

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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THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY



¶ HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family. Sunday classes resume at 10:40 AM. Pick up an Epiphany Home Blessing kit and use it today. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

How did Jesus advance in age, wisdom, and grace? *He showed new effects of the wisdom and grace with which He was filled, as He advanced in years, and thus teaches us to progress the more in virtue, and fulfill the duties of our state in life that we may attain perfection hereafter.*

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY II

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. 📖 Set Your Missal: Epiphany II, with commemoration of St. Anthony the Abbot. Preface of the Trinity.

Why did Mary say: Son, why hast Thou done so to us? *These words were forced from her by pain at the absence of her Son, Whom she loved above all things, and not by indignation, for He was blameless. Mary's conduct should teach parents to remember their duty of caring for their children, and punish them when they do wrong.*

¶ CALLING ALL DRIVERS!

We are in need of more drivers to help with Clergy Airport Transportation (CAT). To join the CAT Club community, please use this Share Community URL

(<https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/721298/request-to-join>) and sign up today! Women as well as men can help with this important apostolate.

Lumen Christi

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

Return to Faith of my children and grandchildren
(Mrs. Joan Landry)



AND HE WENT DOWN WITH THEM AND CAME TO NAZARETH AND WAS SUBJECT TO THEM...

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, thou art after Jesus our only hope. O Most Holy Virgin, whose merits have raised thee high above angel choirs to the very throne of the Eternal and whose foot crushed the head of the infernal serpent, thou art strong against the enemies of our salvation. O Mother of God, thou art our Mediatrix most kind and loving. Hasten, then, to our help, and as thou didst once save thy beloved city from ravaging flames and our country from an alien foe, do now have pity on our misery, and obtain for us the graces we beg of thee. Deliver us from the wiles of Satan, assist us in the many trials which beset our path in this valley of tears, and be to us truly Our Lady of Prompt Succor now and especially at the hour of our death. Amen. *(Continued on back page)*

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$160 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. God reward your generosity.

Why did the child Jesus remain in Jerusalem? *Because of His love of prayer and communion with His Heavenly Father, and to show, even then, some rays of His divinity, by which to make known that He had come for the glory of His Father, and to procure our salvation. The glory of God and the salvation of our souls should be our chief object in life.*

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2nd: Candlemas. *Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by our Winter Soup Supper.*

Tuesday, February 9th: Mardi Gras

February 10th: Ash Wednesday, *a day of ashes and Holy Masses to start our Lent.*

February 12th: *The first of our weekly Friday Evenings of Recollection, with 5:45 PM Mass followed by supper and the Stations of the Cross.*

Why does the Gospel say according to the custom of the feast? *That we may understand, that like Mary and Joseph, we should be punctual in observing the ecclesiastical festivals and holy usages, and like true Catholics should observe them. Parents should require their children at an early age to take part in prayer, attend church and school, and see that they conduct themselves quietly and reverently while there. Mary and Joseph took the holy Child Jesus with them to the temple.*

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Jean Bichel, Les Pomerville, and all of our sick and shut in, and the bad backed priests who are far from shut in.

THE MYSTERY OF THE EPIPHANY

Oh, when will that blessed day come on which we shall do as the Wise Men did, and, leaving everything, give ourselves to God?

I say, my brethren, that their faithfulness to their calling was strong; they overcame every difficulty and hindrance which stood in their way, so as to follow the star. And what sacrifices they had to make! They had to leave their country, their palaces, their families, and their kingdom, or in other words, they had to leave everything which was most dear to them in this world.



To part from them they underwent the fatigues of a long and troublesome journey, and all this of a very cold season of the year: everything seemed to stand in the way of their undertaking. How much ridicule did they not have to put up with from their equals, and even from the people? But no! Nothing daunts them from undertaking this important journey. You see here plainly, my brethren, that the merit of the true faith consists in this: that we sacrifice all that which we love best to obey the voice of grace which calls to us.

-St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, († 1859); the patron of priests.

EPIPHANY WATER



THE BLESSING of Epiphany water is of Oriental inspiration. The Eastern Church has long emphasized in its celebration of Epiphany the mystery of our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, and by analogy our baptism. Albeit the mind of the Western Church has not neglected this aspect, as the texts of the

feast demonstrate, in practice Western Catholics have concentrated on the mystery of the Magi. The Latin Rite has adopted this blessing of the Orient, and officially included it in the Roman Ritual on December 6, 1890. But for many years previous, diocesan rituals, notably in Germany, had contained a blessing of Epiphany water. This blessing is an especially rich one, including many of the Church's prayers and exorcisms. The Epiphany Water is available in the vestibule.

ONE OF THE MANY PRAYERS OF THE BLESSING

O God, Who for man's salvation dost dispense wondrous mysteries with the efficacious sign of water, hearken to our prayer—pouring forth Thy benediction † upon this element which we consecrate with manifold purifications. Let this creature serve Thee in expelling demons and curing diseases. Whatsoever it sprinkles in the homes of the faithful, be it cleansed and delivered from harm. Let such homes enjoy a spirit of goodness and an air of tranquility, freed from baneful and hidden snares. By the sprinkling of this water may everything opposed to the safety and repose of them that dwell therein be banished, so that they may possess the well-being they seek in calling upon Thy holy Name, and be protected from all peril. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. R. Amen.



A CONSECRATION FOR FAMILIES

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, Who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, wished to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Defend us, guard and establish among us Thy holy fear, true peace and concord in Christian love; in order that by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family we may be able, all of us without



exception, to attain to eternal happiness. Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and our mother, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; so that we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be (3 times)

500 days indulgence

PRAYER FOR FAMILY

May Thy presence, most Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever bless our home and fill it with the virtues so perfectly practiced in Thy own Holy Family at Nazareth. Protect us from all dangers, bless our endeavors, and keep always in our family the spirit of love, peace, and happiness. Amen.

Collection Report

Friday, January 1st.....\$4,825.00
 Sunday, January 3rd.....\$3,426.00
 Second Collection.....\$962.00
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will!

A happy and Holy Family day to all of our families. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple is yet another manifestation of Christ's divinity, a theophany. In some small, steady sense each of our Catholic families are called to manifest Christ's divinity by their daily life and example to an unbelieving world. As Hobbes told Calvin: "Being with you, it's just one epiphany after another." That's the idea. Fr. Cekada has a prized Calvin and Hobbes mug for his morning coffee.

Wet winter came in on Friday, but we were blessed with wonderfully sunny, mild days last week for the visit of Fr. Mardones. It was nice to catch up on the news, and for this usually solitary priest to have some clerical company for a few days.

The Epiphany Solemn Mass was just grand, so fitting for the arrival of the King of Kings, as we honored one of His faithful priests who has fought the good fight under difficult, dangerous conditions now for 25 years in Mexico, as well as El Paso, Texas. Ad multos annos, Padre Roberto Mardones! Father reminded me that Fr. Antonio Ferriera, who was with us for several years in the 90's, was also celebrating his Silver Anniversary last week, on January 8th. We extend to him as well our best wishes and prayers on this happy day.

Our seminarian from Northern Ohio, Paul Wesner, visited briefly with us last week, helping us again with a sacristy project, as well as some driving. Andy Hoxie from Michigan has become a good friend over the years, and helped us enormously for different feast days and Forty Hours. He too was a welcome visitor for Epiphany, a fit figure for the entourage of the Kings.

Darlene, who so devoutly helped us in the sacristy for a number of years, now continues her recovery at home. I am not sure of her future plans, but I am sure you join with me in wishing her the best for a speedy recovery. She appreciates your prayers very much.

Les Pomerville, who has been playing the 11:30 Mass fairly regularly, is home again with another bout of cancer. We send our prayers and concern to this old friend of ours from Dayton, hoping for a speedy recovery.

Many thanks to Mark Lotarski who put on his party planner/chef hat for Epiphany's fine dinner. We had an excellent attendance and an excellent time. Fr. Mardones enjoyed a nice visit with many of you, but especially with Mary and Kyle McGuire, old friends of his.

I was impressed at how many of you Father remembered, including names, and dates for so many of our dear dead, including Ernie for whom he prayed (as for you all) at the Epiphany Mass. To be thus united, to be so remembered in prayer, is such a consolation, surely the best of all.

Fr. Cekada is our guest celebrant for the High Mass today, with one of his young protégés at the keyboard. Father goes to the seminary tomorrow to teach the first week of Hilary term, as the English call it.

We have both mice and a broken stove in the Helfta Hall Kitchen. They will both have to go, I hope in time for Lent, with its church suppers. Christmas runs into Lent this year, as Easter is so early, March 27. We were already planning out the travel schedule for Lent and Holy Week on Epiphany.



Fr. Cekada has been keeping busy with posting articles and videos on the internet, trying to debunk some of the "tribal myths" as he calls them, of traditional Catholics concerning the pope and obedience. So many themselves have slipped into material schism or near heresy in their efforts to "stay with Tradition." We would like to just remain Catholic.

Bergoglio is cooperating with our presentations by pronouncing one or more heresies a week. This true son of the V2 revolution never tires in his work, and makes it difficult for the "Recognize and Resist" crowd to continue trying to square the circle.

Do keep our priests in your prayers. Back problems remain, which make travel difficult. Thank you for your prayers for them and for our sick. Let us never forget our fallen away, and vocations.

For my part I remember you all, with prayerful gratitude. Thank you especially for your generous Christmas offerings which enable us to meet our bills at this season.

Fr. Nkamuke had his three Christmas Masses in three different missions. His students return as well from Christmas break this week. Thank you for continuing Abraham's Burse.

Finally, I will thank you in advance for your help with driving the priests. This is a quiet, behind the scenes service which helps us, and the souls in the missions, so much. It also is an excellent opportunity to visit with a priest, maybe to get some questions answered. Women as well as men could lend a hand, and do a good deed for a priest in need. We have so much at our church, but this is a way to give back a little. God reward you.

I send a blessing home with you today, as well as the Epiphany kit for your home blessing. A doubly blessed Holy Family Day!

-Bishop Dolan

Most amiable Jesus! Who in the twelfth year of Thy age, didst permit Thyself to be found in the temple by Thy parents, and, as an example for us, wast humbly obedient to them, grant that we may diligently attend to the important affair of our salvation, willingly carry the yoke of Thy law from our youth, and be always obedient to the laws of Thy Church, to our parents, and superiors. Prevent uneducated youth from growing reckless, and preserve them from a scandalous life. Give parents wisdom and grace to educate their children according to Thy will in all virtue. Grant to us all, that we may never lose Thee by sin, or if we have lost Thee, anxiously to seek Thee, happily find Thee, and with Thy grace more and more increase in wisdom and in virtue. Amen.

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

MON	1/11/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. HYGINUS, PM 11:20 AM High Mass Jean Bischel (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
TUE	1/12/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. BENET BISCOP, AB 8:00 AM Low Mass For all my relatives living & dead (<i>Patrick A. Omlor</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Elizabeth L. Smith (<i>Tom & Mary Gosney</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Sr. Isidore Maria (<i>Christopher P. Brown</i>) (rescheduled)
WED	1/13/16	OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls—Special Intention (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention—Godchildren (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Gunsher & family (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)
THU	1/14/16	ST. HILARY, BPCD ST. FELIX, PRM 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. McGuire's Special Intention—Thank you! (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass For Mary & Pauline (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Anne Marie & Paddy Omlor (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
FRI	1/15/16	ST. PAUL, FIRST HERMIT ST. MAURUS, AB OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR 8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. John L. Timura (Mary)—50 th Wedding Anniversary (<i>Ryan Timura</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Papa & Mom Current—Happy Anniversary (<i>Samantha</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena III 5:45 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Elizabeth Smith (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/16/16	ST. MARCELLUS I, PM 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Miss Kathleen Mary West—Happy Birthday (<i>The Simpson family</i>) 8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass †Delores Maki (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>) (from 1-6-16)
SUN	1/17/16	EPIPHANY II ST. ANTHONY, AB OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN 7:30 AM Low Mass Mom, Dad, & family (<i>John Brueggemann</i>) (rescheduled from 1/10) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass The Pat Patton Family (<i>The Wilkers</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass Diane Puglielli (<i>Grandchildren</i>)

XLI: GIFTS OF THE MAGI

A grander throne than Solomon's of old,
Though wrought of rough-hewn wood and winter hay,
Received the royal deference of gold
From one who watched a star by night and day.

A nobler incense, burning without end,
Nor gathered from the bleeding of a tree,
Received the homage, from an eastern friend,
Of earthly resin's scent, on bended knee.

And He whose very body was his balm
When He was laid within the frigid tomb,
Received the myrrh foretelling death's dead calm
Before life's dawning at the end of doom.

For, men of wisdom such oblations bring
That render justice to so great a King.

-Joseph McKenzie

In Epiphania Domini Anno MMXVI



Our Lady of Prompt Succor

The feast of Our Lady of Prompt Succor has special significance for Americans, for this statue is the most famous miraculous image in U.S. history.

In 1727, French Ursuline nuns founded a monastery and schools in New Orleans, Louisiana. By 1803, Mother Saint Andre Madier sent a request for more nuns to Mother Saint Michel in France. The bishop, short-handed because of the French Revolution, declined the request. Mother Saint Michel decided to appeal to the pope, who was at that time a prisoner of Napoleon. She prayed to Our Lady to obtain a prompt answer, promising of she did so to honor her in New Orleans under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. She sent her letter on March 19, 1809, and against all odds, received a favorable response on April 29, 1809. She had permission to go to New Orleans and to take several postulants with her.

Mother Saint Michel commissioned the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and brought it to New Orleans, where it remains today. Since then, Our Lady of Prompt Succor has interceded for many who have sought her help on numerous occasions.

Two miracles in particular—the preservation of the monastery from the fire which raged in the city in 1812, and the victory of General Andrew Jackson over a much larger British force in 1815—are attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

Servers

SUN 1/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, A. Richesson TH: L. Arlinghaus ACs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TORCH: Dima Holbrook, B. Lotarski (MC), T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas & Nathan McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERs: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller