

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 8, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY

¶ THE HOLY FAMILY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family. We return to our regular Sunday Mass schedule. Sunday Classes resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Pick up an Epiphany Home Blessing Kit and use it today.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY II

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail next Sunday. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set your missal:* Epiphany II, with commemorations of St. Paul, First Hermit, and St. Maurus. Preface of the Nativity.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$158 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. God reward your generosity.



¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Angela Segrist, Jim Soli, recovering from surgery, Vic Ritze, Diane Puglielli, Marianne Youngworth, Joe Brueggemann, and Vicky Dowling.

ORDER OF PRAYER

The proper order is first to render thanks to God, then to confess our sinfulness, and repent of it, then to submit our petition. -St. Jerome

Lumen Christi

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

Fr. Cekada's Recovery
(Mr. & Mrs. David Marko)



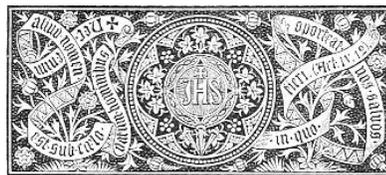
AND HE WAS SUBJECT TO THEM

*Thine ear to our sighs, tears, thoughts
gives voice and word.*

*O Thou who Satan heard 'st in Job's
sick day,*

*Hear Thyself now, for Thou in us
dost pray.*

-John Donne
(English, 1572-1631)



*Hear us, O hear us Lord; to Thee
A sinner is more music, when he prays,
Than spheres, or angels' praises be,
In panegyric alleluias.*

*Here us, for till Thou hear us, Lord
We know not what to say.*

-John Donne
(English, 1572-1631)

¶ THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

On Epiphany, the priest blessed chalk, as well as frankincense so that you could mark your doors for protection according to the ancient custom, and bless your home this Epiphany. Please pick up a pack of these sacramentals, along with the leaflet with prayers and instructions, to bring this blessing home to your family on this feast of the Holy Family. A wonderful family activity for this day!

MODERN CHURCH HERESIES

"Francis is not simply trying to say adultery is not a sin—which would be bad enough. No, it is much worse: He is undermining the very foundations of Catholic morality by changing the definition of sin from a voluntary transgression against the divine law to an imperfect or incomplete participation in virtue!"



*Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of
heaven and earth, Who dost reveal
Thyself to little ones; grant, we beseech
Thee, that we, duly honoring the holy
mysteries of Thy Son, the infant Jesus,
and daily imitating Him in our lives,
may come to the kingdom of heaven
promised by Thee to little children.
Through the same Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

Collection Report

Sunday, January 1st.....\$6,057.00
Second Collection.....\$811.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

CONSECRATION OF ONE'S CHILDREN TO
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

(Adapted from a prayer by St John Eudes.)

O Jesus, only Son of God, only Son of Mary, I come to Thee as an unworthy parent, and I humbly consecrate to Thy Most Sacred Heart, now and for eternity, the soul of my child (name). I surrender him/her to Thy sweet yoke and place him/her at the foot of Thy Cross. I offer Thee for him/her the most loving Heart of Thy Most Holy Mother Mary, which is more precious and pleasing to Thee than all hearts, and I beg Thee by her merits to show Thyself to him/her a Savior.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus, I come to Thee as an unworthy parent, and I humbly consecrate to Thy Most Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, now and for eternity, the soul of my child (name). I offer Thee for him/her the most adorable Heart of Thy Son Jesus, who is the life, love and joy of Thy own Heart, and I beg Thee by the infinite merits of the Divine Son, Thou who art our Mother in the order of grace, to obtain the grace of salvation for my child.

O glorious St. Joseph, I come to thee and ask thee to take under thy special protection my child (name). I consecrate him/her to thee today, that through this consecration he/she may become your foster child. Guard him/her, guide his/her steps in life, and form his/her heart after the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. O glorious St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect him/her for time and eternity. May you be his/her father and counselor. Preserve him/her from the corruption of this world, and obtain for us the grace to be united in heaven forever. Amen.

Blessed be the Most Sacred and Loving Heart of Jesus and the most Immaculate Heart of Mary in eternity and forever. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us. Amen.



THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The faithful who, during the month of January, perform some special act of devotion in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus are granted *an indulgence of 7 years on any day of the month. A plenary indulgence may be gained on the usual conditions.*



O Blessed Mother of Our Redeemer! Thou didst participate so sensibly in the sufferings of Thy dear Son, when He shed His sacred Blood and assumed for us the Name of Jesus. Obtain for us through that adorable Name the favors we petition in this prayer.

Beg also that a most ardent love of Thy divine Son may imprint that sacred Name upon our hearts; that it may be always in our minds, and frequently upon our lips; that it may be our defense in temptation, our refuge in danger during our lives, and our consolation and support in the hour of death. Amen.



OUR LORD STUBS HIS TOE

The shock of it
tested My human will
years before My Hour
came

Father
it is a small thing
compared to the immolation
you formed My patience for
and for which My Heart
burns

Grief
and mercy abound
as I contemplate a sinner
dashing his foot upon a stone and
cursing
Me

-David A. Welch

*A good thought for the Month of
the Holy Name.*

OUR EPIPHANY

What tho' we cannot, with the star-
led kings,
Adore the swaddled Babe of Beth-
lehem,

Behold how sweetly Benediction
brings

A new Epiphany denied to them
The Mary Mystical 'tis ours to see
Still from His crib the little Jesus
take,

And show Him to us on her altar-
knee,

And sing to Him to bless us for her
sake.

Shall we the while be kneeling gift-
less there?

In loving faith a richer gold shall
please;

A costlier incense in the humblest
prayer;

Nor less the myrrh of penitence
than these.

And there between us holy priest-
hood stands,

Our own Saint Joseph, with the
chosen hands.

-Fr. B. D. Hill, C.S.P.

Another topsy-turvy week, for those who follow weather or politics. My sterile Dogwood budded out the other day, and then “they” called for snow. The cats were confused, but soldiered on through the cold. I think they enjoyed it. The coyotes cry at night, but the cats are prudent, reposing under a porch or on the roof. In politics, Russia was the bad guy, said the Fatima Industry and POTUS. “Not so quick,” responded the populist president elect. In any case, it is always the way of empires. God help those who are crushed in the maws of either, America or Russia. Tens of thousands of people in the Middle East died or were driven out, and pretty near all of the Christians there. What are you going to do? Nothing but change and contradictions all about us! Well, you need an anchor, and as a Catholic, you have a good heavy one, with two prongs.

We have the never changing Catholic Faith and morals, and the always changing liturgical year, with its serene succession of feasts and seasons. This is enough to anchor every Catholic heart. In a changing world know the Church year and live it. As **Fr. McGuire** wisely wrote in a recent St. Hugh Bulletin:

The Heart of the Matter

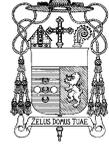
If we let the liturgy mold us, forming our days and weeks and years, not dragging it into the turmoil of our superficial emotions, but letting it, gently and firmly, draw us into its own rhythm, then we will find in it a true school of Christian living, a source of wisdom and inspiration, and more and more we shall find that it is not just an interruption of the day, but its very heart.

In addition, the Liturgical Year not only honors the mysteries of Christ’s life but reproduces them in the Church, and souls. Each feast, each season has its own graces. This is how we Catholics are meant to tell time, and tame time. This frees us from the tyranny of “keeping up with the times,” which is the drearest slavery, whether it be fashions or Facebook or weather predictions or politics.

Fr. McKenna is with us for a few extra days, having exhaustively tramped through the frozen north. It is now Fr. McGuire’s turn for the missions. He has two visits to Illinois scheduled, and some extra work in Milwaukee on the docket. Down in southern Illinois, there’s a family which kept the old faith and away from the new, like the Japanese of old, without a priest, for many years. Pray for a fruitful visit.

We are happy to welcome our newest priest, **Fr. Eldracher**, who celebrated the Epiphany Solemn Mass

and is preaching for us again this morning. Father is the happy fruit of a union occasioned by our YAG or St. Raphael’s Singles Group here at St. Gertrude long ago, so we are especially happy to have him visit. He was ordained by **Bishop Sanborn** in Florida on June 29, and is currently assigned to the seminary.



I wish to thank everyone who came and helped for the great Epiphany feast, the exquisite Mass, the excellent parish dinner, and the All Night Adoration as well. A fine Twelfth Night and an excellent Epiphany weekend. Our thanks in addition to all of you who come and pray, and contribute and give a hand and help us all year ’round. The Holy Child reward you!

I wish to thank Les Pomerville for all of his organ playing the past several years. It is a great love of his life, but old age and illness make him very reluctantly retire. We send him our gratitude and good wishes.

Angela Segrist seems to be lost, as we cannot get in touch with her for a visit. Ask St. Anthony to find her. Please remember all of our shut in, as we do not wish a single one of them to be forgotten. I did forget to have you pray for Barb Steinmetz last Sunday, but I know you will remember her, and all of our recently departed. Barb’s funeral was a beautiful one, so quiet, so silent in the Christmas sunshine, stately and solemn as a Requiem should be.

Today we honor the Holy Family. Be sure to take a blessed Epiphany pack home and put the blessing over your door, and upon your family. Pray for your children. Consecrate them, each one by name today, to the Holy Family. Pray for our fallen away, and for those parents who think they can do without God, pretty much or mostly. They can’t. Bring them back; Jesus, Mary, Joseph! Protect the children.

—Bishop Dolan

Though God hates sin more than any other thing, He loves us poor miserable sinners. He ardently desires the welfare of our souls as if His own happiness depended on it.”

—Ven. John Neumann





St. Therese was a very loved child from a holy and happy family. Still, they dealt with the usual crosses of life, and then some: illness, cancer, the loss of the mother, a child who never “fit in” for years, mental illness and possible diabolical possession. We publish today two excerpts from her Holy Family writings, a poem and part of a play she wrote for her Carmelite Sisters. They loved doing those plays on feast days, including costumes and props. They were a happy family.

THE JOY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saint Joseph: Mary! Let me spend my energy in the service of Jesus. It is for Him and for you that I work; this thought gives me courage and helps me to bear fatigue. And then, when I return in the evening, one caress from Jesus, a single glance from you, make me forget the day’s labors.

He wipes the sweat from his brow, then sits down by Mary and looks at the Child Jesus. The Blessed Virgin puts Him on Saint Joseph’s knees; then his face takes on an expression of Celestial joy, he presses the Divine Child to his heart, kisses Him lovingly and says to Him:

Little Child! How sweet Your smile is!... Is it really true that I, the poor carpenter Joseph, have the happiness of holding in my arms the King of heaven, the Savior of humanity?... Is it true that I have the sublime mission of being the foster father to Him Whose presence satisfies the ardent seraphim and Who nourishes every creature? Is it true that I am the spouse of the Mother of God, the guardian of her virginity?...

O Mary! Tell me, what is this

profound mystery?... The Desired of the eternal hills, the Emmanuel for Whom all the patriarchs have sighed, sits on my knees and He looks at me, His poor, unworthy servant.

The Blessed Virgin: Like you, Joseph, I am astonished to be able to press to my heart the Divine Child Whose Mother I am; I am astonished that a little milk is needful to Him Who gives life to the world. *(After a long, contemplative silence, Mary continues:)* Soon Jesus will grow up and you will have to teach the Creator of the universe how to work... With you, He will earn His bread by the sweat of His adorable brow...

-St. Therese of Lisieux



You alone, O Jesus, could satisfy a soul that needed to love even to the infinite.

-St. Therese of Lisieux

May your faith be increased so as to realize the fact that you are never alone, Wheresoever you may be, that the great God is with you, in you.

-Mother Katharine Drexel

I am nothing. Only a tool in the hands of Providence.

-Brother Andre Bessette

THE GLORY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

I come to sing of the Holy Family,
That Divine magnificence that brings me here.

In the desert, this sweet brightness glitters,
And charms me more than the glory of Heaven...
Ah! Who will understand this mystery?
Jesus is rejected among His very own.
He is wandering, a traveler on the earth,
And no one can discern His beauty...

But if the great ones disdain Your empire,
King of Heaven, Mysterious Star,
Long has more than one heart desired You,
For You are the hope of all the unhappy.
Divine Star, O deep Wisdom,
You spread Your ineffable gifts
On the little people, the poor of this world,
And You inscribe their names in Heaven.

If You grant a share of wisdom
To the ignorant, to the littlest of hearts,
It is because every soul is made in Your image,
And You have come to save sinners.
A day will come when, on the same meadow,
The gentle lamb will graze beside the lion,
And the desert, Your only fatherland,
More than once will hear Your name.

-St. Therese of Lisieux



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Jesus Christ is the center of the liturgy. Sacred liturgy proposes to have all believers participate in the mysteries of Jesus Christ, those of His humiliation and hidden years, and those of His redemption and triumph.

Thanks to those arrangements and dispositions of the liturgy, which permit it to propose the life of Jesus Christ at determined periods of our meditation, the Church places the examples we are to imitate before our eyes, indicating the treasures of sanctity we may appropriate to ourselves. For whatever is sung with the lips, must be believed with the mind; and whatever the mind believes must enter into our private and public lives.

By the solemnities of the Epiphany, she recalls the vocation of the Gentiles to the Christian faith, intending thereby for us to give thanks daily to God for this great blessing; for us to seek with great faith the true and living God; to apply ourselves to acquiring a deep and devout knowledge of spiritual realities; and to take delight in meditation and silence, so that we may more easily contemplate and receive heavenly gifts.

-Pope Pius XII - Mediator Dei

CHRISTMAS
(*The Shepherds*)



O'er the hills of Judea
came they with haste
In the watches of the
night,

Bringing their lambs to
the Lamb of God,
Who is the Way, the Truth, the Life!

With Mary and Joseph, they offered
to God
The love of the pure in heart!
And the Infant Jesus gave them His
love
That from Him ne'er would they
part.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM NEW
YORK

At this holy season, we would like to send our best regards to our friends back at St. Gertrude the Great. As many of you already know, our move back to New York was a bit bumpy, but thanks be to God, our good guardian Angels and our heavenly Patrons, we all arrived safe and sound. We live in a tiny house with an attic but no basement, a small front lawn and a little backyard. The cats are enjoying their new breakfast nook, sleeping and play areas and we are learning to 'live smaller.'

A sincere and great big THANK YOU to the very special friends who gave of their time to help us in the daunting task of packing up seven years of property: Jennifer, Anne Marie, Paddy, Charles & Bev, Jacinta, Joseph, Carolyn, and Ray, we will always be grateful for your assistance! Many hands truly lightened the work, with our good helpers pitching in with running errands, moving buttons, and even supplying a wondrous and seemingly never-ending roll of packing foam which really came in handy, and which, we trust, made its way from the fiduciary custodian safely back to the owner. As we unpack, pop bubble wrap and discover well-protected treasures emerging from their clearly-marked and securely taped boxes, I'm remembering with a smile those frantic final days and the cheering presence of our never-complaining and hard-working "crew." We couldn't have done it without you. God bless you, and a blessed Christmas to all.

-Richard and Gloria Zbilicki

CREMATION & FREEMASONRY

On December 8, 1869, the International Congress of Freemasons imposed it as a duty on all its members to do all in their power to wipe out Catholicity from the face of the earth. *Cremation* was proposed as a suitable means to this end, since it was calculated to gradually undermine the faith of the people in "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting."

*-Fr. John Laux, Catholic Morality
[New York, NY: Benziger Brothers,
1943], p. 106, with thanks to Novus
Ordo Watch*

The year 2017 could be quite turbulent, but we shall not be moved (cf. Ps 91:7; Mt 24:6; Jn 14:1). Let us pray that through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen will bring us many graces, obtain for the world true and lasting peace, be a defeat for heresy and vice, and finally bring to an end the wicked Novus Ordo Sect and allow the true Catholic Church once again to flourish.

Firmly believing that the God Who can turn stones into the children of Abraham (see Mt 3:9) and, through His infinite grace and mercy, can transform the world's greatest crime into the Redemption of mankind (cf. Acts 3:13-19; Heb 9:15), let us offer prayer without ceasing that Almighty God will



grant us once again a true Pope and the full restoration of Holy Mother Church.

Our Lady of Fatima, make intercession for us.

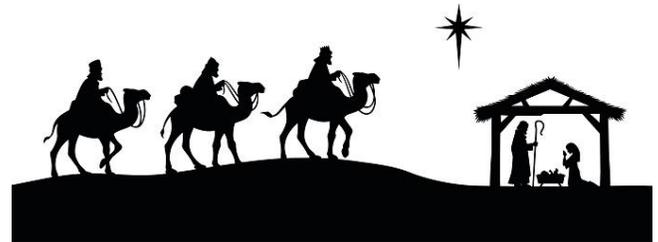
*A good New Year's word from
Novus Ordo Watch.*

CALENDAR

MON	1/9/17	WITHIN THE OCTAVE RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass In honor of the Infant of Prague for †Janice West (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
TUE	1/10/17	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	8:00 AM	Low Mass The Danny Borgerding Family (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Barbara M. Steinmetz (<i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Eduarda Corinti
WED	1/11/17	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. HYGINUS, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass The Joseph Borgerding Family (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Theresa Simpson (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>)
THU	1/12/17	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. BENET BISCOP, AB
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Andrew M. Prell – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass St. Gertrude the Great Clergy (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Our Parents (<i>Volz/Kuebler</i>)
FRI	1/13/17	OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Marianne Youngworth (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass Fr. Cekada's complete recovery (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena III
	5:45 PM	Low Mass The Charles Simpson Family (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)
	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/14/17	ST. HILARY, BPCD ST. FELIX, PRM
	7:10 AM	Confessions & Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (SV) (<i>Kueblers/Volz</i>)
	8:05 AM	Alma & Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass †Sr. Maria Dolorosa (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>)
SUN	1/15/17	EPIPHANY II ST. PAUL, FIRST HERMIT ST. MAURUS, AB <i>OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Intentions of the Rios Family (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Carley VandeRyt (Birthday) (<i>Kuebler/Volz</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass The Ken Schroepfer Family (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)

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



Louis XVI, King of France, had a special affection for one of his courtiers. Whatever this man asked was sure to be granted. One day he went as usual to ask a favor from the king. But it happened that the king was angry at this time, and said to him in a passion: "You are always asking me for something. Are you ever going to stop?" At these words the man hung down his head, and went away disappointed. Sometimes our request may be refused by people in this world, even by those who love us, but God will never be angry with us, nor refuse us when we pray to Him; on the contrary, He is angry with us when we neglect to call upon Him in our needs.

Servers

SUN 1/15	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: J. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: P. McClorey ACS: N. McClorey, M. Simpson TORCH: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart, T. Lawrence
	11:30 AM LOW: B. Lotarski, P. Omlor
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller