

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

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January 25, 2015

EPIPHANY III

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AP

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Following the High Mass today, we close the Twelve Sundays of our Mother of Good Counsel and the Chair of Unity Octave. Sunday classes for adults and children are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTUAGESIMA

The blessing of religious articles will be available after all Masses, and our regular monthly second collection is taken up for the support and sanctification of priests. Sunday classes for adults and children are at 10:40 AM. First Vespers of the Purification with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Septuagesima with Collects of St. Ignatius and of the Octave of St. Francis de Sales. Trinity Preface.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Sr. Jeanne Marie, Les Pomerville, Connie Kamphaus, Viola Ripperger, and Richard and Elizabeth Smith.



Lumen Christi

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

Husband to give up smoking.
(Mary Davis)



"ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED."

¶ UPCOMING

Monday, February 2nd, 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 5:45 PM followed by the High Mass and the Winter Soup Supper. Please bring a soup to share!

Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Masses and ashes all day long!

Wednesday, March 25th, is the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady and the Children's Day of Recollection. Bring your children to this beneficial day of prayer.

¶ THE SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our tradition of the **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with the Blessing of the Sick opens this **Friday evening at 6:30 PM** (right after Mass, followed by Benediction). Call or e-mail the church office with the first names of sick friends or family you wish to be remembered during the Novena.



CONGRATULATIONS to Evan and Kristen Zerhusen on the baptism of their daughter, Ramona Marie, on 1/18/2015.



¶ **OUR THANKS** and appreciation go to Mueller Funeral Home in Mason for their kind assistance and excellent service for Kim LeBlanc's funeral.

Collection Report

Sunday, January 18th.....\$4,004.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

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

- MON 01/26/15 ST. POLYCARP, BPM**
11:20 AM High Mass †Paul Puglielli – Birthday remembrance (*D. Puglielli*)
- TUE 01/27/15 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD**
11:20 AM High Mass WM & Rose Mary Peterson, Poor Souls (*Frances Mattingly*)
- WED 01/28/15 ST. PETER NOLASCO, C**
 ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME)
11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorian Society
- THU 01/29/15 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD**
 PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
11:20 AM High Mass Bishop & our priests “Thank you” (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
- FRI 01/30/15 ST. MARTINA, VM**
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass †Rita & Bernie Brueggemann (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VI
5:45 PM Low Mass For all who had or said Masses for my dad when he died
6:30 PM Opening of the Sorrowful Mother Novena & Blessing of the Sick; Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
- SAT 01/31/15 EPIPHANY IV ANTICIPATED**
 ST. JOHN BOSCO, C
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, REFUGE OF SINNERS
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †John P. Wagner – 1 yr. Anniversary (*Rich & Molly*)
8:10 AM Sermon & Low Mass Infant Jesus – free those held captive by sin (*Gloria Z.*)
- SUN 02/01/15 SEPTUAGESIMA**
 ST. IGNATIUS, BPM
 ST. BRIGID, V
7:30 AM Low Mass Rex, Ford, & Howary Delawder (*The Wilker family*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Kim LeBlanc (*Rosary Confraternity*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass Dave Mann family (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
4:45 PM First Vespers of the Purification, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE STARLIGHT NIGHT

Look at the stars! look, look up at the skies!
 O look at all the fire-folk sitting in the air!
 The bright boroughs, the circle-citadels there!
 Down in dim woods the diamond delves! the elves'-eyes!
 The grey lawns cold where gold, where quickgold lies!
 Wind-beat whitebeam! airy abeles set on a flare!
 Flake-doves sent floating forth at a farmyard scare!
 Ah well! it is all a purchase, all is a prize.

Buy then! bid then!—What?—Prayer, patience, alms,
 vows.

Look, look: a May-mess, like on orchard boughs!
 look! March-bloom, like on mealed-with-yellow shallows!
 These are indeed the barn; withindoors house
 The shocks. This piece-bright paling shuts the spouse
 Christ home, Christ and His mother and all His hallows.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins (*English, 1844-1889*)
A delightful poem, an offering for the 12th Sunday of the Mother of Good Counsel. Read it aloud!



SONNET XI

Song of the Magi

We gazed upon the world and
 reasoned why
 The sibyls danced in clockwork
 like the stars,
 We knew time's lifting of her veil
 was nigh,
 And watched the sky while tun-
 ing our setars.
 We heard the harmonies of dis-
 tant spheres,
 And knew their counterpoint would soon resolve
 Into the perfect cadence of the years,
 The distant years, whose vanished snows dissolve.
 Hope's voices gave the place and told the hour
 Where finite would enclose infinity
 And earth would merge with heaven, weakness pow'r,
 Creator creature, flesh divinity.
 We followed, in the fullness of the night,
 And found the fragile origin of light.

—Joseph Charles McKenzie
Albuquerque, In Epiphania Domini, 2015

Servers

- SUN 02/01:**
7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: “18”, J. Lacy **TH:** N. McClorey **ACs:** Peter & Nathan McClorey **TORCH:** C. Richesson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Bergoglio, the “nope” (“no pope” of the Novus Ordo) insulted big families as rabbit-like and irresponsible on his way back from Manilla, and remarked that three children sounded about right to him. Later on the blowback forced the wily Jesuit politician to backtrack a little, since the German rabbit raisers objected, among others. A fine preparation for January 22!

Meanwhile our politicians of the Republican denomination observed the day by pulling a much touted bill which would have forbidden abortion after twenty weeks. It seems the Grand Old Party fears offending the women whose votes they need for the next election. Talk about “bait and switch”! Another rally, anyone? I think we’ll stick with our rosaries.

We had a beautiful day of prayer with the children and a few adults last Thursday, offering reparation for this horrendous crime, mandated by the Federal Government, which has created in our culture a strange new world of staggering dimensions in its anti life, anti marriage, anti nature excess for which we will and are paying. But the important thing, you see, is to elect a Republican to the White House next time around. These people are more dangerous than those who are openly anti life and anti God.

Thank God for the voices of innocent children and the Holy Child of God Who renews His Sacrifice of reparation and impetration daily on our altars. It is due to such persevering prayer, and Our Lady’s ladder to heaven, the rosary, that we have seen at least the closing down of many abortuaries in our land. Still, the damage has been done to God’s glory, to the children slain in the womb, and to our country, and through *our* empire’s hegemony to all the world. Misere-re Domine! Pray for the conversion of America.

We had a Baptism last week, and a funeral, both of which took us back, as well as symbolizing continued growth. A great granddaughter of Margaret O’Brian was baptized. This quiet devout lady gets much of the credit for restoring Catholicism in the Tristate area in the 1970’s, organizing Catholics to resist the new religion, and bringing in Fr. Francis Fenton and his Orthodox Roman Catholic Movement to offer Mass and serve souls in those early days. On Wednesday we had the funeral of Kim LeBlanc, once an active parishioner and rosary maker. Always a quiet man, Kim had been sick and suffering in a nursing home for years. His funeral drew only a handful of family and three faithful, because he had been sick so long.

But our faithful children and teachers and priests were there, and all did their best to bury an otherwise forgotten Catholic with all of the beauty of the Church’s rites, and all of the power of her suffrages. I’m so proud of all who helped, and that a small funeral is just as grand as a great one at St. Gertrude the Great. What a lesson the little ones thus receive, even as they give as only they can. Thank you for your generous giving which makes our great little school, now larger than ever, possible.

Did you hear all the noise and ruckus at the 11:30

Sunday? No it was not the children, but the raccoons. But I think we may have trapped the mother, and it’s been quiet at Vespers of late. Now if only we get the squirrels up front, by the altar.... Stay tuned for further reports, or, better yet, come to church during the week and hear for yourself.

What a beautiful winter break we had last week, mild sunny days when usually the weather is at its worst! Thank God for that, and remember that we do pray to the Infant of Prague for this intention, and so many others, especially our children, our families, and the reign of Christ the King.

The novena season is in full swing at church. The Infant of Prague Novena continues Friday evenings before Mass, and this Friday we open the Sorrowful Mother Novena with Blessing of the Sick. Our Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel close today, with our continued gratitude, as does the Chair of Unity Octave. Let us resolve on the missionary conquest of the world for Christ.

But missionaries must be formed and trained, and those currently in circulation withdrawn regularly for retreading. This is the idea of a retreat. The young Fathers here will join the seminarians for the annual retreat this week, the old Fr. Cekada being left to mind the store. Please pray for a good retreat. We’ll be considering St. Francis of Assisi and de Sales....but definitely not Francis the Nope, as Fr. Francis Fenton would say.

Speaking of retreats, our annual children’s retreat day is set for Wednesday, March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. Mark your calendars now. Is there any interest in a Saturday morning Lenten retreat day?

Even though I’ll be doing a lot of talking, I always look forward to the retirement and prayer of the seminary retreat. But I’ll try to steer clear of Bishop Sanborn’s pitch meter. They had it on the other day and guess who got nabbed? Our own Music Director and organist, Fr. Cekada! That’s like the traffic judge being caught speeding. I would probably break the meter.

Our newest missionary, Fr. Nkamuke, stays in regular touch, and is getting himself established and making converts. One of the problems we face is that of very high shipping costs, which make sending things to Nigeria, especially books, prohibitively expensive. God grant a solution.

And God grant you a good ending to January, and a blessed feast of our city’s Patron Saint, Francis de Sales. We’ll be offering his Solemn Mass this year on his octave day, next week. Next week too we conclude Christmas with Candlemas, the dramatic Mass of Candles, the coming of the Light, as well as of our annual Winter Soup Supper. I’ll be getting out my soup making gear, and I hope you will too. Lent will soon be here so let us celebrate together a little beforehand.

I am sending a blessing with a plea for prayers for your priests and future priests.

Bishop Dolan



St. Gertrude the Great
Annual Candlemas Soup Supper
is a SENSATION!

*After the Beautiful "Mass of the Candles"
we retire to Helfta Hall for the highlight
of the West Chester Winter Social Scene,
a tasty soup supper with many soups to sample
as well as some warming wine and desserts*

*Bring your favorite soup or dessert to share!
See you there!*

Candlemas - Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

*5:00 PM Blessing of the Candles,
Procession and Mass*

Followed by the Winter Soup Supper



✠ THOUGHTS FOR THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE ✠

OUR LADY AND UNITY...

When...we give our Blessed Mother the title of Our Lady of the Atonement we mean Our Lady of Unity. As she sits enthroned, as the Great Wonder of heaven, wearing a crown of twelve stars, clothed with the sun, the moon her footstool, she represents to the universe the highest possible approach of a creature to intimate and exalted union with God. She is at one and the same time the most perfect and most beloved Daughter of God the Father; she is Mother of God the Son; and she is Spouse of God the Holy Ghost.

But Our Lady of the Atonement is not alone the Mother of God, she is also the New Eve, the Mother of Redeemed Mankind; she is the center of that Family Unity which Christ willed and prayed might flourish among the Sons and Daughters of the Atonement. As the mother is the center of the home, binding the love of her husband and her children, so Our Lady of Unity cooperates with the Holy Ghost and the Sacred Heart of Jesus to bring about that blissful state of Unity which will constitute the joy of heaven and towards which the souls of men approximate on earth in the measure and degree that they correspond to the vocation God has imposed upon His elect children and which St. Paul expressed in his letter to the Romans when he tells "Ye are called to be saints."

When therefore we address the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of the Atonement we think of her as the connecting link between ourselves and God and while we gaze fondly upon her as our Mother we should try to correspond with the work of the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier in our mind, heart, and soul to make us like unto her as children resemble parents.

(This excerpt is from the book, "Father Paul, Apostle of Unity," by Father Titus Cranny, S.A.)

WHAT unhappy Eve lost thou dost restore by thy holy Child, thou dost open the gates of heaven that sinners may rise to the stars.



QUOD EVA TRISTIS ABSTULIT TU REDDIS ALMO GERMINE INTRENT UT ASTRA FLEBILES CELI RECLUDIS CARDINES

In honor of the Chair of Unity Octave, I am sending home with you today an excellent chart from our High School Apologetics Class. It makes good Sunday reading to know the "Faith of the Fathers." You could eventually pass it on to some protestant for thoughtful consideration. Be a missionary! —Bishop Dolan

On a lighter note...sad but true.

V-2 ATTACKS

Silenced Gregorians
Left to historians,
Introits gathering dust:
Roncalli, Montini,
Freemason Bugnini
Breaking a sacred trust:
Sacrosanctum Concilium,
Straight from the Devil's ileum,
Rome returning to Ilium
Welcomes a Trojan horse,
Choosing a fateful course,
Undone by a committee
Of its infidel *periti*.

The local parish
Is left to perish,
The venerated
Incinerated
By a mazel tov from Molotov,
A nova of the innovative—
For whatever the Savior backs,
Vatican Two attacks,
With Roman Missals
As guided missiles
Aimed by Papal epistles
Scribed by Vatican hacks.

Revolution's heretical mods,
With a right
To write
To wright
The rite,
Capricious as the Pantheon gods:
People perplexed,
Tridentines vexed
By a Pontifex-hex'd
Liturgical text.

Like Noah's neighbors inundated,
Their incontinenes indagated,
A denouement is indicated,
And the writer vindicated.

By isolated holdouts
Huddled in their last redoubts,
Apocalyptic prayer is
Addressed to their Defender,
Whose Eucharstic fare is
As precious and as rare as
Apprentice boys' provender—
Besieged, but *No Surrender*.

✠ THE SABBATH, A RABBI, AND A RAVE ✠

The other day at Matins, St. Paul was telling us how dead are the works of the Old Law. That morning I saw a quirky chronicle in the New York Times about an orthodox Jew, who is not even allowed to turn on the heat on the Sabbath, and some crazy young lady just coming out of an all-night Rave party, who did him that kindness. Natural virtue, but edifying:

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At roughly 4 a.m., I leave the warehouse foolishly thinking I'll hop in a cab. I have glitter on my face and a dead cell phone in hand. There is no taxi stand outside this rave, so I start walking sans a plan. I'm in Brooklyn; I know that much.

Time passes, with no signs of a subway station.

I notice a Hasidic man patrolling the neighborhood, seemingly in search of something. The sun is coming up and I'm still wearing wings shaped like broken hearts. I'm his only option at 5 a.m. on this Saturday, so he approaches:

"I need help! My children are freezing."

What he needs exactly is unclear, but I'm tired of walking. "Sure, what's up?"

He leads me into his home and to a small box. I haven't slept, I'm lost, and I'm not tuned into the possibility that this is a bad idea. "Take this. Slide left," he says, as he delicately motions in air. I do as I'm told.

"You saved my children!" he says.

I'm a savior. I'm confused, but I'm a savior. I exit, finally find a cab, and with one expensive ride to Harlem, I'm home.

At night I tell co-workers about my strange encounter.

"It's Sabbath. He forgot to turn his heat on in time."

So I guess, one could say, he depended on the kindness of ravers.

—Caralie Chrisco

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Then read this meditation, and be firmed up on your resolve to keep holy the Lord's Day!

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The sabbath was made for man. (Mark 2:27)

When the Pharisees question Jesus' disciples picking and eating grain on the Sabbath, He reminds them that David ate a special kind of bread on the Sabbath called the "bread of offering" (1 Samuel 21: 5). It was also called the "bread of the presence" because it had to be always before the tabernacle in the presence of God (Exodus 25:30). Only the priest could eat it, yet He gave the bread to David, who then gave it to his companions. So why do you think Jesus used this example to show that "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27)?



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There's no doubt that Jesus was pointing out how burdensome some of the sabbath regulations were. Human beings—like His disciples—couldn't realistically be expected to follow them all. But in telling the story of David and his companions, Jesus was also saying something about what God has done for us. He gave us the Sabbath so we could rest and be nourished. We are told that the bread of offering was unleavened bread—the bread of the Passover and the kind of bread that the Host is made of!

David and his companions are much like us. When we are weary from life's journey, Jesus provides us with food and rest through the gift of His Body and Blood. "The bread that I will give," He said, "is My Flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). The Blessed Sacrament—the bread of Our Lord's presence—is what sustains us throughout the week, for our entire lives, and into eternity. It's something we can't do without.

The Sabbath should be a day of rest, and in the Mass, God offers us that rest. It's so much more than just physical rest. It is refreshment for our souls when we become weary of fighting temptation. It's rest for our hearts when we get worn down by the call to love our enemies. It's strength for our wills when we want to give in and just go with the flow. The Mass is that "secret place" where you can go to commune with Jesus and take refuge in Him. What a marvelous gift!

"Jesus, how I love to receive You in the Holy Eucharist! There can be nothing better than to experience Your presence. May I never stop thanking You for this awesome blessing!"



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.

I believe that the *Sunday use* of the Missal is a *review* of my Christian *belief and practice* and the most practical way to worship God at Mass.

"We must fight our battle between fear and hope in the knowledge that hope is always the stronger because He Who comes to our help is almighty."

—St. Francis de Sales

Early Church Fathers

The Early Church Fathers are important because they lived during the time of the Apostles: they knew Christianity because they were taught it by the first Christians. The below quotations are from the writings of the more prominent Fathers and show that they believed as Catholics because they were Catholics.

Church Father	Highlights	Selections from their Writings
St. Clement (d. 99)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consecrated bishop by St. Peter 4th Pope Martyred 	<p>Bishops as Legitimate Successors to the Apostles</p> <p>“Preaching, accordingly, throughout the country and the cities, they [the Apostles] appointed their first-fruits, after testing them by the Spirit, to be bishops and deacons of those who should believe. Our Apostles also knew, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that there would be contention over the bishop’s office. So, for this cause, having received complete foreknowledge, they appointed the abovementioned men, and afterwards gave them a permanent character, so that, as they died, other approved men should succeed to their ministry.” – Letter to the Corinthians</p>
St. Ignatius (35-110)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop of Antioch Appointed by St. Peter Disciple of St. John 	<p>The Holy Eucharist</p> <p>“They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not admit that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, the flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in His graciousness, raised from the dead.” – Letter to the Smyrnaeans</p> <p>“I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire His Blood, which is love incorruptible.” – Letter to the Romans</p> <p>Church Authority</p> <p>“Let all follow the bishop as Jesus Christ did the Father, and the priests, as you would the Apostles. Reverence the deacons as you would the command of God. Let the Eucharist be held valid which is offered by the bishop or by one to whom the bishop has committed this charge. Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.” – Letter to the Smyrnaeans</p> <p>“In the same way all should respect the deacons as they would Jesus Christ, just as they respect the bishop as representing the Father and the priests as the council of God and the college of the Apostles. Apart from these there is nothing that can be called a Church.” – Letter to the Trallians</p>
St. Polycarp (69-155)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop of Smyrna Disciple of St. John Martyred 	<p>Works and Faith Necessary for Salvation</p> <p>“Now He that raised Him from the dead will raise us also; if we do His will and walk in His commandments.... For if we be well pleasing unto Him in this present world, we shall receive the future world also, according as He promised us to raise us from the dead, and that if we conduct ourselves worthily of Him we shall also reign with Him, if indeed we have faith.” – Epistle to Philippians</p>
St. Irenaeus (130-202)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop of Lyons Disciple of St. Polycarp 	<p>The Holy Eucharist</p> <p>“He [Jesus] has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be His own Blood, from which He causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, He has established as His own Body, from which He gives increase to our bodies.” – Against Heresies, Bk. 4, Chap. 17</p>

St. Cyprian (d. 258)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop of Carthage • Martyred 	<p>Church Authority</p> <p>“Whence you ought to know that the bishop is in the Church, and the Church in the bishop; and if anyone be not with the bishop, that he is not in the Church, and that those flatter themselves in vain who creep in, not having peace with God's priests, and think that they communicate secretly with some; while the Church, which is Catholic and one, is not cut nor divided, but is indeed connected and bound together by the cement of priests who cohere with one another.”</p>
St. Cyril (313-386)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop of Jerusalem 	<p>The Holy Eucharist</p> <p>“Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master’s declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the Body and Blood of Christ. ... Since then He Himself declared and said of the Bread, This is My Body, who shall dare to doubt any longer? And since He has Himself affirmed and said, This is My Blood, who shall ever hesitate, saying, that it is not His Blood.” – Catechetical Lectures, 22:1</p>
St. Ambrose (340-397)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archbishop of Milan 	<p>Sacrament of Penance (Confession)</p> <p>“[God] has promised His mercy to all, and granted to His priests the power of loosing without any exception.” – On Repentance, Bk. I, Chap. 3</p> <p>“If you wish to be justified, confess your sin. For a shamefaced confession of sins looses the bands of transgression.” – On Repentance, Bk. 2, Chap. 6</p> <p>“See that sins are forgiven through the Holy Spirit. But men make use of their ministry for the forgiveness of sins, they do not exercise the right of any power of their own. For they forgive sins not in their own name but in that of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. They ask, the Godhead gives, the service is of man, the gift is of the Power on high.” – On the Holy Spirit, Bk. 3, Chap. 18</p>
St. John Chrysostom (347-407)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archbishop of Constantinople • Exiled for the Faith 	<p>Purgatory</p> <p>“Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.” – Homilies of First Corinthians 41:5</p> <p>The Holy Eucharist</p> <p>“Since then the Word says, ‘This is My Body’ (Mt. 26:26) let us both be persuaded and believe, and look at It with the eyes of the mind. How many now say, I would wish to see His form, His figure, His clothes, His shoes. You <i>do</i> see Him, you <i>do</i> touch Him, you <i>do</i> eat Him. And you indeed desire to see His clothes, but He gives Himself to you not only to see, but also to touch and eat and receive within you.” – The Gospel of St. Matt., Homily 82</p>
St. Jerome (347-420)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translated Bible from Greek / Hebrew to Latin 	<p>Church Authority</p> <p>“My words are spoken to the successor of the fisherman, to the disciple of the cross. As I follow no leader save Christ, so I communicate with none but your blessedness, that is with the chair of Peter. For this, I know, is the rock on which the church is built! This is the house where alone the paschal lamb can be rightly eaten. This is the ark of Noah, and he who is not found in it shall perish when the flood prevails.” – Letter to Pope St. Damasus</p>
St. Augustine (354-430)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop of Hippo • Contemporary of St. Jerome 	<p>Church Authority / Purgatory</p> <p>“We read in the book of Maccabees that the Sacrifice was offered for the dead. But even if it were found nowhere in the Old Testament writings, the authority of the universal Church which is clear on this point is of no small weight, where in the prayers of the priest poured forth to the Lord God at His altar the commendation of the dead has its place.”</p>