditation.

The eight seminarians and four priests making the retreat, based on the Desert Fathers, all seem to be doing well. "Flee, be silent and pray" is the theme of the retreat, and should in some sense be carried over into daily life as well. The well ordered days here, passed in the Lord's service, go by all too quickly, and soon we will disperse and be about our ordinary busy lives again, but spiritually refreshed and strengthened for the combat.

Last Sunday **Bishop Sanborn** made one of his rare but welcome visits to Milwaukee. Here in Florida I preached on the Catholic History of the state, too little known, even in the Palm Sunday peninsula. Some of our lucky Gertrudians are spending the month near Naples, and came up for Holy Mass, as did Martha Gilliam and son Nathan. It was nice to see everyone, as well as the local faithful.

Bishop Sanborn's handsome new church was full for both Masses, always a good sign. The seminarians handle the chant very well, and the Masses, as well as the Offices here are sung beautifully.

Fr. Cekada took some time from the retreat Thursday evening to speak on Restoration Radio with Bishop Sanborn about Bergoglio's latest antics. It's hard for them to keep up, but important for them to do so. Someone needs to cry – and regularly – that the emperor has no clothes. Please don't suggest it to him though. It's about the only thing he hasn't tried! When oh when will eyes, so long closed, be opened?

Fr. McKenna made it up to Toledo between snowstorms the other week to see the prisoner Joseph Murphy. It took a lot of doing to arrange things, but at last he was able to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. Father hopes to be able to make regular visits now, as also to our newest mission in Dickinson, North Dakota. Some former parishioners are in the area with whom we hope to be in touch.

I am grateful to **Fr. Lehtoranta** for covering things at home for us in our absence, especially Wednesday's pro-life prayer and reparation. I hope he had a good St. Henry's Day!

The next feast falls on Wednesday for St. Francis de Sales. Pray for no more snowstorms, surprise or other. May the coldest of our Winter days, coinciding not coincidentally with January 22nd, have now passed. I am sure that we are all longing for a little taste of Spring.

In the meantime, if you're bored this Winter, join us for some board games this afternoon. If you're really desperate, you could come to Vespers.

A blessed last week of January to you all. Remember the sweetness and power of His Holy Name.

With a blessing in His Name,

– Bishop Dolan



The Life of St. Francis de Sales

The tumultuous years in France after the Protestant Revolt formed the background for Francis de Sales. Born in 1567, he first studied law, but later gave up a promising civil career for the priesthood. As a missionary to the Calvinists, by explaining the true Faith in pamphlets, he converted many thousands to Catholicism. And while he was Bishop of Geneva, that diocese became famous throughout Europe for its efficient organization, zealous clergy, and well instructed laity.

His fame as writer and spiritual director began with the missionary pamphlets, grew with his letters and doctrinal works. It still grows in our modern day through his *Introduction to the Devout Life*. This small book has become the classic guide for those looking for Christian perfection as lay men and women, and has helped to establish the "Gentleman Saint" as the Patron of Catholic Writers.

The spirit and reputation of Francis spread rapidly after his death in 1622, soon earning him the title of Saint and Doctor of the Church. His ideals of moderation and charity, of cheerfulness and abandonment to God's will, are pursued today chiefly by the Sisters of the Visitation and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. And in his counsels we catch a glimpse of that spirit; his qualities of patience and humility, of confidence; his desire to show to all, in every walk of life, a safe and sure way to Christian perfection.

✠ THE CALENDAR

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

- MON 1/27/14 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD**
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Fr. Nkamuke (DJR)
11:20 AM **High Mass** †Ivan Landry (Mother, Joan Landry)
- TUE 1/28/14 ST PETER NOLASCO, C**
ST AGNES (THE SECOND TIME)
☛ 6:00 AM **Low Mass** Current family (Samantha)
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Godchildren (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
11:20 AM **High Mass** Cecelia and Hervé (Patton family)
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Charlotte Smitey (Mrs. Joseph C. Richard)
- WED 1/29/14 ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD**
Principal Patron of Cincinnati Archdiocese
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Rich & Eileen (DJR)
11:20 AM **Solemn High Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Our benefactors and helpers (DJR)
5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Antoinette O'Kelly (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
6:30 PM **Choir Practice**
- THU 1/30/14 ST MARTINA, VM**
7:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Greg, Marni, Ryan (DJR)
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Edmund Christian Strauss (His parents, Paulina & Edmund Strauss)
11:20 AM **Requiem High Mass** Purgatorian Society
5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Fr. Martin Stepanich (Fred Stepanich)
- FRI 1/31/14 ST JOHN BOSCO, C**
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Jean, Joe, Alex (DJR)
10:55 AM **Confessions**
11:20 AM **High Mass** Katie (G. Keaveney)
5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**
5:35 PM **Infant of Prague Novena VI**
5:45 PM **Low Mass** Megan, Bree, Gerry Keaveney (Wilker family)
6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**
- SAT 2/1/14 ST IGNATIUS, BPM**
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FIRST SATURDAY
7:10 AM **Rosary, First Saturday devotions, Confessions**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Fr. Martin Stepanich (Fred Stepanich)
8:10 AM **Benediction**
8:30 AM **Sermon, Low Mass** Special intention MEK (G. Keaveney)
- SUN 2/2/14 PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY**
CANDLEMAS DAY
EPIPHANY IV
7:05 AM **Rosary**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Special thanks to God for Grandpa & Grandma McConnell (Katelyn McConnell)

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and of the Holy Family

The faithful who, during the month of January, perform some special act of devotion in honor of the **Holy Name of Jesus** are granted *an indulgence of seven years on any day of the month.* (Raccolta No. 118.)

The faithful who devoutly invoke the sacred names of **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** conjointly, may gain: *an indulgence of seven years; a plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions, for the daily repetition of the invocation.* (St. Pius X, rescript in his own hand, June 8, 1906.)



ACT OF HUMILITY

My God, thou art my life; if I leave thee, I cannot but thirst. Lost spirits thirst in hell because they have not God. They thirst though they would fain have it otherwise, from the necessity of their original nature. But I, my God, wish to thirst for thee with a better thirst. I wish to be clad in that new nature, which so longs for thee from loving thee as to overcome in me the fear of coming to thee. I come to thee, O Lord, not only because I am unhappy without thee, not only because I feel I need thee, but because thy grace draws me on to seek thee for thy own sake, because thou art so glorious and beautiful. I come in great fear, but in greater love. Oh may I never lose, as years pass away, and the heart shuts - up, and all things are a burden, let me never lose this youthful, eager, elastic love of thee. Make thy grace supply the failure of nature. Do the more for me, the less I can do for myself. The more I refuse to open my heart to thee, so much the fuller and stronger be thy supernatural visitings, and the more urgent and efficacious thy presence in me.

- Cardinal Newman, "Meditations and Devotions"

I have read this several times as a Communion thanksgiving prayer, and found it quite moving. You may want to use it as well.

- Bishop Dolan

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- 9:00 AM **Blessing of Candles, Procession, High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
 - 11:05 AM **Rosary**
 - 11:30 AM **Low Mass** Robert Uhlenbrock (Capetillo family)
 - 4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**
 - 5:45 PM **Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Ina, John B., John S. (DJR)
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