

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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November 8, 2015

PENTECOST XXIV

OCTAVE DAY OF ALL SAINTS



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Today we open the indulgenced devotion of the 12 Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. The Rosary Confraternity visits Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249) to pray the Rosary, this afternoon at 3:30 PM. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us in gaining many indulgences for the Holy Souls! Today's Vespers are replaced by the indulgenced cemetery visit.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

We received \$410 in alms this month for the support of our priests. God reward your generosity!

¶ VETERANS' DAY

Wednesday we keep the bittersweet tradition of Veterans' Day. Join us as we pray for our deceased war veterans, and all of the victims of all of our wars. Be with us at 11/11/11: 11 AM the 11th day of the 11th month for the tolling of the bell, the Absolution, the sermon and the High Mass of the veteran St. Martin of Tours, patron of soldiers.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XXV

Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses. Classes are as usual. First Vespers of St. Gertrude the Great are at 4:45 PM, with Benediction.

📖 Set Your Missal: Pent. XXV (Epiphany VI), with commemoration of St. Albert the Great. Trinity Preface.



¶ PRIESTS' MOTHERS

Thank you for your prayers for the mother of Frs. Julian and Pio Espina. She died a beautiful, Catholic death on the feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, October 12, in Argentina.

Fr. Nkamuke's mother continues quite ill, and in pain. Please pray for her relief and conversion, as well as for her priest son and his entire family.



With Sympathy We extend our sympathy

and the promise of our prayers to Ken Gilliam on the death of his father, Ken Sr., this past Thursday. His wake is this afternoon in Florence, KY, with the funeral tomorrow.

DE PROFUNDIS

As the setting sun fades in the west,
We see the lowly Friar
Chanting soft the vespers of the dead
With bended head in choir.
Like blossoms words drop from his lips
And form a flowery chain
Whereby some souls may climb to Heaven
And joys eternal gain.

- Lawrence E. Seidl

¶ OUR SICK

Please remember Paul O'Connor, Andy Dolan, Susan Peter, and Jenny McKeever in your prayers, as well as the family of Joseph Mundy, who died in a car accident this past week.

SILENCE

Silence is the greatest lesson ever preached—

Silence under irritation:

Silence under criticism:

Silence when rebuffed:

Silence under disappointment:

Silence under ingratitude:

Silence under jealousy in oneself:

Silence under the jealousy of others:

Silence under disloyalty:

Silence when self-pleased:

Silence in sorrows of all kinds.



THE GOLDEN CORD

Through every moment of this day, be with me, Lord; through every day of all this week, be with me, Lord; through every week of all this year, be with me, Lord; through every year of all this life, be with me Lord—

That so when time is past,

By grace I may at last,

Be with Thee, Lord.

Collection Report

Sunday, November 1st.....\$4,946.00

Second Collection.....\$866.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Intent as the saints were upon going to heaven while they were in the flesh, so bent they were while they were here upon bringing heaven down upon this earth. In this twofold sense they understood, prayed, and practiced the petition of the Our Father: "Thy kingdom come!" By the unerring instinct of grace they knew that the only way to go to heaven was by bringing heaven down to men.

These two things go hand in hand. They are essentially correlated and interconnected. They can never, even for a moment, be separated, or pursued apart. Whenever you are veering towards heaven in your conduct, you are bringing heaven closer to earth for yourself and others. And whenever you make others more sentient of heaven on earth, it is a sign you are gaining heaven for yourself.

The imagination of the readers will readily suggest a practical illustration of this truth in their own lives. Whenever they themselves have and cause others to have moments anticipatory of heaven and its delights it is when they are doing or have done something to earn heaven. They have, for instance, forgiven an enemy from their heart; or have discontinued what was for them an occasion of sin; or they have paid their honest debts; or they have made an obligatory general confession; or they have done works of corporal or spiritual mercy.

There are those among the readers, perhaps, who are unwisely withholding heaven from themselves and others: sons and daughters, for example, who could bring heavenly joy to their parents and themselves if they would quit ogling with the danger of a perilous mixed marriage; or parents, if they desisted from their senseless and unfair opposition to the pursuit of the priestly

or religious life on the part of their children (*or, just came to Mass every Sunday - Editor's note*); or certain Catholics, if they contributed their share to the upkeep of religion.

If everyone of us, in imitation of the saints, uses his or her opportunities to bring heaven down on earth, there will be much of it in our daily environment and, in consequence, we shall have more reason to hope we shall soon meet where there will be nothing but heaven for all of us evermore.

-Fulgence Meyer, O.F.M.



OUR BELOVED DEAD - NOVEMBER

Name	Date of Death
Ida Youngworth	11-05-2012
Robert M. Deardorff	11-07-2003
Judith E. LeBlanc	11-08-1996
Edward P. Fradl	11-13-1989
Larry J. Adams	11-13-2011
Patrick S. Meredith	11-14-1987
Charles S. Blase	11-15-1999
Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM, STD	11-18-2012
Geraldine Gilker	11-18-1993
Gertrude Bollhauer	11-19-1982
Alex Bearov	11-20-2011
Edward Sayre	11-21-2010
Patricia A. Buckley	11-23-1987
Nick DiBerardino	11-26-1999
Frank Alban, Sr.	11-27-1987
Iris Wilson	11-27-2013

NECROPOLIS

A scent-wrapt silence dwelt amid
the trees
That prayed with yearning arms
outflung to God,
As languid as a sea of fleece at
ease,
Yet breathing what is naught be-
neath the sod.

And still, how precious once it
seemed to them!
They who abide untouched by
throe and care,
Lulled on earth's breast; their
hymnal requiem
Gone from the mind as praises fade
in air.

Each mound—a heave of nature's
bosom—rests
Now that the clasp of life has
smothered all
But this: sere ashes withered by
cruel jests
From pale Death's weirdly-
furnished banquet hall.

Some gulped the proffered cup
with vain delight,
While others sipped and searched
a fathom deep
To taste it first for promised pleas-
ure's sight,
But, finding nothing, swooned to
endless sleep.

And, God, they sleep in some lost
valley glen,
So stark and cold in dust, the pith
of men
Who held their honor sacred above
all
Dread thoughts of life, and died, a
master's thrall.

-Maurice V. Bochicchio

This somewhat difficult poem explores a fitting theme for our cemetery visit today, or the Veteran's Day Absolution come Wednesday. "A scent wrapped silence amid the trees...Who held their honor sacred above all."

-Bishop Dolan

The altar glowed golden last Sunday for All Saints, splendid with relics and flowers. Heaven surely smiled on our little saints as we did, and enjoyed their costumes and stories afterwards. That afternoon, by exception, Fr. Cekada and I both beaded out on sick calls, but were back in time for the double Vespers. Meanwhile some devout souls stayed in church, whose doors we left open, so that they could get a head start on opening Heaven to hitherto Poor Souls, by gaining the Toties Quoties.



This quiet charitable work continued the next day, which opened with thirty some souls at the 8 o'clock Mass, and nice groups and individuals coming and going for Masses and visits all of All Souls' Day, until the last ones left in the dark sometime after 7 PM. God reward your charity, and that of those who will be visiting Gate of Heaven with us this afternoon.

St. Martin comes only this Wednesday, with the veterans he protects, but his Summer kissed us with sweet sunny days early last week. Later in the week humidity and clouds moved in, and joints wouldn't move, but that's another story...

Fr. Cekada had been asked to visit someone at Jewish Hospital in Kenwood last Sunday, and got lost trying to find his way out in the maze of additions and the absence of clear signs. But it was actually his Guardian Angel, leading him to Elizabeth Smith, who had been admitted early Sunday morning. Father saw Joe Prell out of the corner of his eye, and was able to have a nice visit with the family. Providence always guides us, if we allow it to, although often its hand is hidden, as we know not God's ways. Trust!

I'm still hearing edifying stories of the visit to St. Maria Goretti to our state, and how many of you were touched as you honored her relics. God bless and reward your devotion to this modern martyr of purity, who died for what so many today hold cheap indeed, and then came back in dreams to convert her murderer. God is indeed marvelous in His Saints. Think how many graces, how many stories go with the ever-changing relics of the saints we honor each day, all year long, on our altars.

Plan to be with us Monday, November 16th, as we celebrate St. Gertrude's Day, Fr. McGuire's 10th Anniversary, and the simple profession of our two founding Sisters of Reparation. A luncheon follows, as always.

Today Fr. Cekada heads down to the Seminary, Fr. McGuire over to the cemetery, and I am in Louisiana looking after our little flock.

We cannot, it seems, stop our wars, nor undo the last century's shameful and bloody tale of wasted wars and all the rest. But, even as we pray for peace, we can honor our veterans by *praying for them*, especially the deceased, to

know that peace "the world cannot give." See you 11/11 at 11?

I send a blessing to you all,

- Bishop Dolan

ALL SAINTS' DAY WINNERS

1st Grade Boys:

- 1st Simon Richesson
- *St. Raphael*
- 2nd Austin McClorey
- *King Edward*
- 3rd Ben Kamphaus
- *St. Lawrence*

1st Grade Girls:

- 1st Emma Menefee
- *St. Joan of Arc*
- 2nd Maria McConnell
- *St. Maria Goretti*

2nd Grade:

- 1st Dominic Simpson
- *St. Benedict Joseph Labre*
- 2nd Clare McConnell
- *St. Philomena*
- 3rd Juliana McClorey
- *St. Barbara*

3rd and 4th Grade:

- 1st Conrad Arlinghaus
- *St. Francis of Paola*

2nd Regina Simpson

- *St. Rose of Viterbo*
- 3rd Michael Simpson
- *St. James the Greater*

5th Grade Boys:

- 1st Nathan McClorey
- *St. Pancratius*
- 2nd Christopher Richesson
- *Father Damien*

5th Grade Girls:

- 1st Tie - Marcie Arlinghaus
- *St. Rosalie* and *Kate McConnell*
- *St. Joan of Arc*

6th Grade:

- 1st Cora Arlinghaus
- *St. Lydwine*
- 2nd Alex McConnell
- *St. Lawrence*

All the costumes and presentations were well done and very informative.

ALL SAINTS' DAY BISHOP'S PICKS



I thank our judges for choosing last week's All Saint's Day winners. Of course, all saints are winners!

Special Mention: St. Joan of Arc, Emma Menefee, who wields a mean sword,

To the rhyming Simpsons, especially the "stinky pilgrim," St. Benedict Joseph Labre.

To our two September Rose saints, whom I am happy to see highlighted: St. Rose of Viterbo and St. Rosalie of Palermo.

To St. Edward for a fine speech and St. James for an authentic conch shell and Fr. Damien for his hat switch and St. Lydwine for her skates, and two grills for two St. Lawrences.

I must say my overall favorite was St. Francis of Paola complete with beard, habit and too cute dramatization of the lamb in the oven miracle, with help from his sister.

✠ CALENDAR

MON 11/9/15 DEDICATION OF ST. SAVIOR'S BASILICA

ST. THEODORE, M

- ☞ **7:00 AM Low Mass** In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for Anne, Patrick, & Paddy Omlor
- 11:20 AM High Mass** In honor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary for †Janice West

TUE 11/10/15 ST. ANDREW AVELLINO, C

STS. TRYPHON & COMPANIONS, MM

- 8:00 AM Low Mass** In honor of Bl. Martin de Porres for †Janice West
- 11:20 AM High Mass** Lawrence Sandberg - conversion (Fr. Lehtoranta)
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** Connie Kamphaus - surgery

WED 11/11/15 ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BPC

ST. MENNAS, M

VETERAN'S DAY

- 8:00 AM Low Mass** For the relief of all the Faithful Departed (P.T. Omlor)
- 11:00 AM Veterans' Day Observance: Absolution & Sermon**
- 11:20 AM High Mass** For our veterans and all who have died in all of our wars (Bishop Dolan)
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** For the relief of all the Faithful Departed (P.T. Omlor)

THU 11/12/15 ST. MARTIN I, PM

8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (Birthday remembrance) (Samantha)

- 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** Special Intention (Theresa Schroepfer)

FRI 11/13/15 ST. DIDACUS, C

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA, C

- 8:00 AM Low Mass** For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (The Fathers)
- 10:55 AM Confessions**
- 11:20 AM High Mass** For the propagation & preservation of the Faith (Christopher P. Browne)
- 5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** Thomas Kunkel Family (Samantha)
- 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction**

SAT 11/14/15 ST. JOSEPHAT, BPM

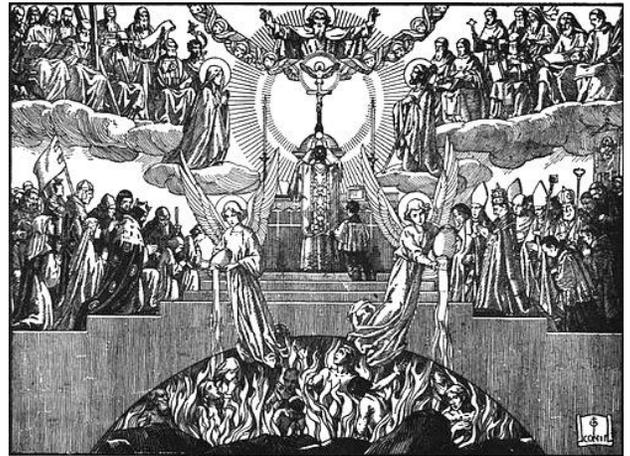
OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

- 7:10 AM Confessions**
- 7:30 AM High Mass** †Rosa Barre - 38th Anniversary Sept. 7 (Tom & Karen Simpson)
- 8:20 AM Sermon and Low Mass** Margaret Current - Happy Birthday! (Samantha)

SUN 11/15/15 PENTECOST XXV

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCD

- 7:30 AM Low Mass** Dale Wilker (Debbie, Addie, Alex, Madison, Emma)
- 9:00 AM High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
- 10:40 AM Sunday Classes**
- 11:30 AM Low Mass** James Vande Ryt - my Godson (Jeanne Hille)
- 4:45 PM First Vespers of St. Gertrude & Benediction**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** †Ruth Higdon (S. & C. Niehaus)



NOVEMBER DIRGE

Go out where the wind is sad today
And mourning in her solitude.
No more her zephyrs sing and play
Where trembling trees stand gaunt and nude.
Go out and hear what the sad wind sighs,
While nature droops her head and dies:
"Miserere, Domine,
—Pity all who died today."

Go out where the leaves are crisp and sere
And clutching to the sapless tree,
(Go out and read life's meaning here)
When serving time's divine decree,
They fall to earth, no more to rise,
While the lonely wind laments and sighs:
"Parce eis, Domine,
—Spare the dying, Lord, today."

Ah, friends, go out to where the tomb-stones stand
Forsaken on that hallowed sod,
Each lifting up its marble hand
In suppliant longing unto God.
Go out—for many a loved one lies
Forgotten, while the sad wind sighs:
"Rest eternal give to them,
—Dona eis requiem
Sempiternam."

-Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.

Servers

- SUN 11/15 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson TH:
A. Richesson ACs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson MC: B. Lotarski
TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor, T. Lawrence, D. Simpson
11:30 AM Low: Nick & Peter McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller