

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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

January 24, 2016

SEPTUAGESIMA

ST. TIMOTHY, BPM

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After the 9:00 AM Mass today we close the novena of the 12 Sundays of Our Mother of Good Counsel. We continue as well the Chair of Unity Octave. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Benediction and Devotions are at 5:15 PM.

Thy will be done!
500 days

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEXAGESIMA

Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Benediction and Devotions will be at 5:15 PM.

Set Your Missal: Sexagesima, with commemorations of St. John Bosco and St. Francis de Sales. Preface of the Trinity.

My God, I love Thee.
300 days



¶ THE SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our annual Sorrowful Mother Novena began this past Friday, but it's not too late to submit the first names of your sick, those in the Armed Forces, and those of your deceased. Just call or email the church office. The Infant of Prague Novena continues *before* the 5:45 PM Friday Mass, and, as always, the Sacred Heart Novena is during Benediction.

O Mary, queen of the clergy, pray for us; and obtain for us many and holy priests.
300 days

Lumen Christi

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

In thanksgiving to St. Philomena for favors granted.
(Todd & Jennifer Porter)



"GO YOU ALSO INTO MY VINEYARD."

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

This Friday: feast of St. Francis de Sales, our archdiocesan patron saint.

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

February 3rd: St. Blaise. Blessing of throats.

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.

¶ OUR SICK

Teresa Svetz, recovery of Pat Kolb, Beth and Ana Prell, Angela Segrist, Becky Mattingly, who had a stroke, and all of our sick and shut in.

May the grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten our senses and our hearts.

500 days

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2016

Please note these important dates:

- *First Confessions & Testing:* Saturday, April 16. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

- *Children's Day of Recollection:* Thursday, May 12.

- *Confirmation:* Saturday, May 14.

- *First Communion:* Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, March 16th. If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 16th.

It is sometimes difficult to know if the children are ready, but if they know their basics, and are reverent at Mass, they probably are! Please speak with Bishop Dolan.

Collection Report

Sunday, January 17th.....\$3,784.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will!

It was the Church which from the earliest times gave the greatest encouragement to the fine arts.



We owe Plain Chant or Gregorian to St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397 A.D.) and St. Gregory the Great (604 A.D.), and its developments to many other artists. It was the Popes who encouraged men like Palestrina (1594). Twice in its history the Church resisted the Iconoclast (or image-breaking) movement, at Nicæa in 787, and at Trent in 1563. Artists of world-wide fame, such as Leonardo da Vinci (1519), Raphael (1520), Michael Angelo (1564), Correggio (1564), Canova (1822), etc., owned much of their success to the support of the Popes. It was the cloister which produced some of the finest artists and their works.

It was the Church which made whole tracts of land fertile and habitable.

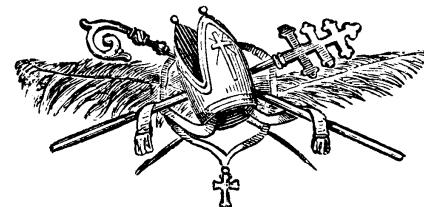
The work of the Benedictines and Cistercians in the way of clearing and draining land and developing agriculture was especially conspicuous in the German forests. The same work was carried on in savage countries by the Trappists and other religious Orders.

It is to priests and monks that we owe some of the greatest discoveries.

The Deacon Flavio Gioja discovered the magnet and compass in 1300; Viet, a monk of Arezzo, discovered the scale, the rules of music and harmony; the Dominican Spina

the use of spectacles; the Franciscan Berthold Schwarz gunpowder (1300); the Jesuit Kircher exhibited the first burning glass (1646); Copernicus, a canon of Frauenburg discovered his famous system (1507); the Jesuit Cavaliere the components of white light (1647); the Spanish Benedictine Pontius invented a method of teaching deaf-mutes (1570); the Jesuit Lana a way of teaching the blind to read (1687); and the Jesuit Secchi (1878) made many discoveries with regard to sun-spots. The Dominican Caladoni invented a type-setter to replace the compositor. The enemies of the Church are always crying her down as opposed to progress, enlightenment, and freedom. (!)

*O Lord, grant unto Thy Church
saintly priests and fervent religious.
300 days' indulgence*



Bless, O Lord, this new liturgical season which opens today. By penetrating its spirit may we be disposed, with Thine aid, for a serious reform of our spiritual lives. Let us then, with St. Paul, "run in the race" that we may "receive the prize." Infuse in us, O Lord, new strength to take up more eagerly the course which will lead us to win the "incorruptible crown" of sanctity. As we begin this prelude to Lent, the traditional time for spiritual reform, grant unto us a generous spirit to struggle to overcome ourselves, to conquer evil and achieve goodness; denial of self by humility; denial of the body by physical mortification. Only those who struggle and exert themselves will win the prize. Therefore let us also run in such a way as to obtain the reward. Amen.

XLII: LOVE FALSE

There is a love that men, today,
embrace,
Its language is a cheap, indifferent
creed,
A love that fills emotion's puny
space,
But mocks the heart in its pro-
foundest need.

Love's holy sacraments this love
defiles,
And strips Love's Object of His
Majesty,
A love whose acolytes wear paint-
ed smiles,
Whose worship is a low profanity.

This love Love's noblest temples
desecrates,
And leaves but faith's evacuated
shell,
And Christ's crazed crucifiers con-
secrates
With incense wafted from the
smoke of hell.

I think this love not new, but old, of
date:
Before it donned Love's robes, we
called it hate.

-Joseph McKenzie
Tertia die infra Octavam Epiphaniae
Anno MMXVI



*All for Thee,
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
300 days' indulgence*

Winter arrived last week, right on time for the traditional Chair of Unity Octave, and January 22's prolific devotions. How cold—and slippery—are those who kill our babies, and the faith of the innocent throughout the world.

Still, we are grateful to have had most of our Christmas with mild weather, and good attendance, and grateful too for the beauty the ice and snow bring with them. But so cold! Ice and snow, bless the Lord.

Blessings to Fr. Cekada and Fr. Lehtoranta who stay behind this week while the rest of us decamp to Tampa for the annual Seminary Retreat. A retreat furnishes much needed silence and prayer for priests and seminarians, the recharging of spiritual batteries for our busy clergy. The warm weather doesn't hurt. I'll be back Friday.

But today's purple vestments spell spring on the Church's calendar. We are counting the days until an early, March Easter, and count seventy today. In two and a half weeks Lent will arrive. Let it not catch you unaware. This is our planning period. Think penance and prayer in the light of Christmas.

Next week we get a foretaste of Holy Week with the Mass of the Candles and its little procession on February 2. Don't miss it, and our Winter Soup Supper—always lots of fun—along with Mardi Gras thrown in for good measure. That Friday will be the first of February with its All Night Adoration, *praying* for a good Lent. Then the real thing arrives with ashes for all on Wednesday, February 10th.

Fr. Cekada has produced another entertaining video about a deadly serious subject (*The Pope Speaks. YOU Decide!* <http://www.fathercekada.com/2016/01/19/the-pope-speaks-you-decide/>). Be sure to watch these educational offerings, and send them to others. Such a change in the Faith has occurred over the past fifty years. The religion of V2 has changed everything, and it is the job of Francis to put it all into practice. The R&R/SSPX folks bend—and break—the faith to make it fit both the modern mold and the old, Catholic doctrines they've chosen to keep. What confusion. Even traditionalists have modernistic, heterodox ideas about church, papacy, and infallibility. Our sermon series on the faith comes at a good time, then. Read, study and most of all pray for a strong Faith daily.

Friday is the feast of our patron saint here in Cincinnati, St. Francis de Sales. He knew how to combine gentle, winning affability with uncompromising orthodoxy. We need his intercession, and example, today.

Fr. Cekada had an impromptu animal blessing close to St. Anthony's Day last week at school. The children turned out to watch as he blessed a couple of labs for a former parishioner. Very friendly—the dogs as well as the former parishioner. Fr. Cekada is getting a name for himself as a dog blesser. He is taking care of the cats this week. He says that Caravaggio eventually warms up to him after a day or two, and *might* even do a lap visit.

Well, blessings upon you for this last week of January, and of Christmastime. Did you ever get around to bringing the Epiphany blessing to your home?

God bless you!

-Bishop Dolan



Our Beloved Dead – January

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
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
Althea LeBlanc	1-12-2013
John A. Donadio	1-14-2004
James W. Bragley	1-15-1991
Vivian Deardorff	1-15-1996
Kim LeBlanc	1-17-2015
Evelyn Rentschler	1-18-1999
George C. Vande Ryt	1-18-1997
Robert J. Kunkel	1-19-1995
Rev. Eldred Leslie	1-21-2009
Nellie Sutton	1-23-2014
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



Heart of Jesus, most meek, most humble, most patient, school my heart in patience, meekness and humility. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for me, kindle my heart with love of Thee. Heart of Jesus, have compassion upon me.

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved, with grateful affection at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

CALENDAR

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

MON	1/25/16	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AP CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ." 11:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls – Gratitude (DJR)
TUE	1/26/16	ST. POLYCARP, BPM <i>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass In Thanksgiving (JM) 11:20 AM High Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
WED	1/27/16	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM; BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass St. Jude Thank You for answered prayers (<i>Rios Family</i>) (from 1/28) 11:20 AM High Mass For Mary & Pauline (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
THU	1/28/16	ST. PETER NOLASCO, C ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME) 11:20 AM High Mass Purgatorial Society
FRI	1/29/16	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI 8:00 AM Low Mass †Hannah Mae Keaveney (Gerry's mother) (<i>The Wilkers</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass In thanksgiving for the Faithful at R.R. (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena V 5:45 PM Low Mass Bp. Dolan – Anniversary of Consecration (<i>Christopher P. Browne</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena II Blessing of the Sick 6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/30/16	ST. MARTINA, VM 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Poor Souls & Holy Court – In Gratitude 8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tomasi & family (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)
SUN	1/31/16	SEXAGESIMA ST. JOHN BOSCO 7:30 AM Low Mass Our Parents (<i>Dale & Debbie Wilker</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Richard Smith (<i>Becky & John Ellis</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Martin Alter Family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



SEPTUAGESIMA PRAYER

O most benign God, Who, out of pure grace, without any merit of ours, hast called us, Thy unworthy servants, to the true faith, into the vineyard of the holy Catholic Church, and does require us to work in it for the sanctification of our souls, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may never be idle but be found always faithful workers, and that that which in past years we have failed to do, we may make up for in future by greater zeal and persevering industry, and work being done, may receive the promised reward in heaven, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.



XL: FOR HOLY PURITY

Beyond the curtain of my winter's room
The air is cold, the universe lay dead;
A Christmas moon casts silver on the gloom,
And snow across the ashen waste is spread.

White barren branches bar the broken sky;
No sound awakes, no animal bestirs;
The world in quiet sleeps without a sigh,
And planets count the clockwork of the years.

But you, O restless flame of my soul's sin,
Forever finding novel fuel to burn,
Be quenched! That I my victory should win,
And like the guiltless snow, to peace return.

Ere winter's final frost my soul enshrouds,
And Mercy's star is cloaked by tarnished clouds.

-Joseph McKenzie
In festo Sanctorum Innocentium
Anno MMXV
For ProLife Day and Holy Innocents.

S e r v e r s

SUN 1/31	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Simpson, N. McClorey MC: B. Lotarski TH: A. Richesson ACs: C. Richesson, T. Lawrence TORCH: C. Arlingahus, N. & P. McClorey, M. Simpson 11:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor, A.D. Kinnett 4:45 PM VESPERS: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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