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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

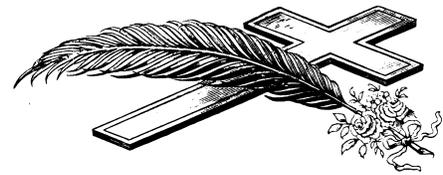


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February 12, 2017

SEPTUAGESIMA

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS



¶ SEPTUAGESIMA

Today is the first Sunday of the Pre-Lenten season, during which we pray and plan for a good Lent. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale is being held in the social hall after all morning Masses today.



¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our annual novena to the Sorrowful Mother, with the Blessing of the Sick, continues this Friday evening following the 5:45 PM Mass. Be sure to bring the sick to be blessed, and call or email the office with their names, to be mentioned during the novena.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEXAGESIMA

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

📖 *Set your missal:* Sexagesima, with the collects of Our Lady & All the Saints, and the Blessed Trinity. Trinitary Preface.

Collection Report

Sunday, February 5th.....\$4,248.50
Second Collection.....\$1,217.00
Alter Christus.....\$172.00



EXCHANGE

With gold and silver prayer
And lace of loving thought
And flowers of sacrifice,
A valentine I've wrought,
To offer to my True Love
At early morning tryst;
'Twill be finer in His sight
Than jade and amethyst.

My broken heart I give Him,
His comforting is mine,
Ah, could there be a sweeter,
A kinder valentine
From Him, the King of Heaven,
To me, a waif of woe—
To me who often grieve Him
Yet loves her liege Lord so?

-Vera Marie Tracy

¶ PLEASE PRAY

In your charity please remember the soul of †Marianne Youngworth, an aunt of the Puglielli family, who died Thursday, as well as for Stanley Schappacher, who is dying, and for Larry Borne, a former parishioner, who was recently in the hospital.

¶ THIS WEEK

There are many ferial days in February, but these open the way for Votive Masses and forgotten feasts and devotions. Don't forget your devotion!

Monday is the Votive Mass of the Blessed Trinity, February's special devotion. Tuesday comes St. Valentine, patron of pure love and courtship. The weekly Passion Feasts begin that day with the Prayer of Our Lord in the Garden. Thursday at 11:20 we're celebrating Fr. McKenna's fifth anniversary of priestly ordination with a Solemn High Votive Mass of the Immaculate Conception. Friday is the feast of the Flight into Egypt. This is also the season of novenas. We're running *three* that night. This is a kind of heavenly bingo, managing three cards at once, which is sure to give you a win. Pray with us.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26: Meet-and-Greet Sunday
March 1: Ash Wednesday
March 26: Sister Sunday

¶ CHURCH MANNERS

- *Take Holy Water on entering the church.*
- *Make a nice Sign of the Cross.*
- *Genuflect before entering your pew.*
- *Genuflect when you cross the middle of the altar. Our Lord is in the tabernacle.*
- *Do not leave church during the Consecration. Wait until it is over, except in the direst emergency.*
- *Teach these things to your children, especially how to stay put during Mass, and how to genuflect.*

MAKE HIM A VALENTINE OF YOUR
HEART

Have we not felt from time to time that some barrier stands between Jesus and our heart? We love Him, and He loves us; there can be no doubt about this. He draws near to our souls, He unites Himself to them, and He caresses them tenderly. And we also love Him. Still, in some indefinable way, we feel a barrier, some hindrance that prevents us from uniting ourselves completely with Him. What can it be?



The hindrances that prevent Jesus from uniting Himself to our souls are our disordered affections. The moment we are entirely free of them, our heart will expand and cast itself completely into the Heart of Jesus. Then He will give Himself to us without reserve. Is it right for us to keep retarding the consummation of our love and our union with Jesus because of some trifling affections that really do not amount to anything?

If we do not discover anything, or if we are not able to pluck it out, let us say to our Lord, "I must have some parasite in my heart, O Lord. I do not know where it is, nor am I able to free myself of it. But I place myself in Your hands. Come, O Lord, with Your scalpel, or with Your fire, or with whatever thing You do wish, to rid me of it. Purify my heart, and dispose it for complete union with Yourself."

Then, when these parasites have disappeared from our heart, we shall see how a new love springs up within us. Jesus will give Himself to us without any reserve. Free of restraints and hindrances, these two hearts, Jesus' and our own, will merge, and they will become one in the ineffable mystery of love.

-Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez

AN ANSWER TO BERGOGLIO

There is indeed a deep psychological truth: If a person has not found absolute love in Christ, anything that impedes his search for other values is regarded negatively. He may frame this search in terms of a moral necessity of being true to *himself*. Naturally, in a society riddled with hypocrisy, decadence and mediocrity, his own inner voice seems to him to be the purest guide.



It is *only* when he hears the voice of God Himself as love, whispering to his soul out of the depths of the Church, that he may find that fidelity to the Church will bring about the greatest fulfillment of all that his deepest self has always sought. Given a profound conversion to Christ in the Church, his attitude toward Church law will correspondingly change. Once he achieves a genuine love of the Holy Eucharist, his greatest desire will be to avoid all temptations and sins which would obstruct his approach to this mystery. He will look to the laws of the Church as rules of love teaching him in the concrete what those things are which would destroy the bond of love. He sees the laws of Christ as a necessary means of rooting out the weeds of his self-love; and he is grateful for the knowledge that a certain sin will estrange him from Christ, because this will act as a deterrent to those destructive forces within himself which he wants to conquer.

This desire to approach the Holy Eucharist in a spirit of love rather than one of guilty betrayal

WE'RE NEVER ALONE

I think at times about the road I've trod
And about life's obstacles, all ordained by God
A road that seems to be most time uphill
Testing my resolve to accept His holy will

And the thing that satisfies me most when I do
Is how, in all situations, 'tis He that sees me through
For without Him there is nothing I can handle or do
As He's always near, precisely for me and you

Thank you sweet Jesus for loving us so!

-John Seyfried 2/4/17



makes him understand the law of the Church which excludes the unrepentant from Communion. Now he sees it, not as arbitrary pharisaical restriction but as the embodiment of a basic law of love: Repentance and forgiveness must precede union. He understands from the Gospels and from the institution of penance as a sacrament that Christ's moral laws are not designed to exclude him as wicked, but rather to lead him to turn away from his sins and to accept the forgiving arms of Christ.

-R.C.

Winter booked "another flight" Wednesday night, and Thursday's dawn wore white. It seemed fitting for last week's white wearing saints, all in a row. And Wednesday evening's snow was quite picturesque and practical even. Now, may Mother Nature pack it away with the Christmas ornaments.... But we are grateful to have been spared the worst of winter this year.

Meanwhile, inside the church, we're wearing purple again for purposefulness and planning, for it is the 'gesima time, as the English used to call the short shoulder season which precedes Lent. We're counting the Sundays until *the* Sunday, Easter. So it's seventy days today, and then, in round terms, sixty and fifty. In fact, Lent itself is called for a number in Latin, *Quadragesima*, or forty, for the forty fasting days that comprise it.

We're busy planning a good Lent, offering *everything* we can think of, at a convenient time, to make for a truly spiritual and holy "forty day fast." Make your plans to change your plans and offer up a little extra church time. Recollections, Masses, devotions, Stations for adults and children and even some suppers and social events are on the calendar and in the planning stages. But pray to be generous. Pray now for a good Lent.

Meanwhile, over in Rome, the old heretic Francis is planning his next sacrament to attack, Holy Orders. Having pretty much in one fell swoop demolished what was left of Holy Matrimony as well as the idea of Confession and the obligation of Holy Communion in the state of Sanctifying Grace, he goes after the priesthood.

In his official publication, *Civiltà Catholica*, there appears an article agitating for women priests, based on all the old modernist claptrap of historicity and cultural conditioning. So it begins. Since JPII declared his refusal to ordain women both final and infallible, this is an immensely bold step on the part of the proud Argentine. But you know now what he's planning. Conservatives are probably still in a state of shock. How could he attack infallible teaching? Well...

Bishop Fellay of Pius X is planning corporate reunion with the Conciliar Church one of these days. As a matter of fact, it's already a reality on the practical level, he says. "All that's missing is the stamp." Why this seeming betrayal? Why officially join the Vatican II Church?

You must understand that the Pius X Society, to use a Vatican II term "subsists" in the Conciliar

Church. But they look upon themselves as the true church, the pure church, a super-church, which must get back inside the modern version in order to save it. Their version of the Catholic Church is one that teaches falsehood and has no coercive authority. They've been spreading this heresy for a long time. Don't you think it's time for Catholics to stand up for the Faith and fully reject this falsehood, rather than mewling about how they're good people and mean well? Ideas matter. Reject falsehood and communion with it, especially at Mass. Stand up for your Faith.

Meanwhile in the department of yesterday's long forgotten controversies, Fr. Jenkins of Immaculate Conception in Norwood, has produced a long, rambling and fatally boring video on the old question of the validity of the Thuc consecrations. Fr. Jenkins is certainly a good priest. I presume he's worried about the number of his faithful who often attend St. Gertrude the Great. But they are our fellow Catholics, and quite welcome. Controversies, past and present, will always be with us. But let strict Catholic theology be our guide, and Christian charity our rule.

Happy St. Valentine's Day. Send somebody a card, and many souls a kind prayer. God bless your heart!

—Bishop Dolan



OUR BELOVED DEAD
FEBRUARY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Carol Jean Mincey	2-07-2009
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Estrella I. Simpson	2-14-2012
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Bernard Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994



"O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I am the child of your sorrows. My tender Mother, here is your child, who can do no more. Have pity on me."

-St. Bernadette Soubirous

An outline question and answer taken from Fr. Cekada's *A Grain of Incense*

I. What is an *una cum* Mass?

- A. An *una cum* Mass is a traditional Latin Mass in which the priest mentions the name of a Vatican II false pope in the first prayer of the Canon
1. *...quae tibi offerimus ... una cum famulo tuo Papa nostro N. ... et omnibus orthodoxis, atque Catholicae et Apostolicae fidei cultoribus*
 2. *...which we offer up to Thee ... together with Thy servant N., our Pope ... and for all who are orthodox in belief and who profess the Catholic and apostolic faith*

II. What does putting a false pope's name into the *una cum* phrase in the Canon mean?

- A. States that he is a *true pope* ("our pope")
- B. States that he is a *member of the true Church*, because his name is mentioned in the prayer for the Church
1. Canonists and theologians teach that a heretical pope puts himself outside the Church and thus out of office
 2. Promulgating Vatican II, which contains many heresies, makes the Vatican II "popes" heretics

III. Which groups say an *una cum* Mass?

- A. Regular VII priests, whether or not validly ordained, e.g.: Diocesans, St. Peter Fraternity
- B. SSPX - Society of St. Pius X
1. Founded by Archbishop Lefebvre in opposition to Vatican II
 2. Almost but not quite officially recognized by the Vatican II Church. They employ *both* valid and invalid priests.
 3. They say the John XXIII Mass

IV. May I assist at an *una cum* Mass and withhold my consent at the *una cum* part?

- A. A sedevacantist cannot withhold his consent when the priest says the Vatican II "pope's" name in the Canon
1. Fulfilling your Sunday obligation or obtaining sacramental graces at Mass requires *active assistance* or participation
 2. Pre-Vatican II popes and theologians taught that the laity who assist actively at Mass *consent* to what the priest says when he offers the sacrifice, *even though* they do not vocally recite these prayers themselves
- B. What you do when you assist at an *una cum* Mass
1. Tell a pernicious lie
 2. Profess communion with heretics
 3. Recognize as legitimate the Ecumenical, One-World Church
 4. Implicitly profess a false religion
 5. Condone a violation of Church law

6. Participate in a sin
7. Offer Mass in union with the heretic/false Vatican II "pope"
8. Recognize the usurper of an ecclesiastical office
9. Offer an occasion for scandal
10. In the case of Masses offered by "resistance" clergy (SSPX, its affiliates, and many independent clergy) participate in gravely illicit Masses and condone the sin of schism

V. What are some objections?

- A. Sunday obligation takes precedence
1. False—there are many legitimate causes that excuse from this
 - a. "Notable spiritual harm" is one such condition, which is caused by assistance at an *una cum* Mass
 2. Active assistance at an *una cum* Mass implicates you in (among other things) the recognition of the false church and religion of Vatican II
- B. The priest "means well"
1. Irrelevant—this does not change what the *una cum* means or the fact that you participate in it
 2. The priest may not know any better — but as a sedevacantist you certainly know better
- C. Sedevacantist priests have different opinions
1. Opinions are only as good as the reasons behind them
 2. These are mostly off the cuff reactions anyway
 - a. Theology, not gut, has to be the basis for addressing such an important issue
- D. My family and I will lose the graces of the Mass and thus the faith itself
1. You can obtain no graces at a Mass where you knowingly and actively participate in a sacrilegious lie that affirms the legitimacy of the false hierarchy and religion of Vatican II
 2. The modernism of the Motu Mass clergy and the poisonous errors of SSPX on the papacy will eventually corrupt your faith
 - a. Many families that were once solidly traditionalist have surrendered step by step to the new religion because of a decision to go to a "convenient" *una cum* Mass
- E. Family members and friends attend an *una cum* Mass, and they are good Catholics
1. They may be ignorant of the truth of the *una cum* Mass, but a sedevacantist isn't, and both will be judged accordingly
 2. It is for God to say who is a good Catholic and who isn't: our job is to know, love, and serve Him to the best of our ability, and knowingly participating in a sacrilegious lie is sinful and offensive to God.
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YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE SINS OF
THE FLESH

The core of the answer, anyway, is that we sin against *God* in the first place, not against each other, though the latter may also be involved, and usually is. Actually, the protest that immorality “doesn’t hurt anyone” is false; it almost certainly does. There is the lawful wife or husband who is betrayed and, if anyone concerned has children, they are almost certainly caused bitter suffering, though their parents may not realize it. But the worst thing is that these sins, that may seem “harmless” to us, deface and kill Christ in our soul, and *that* not only harms us ourselves, but harms *everyone* in the whole world.

-Caryll Houselander

IF YOUR NAME IS KEN, THIS IS YOUR
SAINT

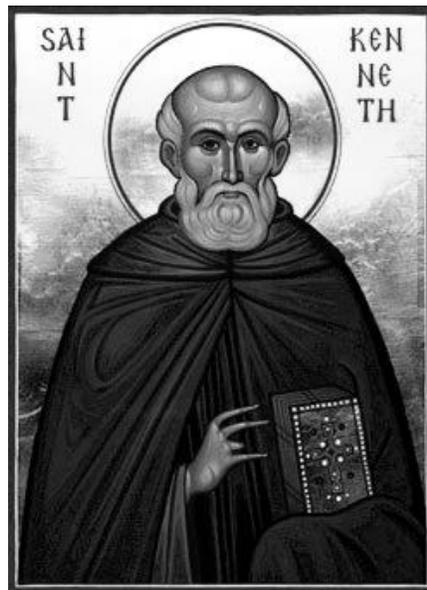
Kenneth was borne in Ireland, where he is known as Canice. He studied in Wales under Saint Cadoc, and after a pilgrimage to Rome, went to Saint Finnian’s school at Clonard. Kenneth is counted among Finnian’s elite, the so-called “Twelve Apostles of Ireland.”

Like the other “Apostles,” Kenneth preached widely in Ireland and Scotland, and founded a number of monasteries and churches. It is said that he accompanied the great Columba on his mission to the warlike Picts. In his later years he retired to his monastery at Aghaboe in Ireland.

From time to time Kenneth would leave Aghaboe for a cell on an island in the middle of a marshy bog, Loch Cree. There he gave himself to the study of Holy Scripture, producing the Glas-Chainnigh or “Chain of Kenneth,” a copy of the Gospels with running commentary, which was influential in Ireland and Britain until the Middle Ages.

A number of stories testify to Kenneth’s love of silent contemplation. It is said that he commanded the birds to remain quiet on Sundays so that he could observe the Lord’s day with full attention. And in the solitude, a deer offered his antlers as a bookstand to hold Kenneth’s manuscript. As an ancient poet attests: “Canice of the mortifications he loved/ To be in a bleak woody desert,/ Where there were none to attend on him/ But only the wild deer.”

Father in heaven, through the intercession of Saint Kenneth, lead me to the silent place where your Word alone speaks.



DANGER, DEATH, AND TRANSFORMATION

In *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, Annie Dillard writes that Christians tend not to be “sufficiently sensible of conditions.” She asks, “Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews.” In short, we need to realize that God is more powerful than anything we can imagine. A healthy respect is warranted. How is your sense of *awe* in Church?

VAMPIRES AT VESPERS

Seven angels
slip down from heaven
whisper their way to St. Kevin’s
their wings, like weathered shutters,
open and close on the world below.

They hunger for voices not their
own,
as if they were vampires at ves-
pers.

Greedily, clumsily, like virginal
lovers,
they feast on the choir’s honey-
combed hymns,
they drink in the gooey nectar of
its songs,
until delightfully drunk on the hu-
manly divine.

“Sing on!” they cry, “Sing on!”
-Michael Power

“Vampires at Vespers!” I thought that would get your attention. Thank you to those who come and sing and pray. I think our Vespers are enjoying a modest revival. The angels feed on our prayers, the poet says.



My Jesus, let me live in Your Heart and pour all my bitterness into it, where it will be utterly consumed.

-Bl. Claude La Colombiere

MON	2/13/17	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Steven Franklin (<i>Joanne Franklin</i>) 11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Trinity Jane Donadio (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
TUE	2/14/17	ST. VALENTINE, PRM <i>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Estrella Simpson – 5 th Anniversary Feb. 14 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass St. Anthony – for prayers answered – Thank you (<i>N. Andreotta</i>) 5:00 PM Votive Low Mass of the Prayer of Our Lord in the Garden †Stella Simpson – 5 th Anniversary (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
WED	2/15/17	SS. FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM BL. CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIERE 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention, Deceased – 9 th anniversary 1/15/17 (<i>TRCS</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Intentions for the president and elected official (<i>Dan & Mary</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Rick, Patti Brueggemann & family (<i>Dan & Mary</i>)
THU	2/16/17	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Ray Trower (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 11:20 AM Solemn Votive High Mass of the Immaculate Conception Rev. Fr. Stephen McKenna – Happy 5 th Anniversary! (<i>Andrew Hoxie</i>)
FRI	2/17/17	FERIAL DAY <i>THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Pat & †Charles Cattani (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus Poor Souls (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VIII 5:45 PM Low Mass of the Flight Into Egypt Special Intentions (<i>TRCS</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena II, Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	2/18/17	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY ST. SIMEON, BPM ST. BERNADETTE, V 7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (<i>Samantha</i>) 8:05 AM Ave & Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass †Tom Peter – 6 th Anniversary (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
SUN	2/19/17	SEXAGESIMA 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Anthony & to return my daughters to their Faith (<i>Regina M. Gilliam</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass David Mann Family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

O Father of mankind, whose providence has entrusted these children to my care, be thou their Father and their God, and mercifully supply by Thy goodness whatever is wanting on my part. Confirm them against the corruption of the world and of sin: deliver them from the effects of a vain and inconstant mind: give them discretion to avoid all snares, and to choose that which is best: and in all their undertakings be Thou a blessing to them, this day and for ever: that, living here Thy faithful children, they may come at length to that inheritance, which Christ has purchased for them. Amen.

Informal Meet and Greet

Social Sunday

February 26th

after the morning Masses.

Come for breakfast and meet some new faces of the parish & connect with familiar ones as well.

Breakfast will be served after each Mass.

Games and cards are available.

BINGO will start about 12:45

- Babysitting -

will be offered from 12:30 - 2:00

PASS THE WORD

to new comers and old, the more the merrier.

“What tenderness there is in Jesus’ love for man! In His infinite goodness, He established, with each of us, bonds of sublime love! His love has no limits.”

-St. John Bosco

Servers

SUN 2/19	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, P. Omlor TH: S. Arlinghaus ACS: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence TORCH: D. Simpson, J. Stewart, D. Holbrook, C. Arlinghaus 11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett, P. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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