

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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April 17, 2016
EASTER III
SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



¶ ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Sunday Classes are as usual at 10:40 AM. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be given at the Communion Rail after all Masses. There are no Vespers today.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER IV

You are invited to our annual School Spring Program after the 11:30 AM Mass next Sunday, followed by a festive spaghetti dinner. There is no charge, but free will donations for our school are gratefully accepted. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers. Sunday Compline will be at 6:55 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Easter IV, with the collect of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen. Preface of Easter.

¶ MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

Envelopes will be found in the pews. To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass on Mother's Day, fill out an envelope and return it to an usher or to the Gift Shop today, or drop it off at the church office.



St. Joseph, to thee do I entrust my soul: do thou save it for me!

Lumen Christi

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

All members of the Soli Family
(Patton Family)



A LITTLE WHILE, AND YOU
SHALL NOT SEE ME

¶ CONFIRMATIONS

The sacrament of Confirmation will be solemnly administered on Saturday, May 14. Anyone, child or adult, who wishes to receive the sacrament, should contact the church office at (513) 645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org for the necessary form. If you're new and were confirmed in the Novus Ordo (since 1971), you *really* should receive a conditional Confirmation.

Ite ad Joseph



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Shirley Reagan, the grandmother of Michelle Mikesell, who died last week.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

In your prayers please remember Ronald Cook, Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada, Joseph Mundy, and all of our sick and shut in.

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

Confirmation will be administered on Saturday, May 14th, during the Pentecost Vigil Mass. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos are scheduled at the conclusion of the Pentecost Vigil. The *obligatory* Day of Recollection for all First Communicants is Thursday, May 12th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



First Holy Communion will be administered during the 9:00 AM High Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29th.



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

The Girls' Camp is scheduled for June 22-24, with the St. John's Bonfire and Parish Picnic on June 23rd. The Boys' Camp will be July 26-28.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 10th.....\$4,893.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



TODAY'S MASS might be represented by a Triptych, showing us that Saint Joseph is the protector, which Divine Providence has chosen for His Church.

1. The Epistle speaks to us of Joseph, who, in The Old Testament, is a figure of Saint Joseph. The dying Jacob prophesies that his son, Joseph,



"shall be the Pastor and Strength of Israel, and that The Almighty shall shower Blessings upon him." And Joseph was established by Pharaoh over the entire land of Egypt, so that the salvation of all depended upon him. [The Lessons and Responses of The First Nocturn of Matins.] The whole Church has recourse to Saint Joseph with confidence.

2. The Gospel, Collect, and Communion, explaining the connection between The Heavenly Trinity and The Holy Family, this Trinity on Earth, show forth the power of Saint Joseph. Jesus is, at the same time, Son of God and Son of man. Mary is The Spouse of The Holy Ghost, and it is the will of God The Father that Saint Joseph should be considered father of Christ and that he should exercise paternal rights over Him (Preface).

3. Lastly, the Introit, Collects, Alleluia, and Offertory, show us Saint Joseph as the guardian of the new Jerusalem, which is The Church, to watch over her in the midst of all her tribulations.

Full of confidence in the patronage of Saint Joseph, let us honour his Title of Protector on Earth, so as to deserve his help from Heaven (Collect).

In obedience, Joseph took Mary to be his wife, knowing that she was with child by the power of God. His character was proven in repeated difficulties: the journey to Bethlehem, the sojourn into Egypt, the loss and then the mysterious finding of the Child Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem. Joseph and Mary's self-giving love for each other formed a "Church in miniature" (ecclesia domestica) that protected and nurtured the Child Jesus through His hidden years. Together, they form the model for the Christian family. Having died in the company of Mary and Jesus, Joseph is considered the patron of a happy death.



FIDELE

Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages:

Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o' the great,
Thou art past the tyrant's stroke;
Care no more to clothe and eat;
To thee the reed is as the oak:
The sceptre, learning, physic, must
All follow this, and come to dust.

Fear no more the lightning-flash,
Nor the all-dreaded thunder-stone;
Fear not slander, censure rash;
Thou hast finish'd joy and moan:
All lovers young, all lovers must
Consign to thee, and come to dust.

No exorciser harm thee!
Nor no witchcraft charm thee!
Ghost unlaid forbear thee!
Nothing ill come near thee!
Quiet consummation have;
And renownèd be thy grave!

-William Shakespeare 1564-1616

A homage to the Bard for the 400th anniversary of his



St. Gertrude the Great School Spring Program

A Spring Fling

From Shakespeare to Shirley Temple



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, IN HELFTA HALL AT 12:50 PM



A charming heartwarming performance by the children,
followed by a festive spaghetti dinner!





DON'T MISS IT! We want YOU to come!

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Blessed Solemnity of St. Joseph. Our Lord's adoptive father, our great Catholic patron and protector, was lost in the palms the day before Holy Week last month, so we are especially grateful for his Paschaltide feast this year. Last Wednesday's Solemn High Mass, St. Joseph's Table and the Blessing of Bread enabled us to honor this great saint, as does today's Sunday Solemnity, and our continuing novena.

How much we Catholics need St. Joseph's protection, far more than most realize. The latest document issued by Bergoglio on love and marriage is truly revolutionary. "Amoris Laetitia" *destroys the entire Christian religion*, rather than merely permitting, encouraging, those living in sin to approach the sacraments. **Bishop Sanborn** and **Fr. Cekada** just gave a devastating two hour critique which you can hear on Restoration Radio, if you can afford to. Otherwise, we will be sure to make written commentaries available.

I hear it snowed a bit last weekend. But last week's cold weather was a bit of a relief, actually. It slowed down somewhat Summer's inexorable march, enabling us to enjoy a few more cold crisp days of Spring sunshine before the warm weather. But the coldness *inside* church and the Church leaves me feeling chilly.

Last Sunday we had a record low attendance. I am grieved at so many missing Mass, but cheered that our actual *faithful* are always here, in number about 250. The fire of your charity burns bright. The rest are part-timers or visitors, welcome of course, but not to be counted on. Our faithful faithfully support our Mass and the collection each Sunday in a very regular fashion. I am very grateful to you for your fidelity.

The rest are visitors from other chapels, and those who attend occasionally but donate rarely. We are always happy to see them, and encourage them to be faithful, and to observe the Precepts of the Church, especially the First: To hear Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation; and the Fifth: To contribute to the support of our pastors. Due to ignorance and coldness of heart, many traditional Catholics observe the Lord's Day only by committing two mortal sins.

But coldness, cowardice even, extends to many good churchgoing traditional Catholics. Holy Mother Church is under attack from Rome itself, and very few have the courage, the Holy Ghost Confirmation courage, to separate themselves from the herd which recognizes, and is now recognized *by* this antichrist Bergoglio. It is a cozy, convenient arrangement to be sure. Bishop Fellay says the latest document from Rome "makes us cry," but it should make them *cry out* "Wolf!" and

unmask the false shepherd. But no. Coldness and cowardice obtain almost everywhere, and convenience dictates the *un cum* Mass.



On the 28th of April it will be 33 years since we nine priests were expelled from the Pius X Society. And why? "Disobedience" they will say, pride or sedevacantism. But the truth is that like St. Thomas More, "we would not bend to the marriage." We refused the scandalous American marriage annulments of the 1970's. **Archbishop Lefebvre** wanted to impose them on us in view of a deal (always deals! always discussions with the devil) with Ratzinger. In a word, politics. Later, for awhile, even the Conciliar church recognized the scandal of the American annulments. Now those rules and more have returned with a vengeance under Francis. But church politics never change. Principle, doctrine must bend today to the new ways. We will not, and *are proud* Pius X gave us our walking papers so long ago, because we dared to stand up for the sanctity of marriage. Now, marriage and everything else Catholic is washed away.

Thank you for your prayers for a safe Mexican trip. All went well visiting **Fr. Villegas'** two border churches in Baja California. The weather was unusually pleasant. It rained in Mexicali just before I arrived, and it only rains there once a year! The three-hour time difference, however, was fatiguing during the action packed weekend. My favorite part was an utterly charming play of the life of St. Gertrude the Great, presented by the catechism school in Tijuana. The catechism teachers wrote and rehearsed this little production, and the children eagerly and eloquently performed it. It was wonderful.

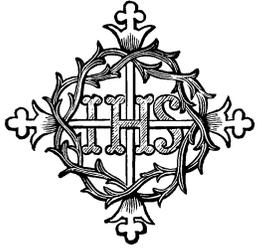
It was nice working with our own First Communion children yesterday, as they made their First Confessions. Their innocence and eagerness are just what we jaded adults need. "...to God who gives joy to my youth." Indeed!

Some of us are observing Shakespeare's 400th anniversary of death today, but all of us use so many of his words and phrases without ever realizing it. Read some poetry aloud today, look up a quote or two: "Life every man holds dear; but the brave man holds honor far more precious-dear than life." (Troilus and Cressida, Act 5, Scene 3.)

May St. Joseph bless you, and bless you in your Catholic Faith. Hold it dear.

Bishop Dolan

"[SATAN] WILL SET UP a counter-church which will be the ape of the [Catholic] Church ... It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content."



We are living in the days of the Apocalypse, the last days of our era. The two great forces—the Mystical Body of Christ and the Mystical Body of the anti-Christ—are beginning to draw battle lines for the catastrophic contest.

The False prophet will have a religion without a cross. A religion without a world to come. A religion to destroy religions. There will be a counterfeit Church.

Christ's Church the Catholic Church will be one; and the false Prophet will create the other.

The False Church will be worldly, ecumenical, and global. It will be a loose federation of churches and religions, forming some type of global association.

A world parliament of Churches. It will be emptied of all Divine content, it will be the mystical body of the anti-christ. The Mystical Body on earth today will have its Judas Iscariot, and he will be the false prophet. Satan will recruit him from our Bishops.

The Antichrist will not be so called; otherwise he would have no followers. He will not wear red tights, nor vomit sulphur, nor carry a trident nor wave an arrowed tail as Mephistopheles in Faust. This masquerade has helped the Devil convince men that he does not exist. When no man recognizes, the more power he exercises. God has defined Himself as "I am Who am," and the Devil as "I am who am not."

Nowhere in Sacred Scripture do

we find warrant for the popular myth of the Devil as a buffoon who is dressed like the first "red." Rather is he described as an angel fallen from heaven, as "the Prince of this world," whose business it is to tell us that there is no other world. His logic is simple: if there is no heaven there is no hell; if there is no hell, then there is no sin; if there is no sin, then there is no judge, and if there is no judgment then evil is good and good is evil. But above all these descriptions, Our Lord tells us that he will be so much like Himself that he would deceive even the elect—and certainly no devil ever seen in picture books could deceive even the elect. How will he come in this new age to win followers to his religion?

The pre-Communist Russian belief is that he will come disguised as the Great Humanitarian; he will talk peace, prosperity and plenty not as means to lead us to God, but as ends in themselves ...



The third temptation in which Satan asked Christ to adore him and all the kingdoms of the world would be His, will become the temptation to have a new religion without a Cross, a liturgy without a world to come, a religion to destroy a religion, or a politics which is a religion—one that renders unto Caesar even the things that are God's.

In the midst of all his seeming love for humanity and his glib talk of freedom and equality, he will have one great secret which he will tell to no one: he will not believe in God. Because his religion will be brotherhood without the fatherhood of God, he will deceive even the elect.

He will set up a counterchurch which will be the ape of the Church, because he, the Devil, is the ape of God. It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content. It will be a mystical body of the Antichrist that will in all externals resemble the mystical body of Christ ...

But the twentieth century will join the counterchurch because it claims to be infallible when its visible head speaks ex cathedra from Moscow on the subject of economics and politics, and as chief shepherd of world communism.

(Fulton J. Sheen, Communism and the Conscience of the West [Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, 1948], pp. 24-25)



*Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem
drowns*

*All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him Who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to Whom is
given*

*The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many
crowns
For He is King of all.*

ST. JOSEPH, PROTECTOR OF
HOLY CHURCH

All the saints in heaven are deeply concerned about every soul whose sanctification or salvation still hangs in the fickle balance of its own free will. But until the Book of Life is filled, St. Joseph must be conceived as the powerful and ever dependable official protector and grand almoner for all human souls on earth who are already adopted or destined to be adopted into the family of God.

Hence, who will doubt that St. Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin Mother of the incarnate Son of God, and the foster father to that Son Himself, is all love and solicitude



for every member of the Church Militant, which is precisely the growing Mystical Body of his Foster Son? Or who will doubt that this personal interest of St. Joseph in every individual son and daughter of his spouse, and every brother and sister of his Divine Foster Child, is of a more intimate and delicate nature than that of the other saints?

Of course, during his life on earth Joseph scarcely had knowledge of the coming extension of Mary's Virgin Motherhood, nor of his own corresponding foster fatherhood, nor of Holy Church as the Mystical Body of his Foster Child. But now in heaven, with his fuller entrance into the mysterious of Nazareth and Bethlehem, as they are living on in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and stand revealed to him in heaven, how utterly beyond our present conception must be his appreciation of the high privilege of exercising his transcendent foster fatherhood!

Evidently, therefore, you cannot be wrong when you conceive the heart of St. Joseph in heaven as exceptionally like the heart of Mary, like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and like your heavenly Father's own heart of mercy, bounty, and love. Are you surprised at Holy Church's *Ite ad Joseph*—"Go to Joseph"?



ST. JOSEPH

God ordered the just St. Joseph to receive the Blessed Virgin as his faithful wife, even though her condition seemingly accused her; to accept as his own Son a Child with whom he had nothing in common except the home they shared; to honor as his God the One Whom he was obliged to serve as protector and guardian.

In these circumstances, where such delicate sentiments do not come naturally, it is only an extreme simplicity that can render the heart obedient and accommodating. How did St. Joseph proceed? With regard to his holy Spouse, never were his suspicions more moderate nor doubt more respectful; nevertheless, he was so just that he could not have been made fully aware without heaven becoming involved.



Thus, an angel announced to him on behalf of God

that she had conceived by the Holy Spirit. If his intentions had been less honorable, if he had belonged only partly to God, he would not have totally surrendered himself. In the deepest part of his soul there would have remained a hint of suspicion, and his affection for the Blessed Virgin would have for ever been tinged with doubt and fear. But his heart, which sought God in total simplicity, knowing nothing else but complete unity with him, had absolutely no difficulty in recognizing that the incorruptible virtue of his holy Spouse deserved the testimony of heaven.

His faith surpassed Abraham's, even though in the Scriptures the latter is depicted as the model of perfect faith and is praised in the Old Testament for having believed in the childbearing of a sterile woman. Joseph believed that of a Virgin, and he recognized in simplicity this great and impenetrable mystery of the virginal conception.

-Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet



Remember us, therefore, o blessed Joseph, and by the support of thy prayers, intercede for us with thy supposed Son! And also make gracious to us thy Virgin Spouse, the Mother of Him Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth through all ages. Amen. (From the sermon at Matins, by St Bernardine of Siena.)

✠ CALENDAR

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

- MON 4/18/16 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (Samantha)
11:20 AM High Mass Brian & Patrick Schwager (Ken & Colleen Schroepfer)
- TUE 4/19/16 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
8:00 AM Low Mass Marissa Schneider (Ken & Colleen Schroepfer)
11:20 AM High Mass †Virgil McCormick – 12th anniversary of his death (Margaret & Albert Daniel Kinnett)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Ronald Tammen, Jr. (Margaret Sutton)
- WED 4/20/16 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH**
8:00 AM Low Mass Mary Gosney – successful surgery and recovery (Beth Prell)
11:20 AM High Mass In honor of St. Joseph – Special Intention
5:00 PM Low Mass †Shirley Reagan (TRCS)
- THU 4/21/16 ST. ANSELM, BPCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Pat & †Charlie Cattoni (Rob & Jane Brockman)
11:20 AM High Mass Fr. James Thielen's 25th Anniversary of Ordination (St. Gertrude the Great School)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Vera Wright (Justin Soeder)
- FRI 4/22/16 STS. SOTER & CAIUS, PpMM**
 OPENING OF OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (Puglielli Family)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass Chad & Niki McGinnis (Fr. Lehtoranta)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Francis of Paola for Jenny (A.M. Omlor)
6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
- SAT 4/23/16 ST. GEORGE, M**
 OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass In honor of St. Joseph for Dad (Simpson kids)
Tridium to the Mother of Good Counsel
8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass St. Jude Thank You for Answered Prayers (Rios family)
- SUN 4/24/16 EASTER IV – MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL TRIDUUM**
 ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M
7:30 AM Low Mass The Brockman Family
9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass All our Godchildren (Paul & Karen Puglielli)
12:50 PM School Spring Program followed by Parish Spaghetti Dinner
5:45 PM Low Mass Rev. Jeremy Cyr (TRCS)
6:55 PM Sunday Compline

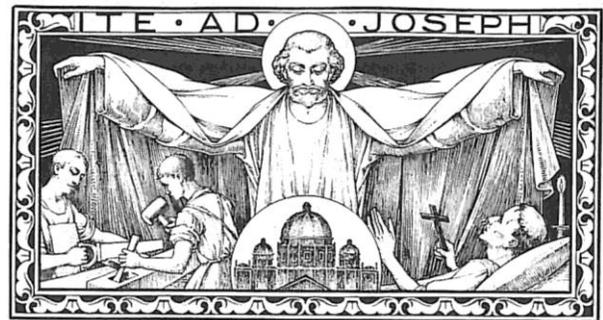
St. Joseph, obtain for me grace and mercy!

NAILS

Whenever the bright blue nails would drop
 Down on the floor of his carpenter shop,
 Saint Joseph, prince of carpenter men,
 Would stoop to gather them up again;
 For he feared for two little sandals sweet,
 And very easy to pierce they were
 As they pattered over the lumber there
 And rode on two little sacred feet.

But alas, on a hill between earth and heaven
 One day—two nails in a cross were driven,
 And fastened it firm to the sacred feet
 Where once rode two little sandals sweet;
 And Christ and His Mother looked off in death
 Afar—to the valley of Nazareth,
 Where the carpenter's shop was spread with dust
 And the little blue nails, all packed in rust,
 Slept in a box on the window-sill;
 And Joseph lay sleeping under the hill.

-Fr. Leonard Feeney



In her official litany composed in honor of St. Joseph, Holy Mother Church salutes and invokes him as "Protector of Holy Church." This title is rightly his in the light of the doctrine of the Mystical Body. The record of St. Joseph's fidelity during his life on earth in protecting Christ guarantees that now, in heaven, he continues to protect and cherish Christ's Church on earth.

St. Joseph, assist me in my struggle against the enemy of my salvation!

Servers

- SUN 4/24 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson TH: S. Arlinghaus ACs: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence TORCH: P. Omlor, D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, C. Richesson
 11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas & Nathan McClorey
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller