



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

April 23, 2017
LOW SUNDAY
ST. GEORGE, M



¶ SUNDAY IN WHITE

Catechism Classes resume today at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

St. Gertrude the Great School's Spring Program is next Sunday at 12:50 AM. Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM. In honor of the feast of the Little Doctor Jesus, the Blessing of the Sick will be given after each Mass. Due to the School Program, there will be no Vespers, but Sunday Compline will be chanted at 6:55 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Easter II, commemoration of St. Catherine of Siena. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

YAG 2017

Young Adult Get-Together
July 7-9, 2017

For more information & to register, please visit
www.yagincincy.wordpress.com

Holy Mass, spiritual talks, fun outings, games, and ice cream!

Come & meet other like-minded, Catholic young adults



¶ ST. MARK – GREATER LITANIES

Tuesday, April 25th a solemn procession will take place at 11:00 AM, and High Mass will be celebrated, to implore the Divine blessing on the fruits of the earth. At the same time, beseech the Lord, in His mercy, to remove from us the chastisement which we have deserved for our sins, and to grant us the grace to avoid committing fresh offenses, as well as the grace of persevering in our spiritual resurrection. The Mass of St. Mark will be offered at 5:00 PM.



¶ OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Wednesday, April 26th, is the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Come to her Mass to plead for her help and guidance for our Holy Mother Church. We continue a triduum in her honor through Friday.

¶ LITTLE DOCTOR JESUS

A triduum to Our Lord under this title opens Friday Evening, and concludes Sunday Morning.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 16th.....\$7,698.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

All are cordially invited to St. Gertrude the Great School's annual spring program.

Enjoy some time relaxing next Sunday after the 11:30 Mass with family and friends, as the students of our school entertain you with singing, piano and violin, and a bit of poetry.

Following the performance you are encouraged to join us for refreshments!

*A Spring Menagerie
Cowboys, Classics,
and Our Queen*



*Sunday, April 30, 2017
12:50 PM in Helfta Hall*

¶ OUR SICK

Please do remember all of our elderly shut in, dear souls like Paulina and Ed Strauss, Loraine Gates, Angela Segrist, Viola Ripperger, Jan Becker, Bea Lutkehaus, Gary Amex, and more!

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2017

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, May 6. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, June 1.

CONFIRMATION: Saturday, June 3.

FIRST COMMUNION: Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by Saturday, April 15th. 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 May 6th.

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.

Please note the following:

- Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Class) every Sunday, in order to receive the Sacraments.
- No child will be tested without his Baptismal Certificate.
- Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.



LOW SUNDAY

The name by which this Sunday is popularly known has originated in its closing the octave of the highest of festivals. Its proper ecclesiastical title is that of *Dominica in albis (depositis)*,—"Sunday for laying aside the white garments" by the newly baptized. The custom of baptizing converts at Easter, which prevailed in the early centuries, has left many allusions to those neophytes in the liturgy of today. This is particularly apparent in the Introit: "As newborn babes, Alleluia; desire (ye) the rational milk without guile." These are words addressed by St. Peter to newly-made Christians, exhorting them to imbibe eagerly the nourishment of divine teaching ("rational milk") offered to them by their mother, holy Church. It may be that the choice of the Church of St. Pancras, the boy-martyr of fourteen, as the Stational church in Rome for this day, bears reference to the same subject; the simplicity and innocence of youth, which ought to shine in souls newly-born to the Faith, suggest the possibility of such connection.

To all of us—catechumens or full-grown Christians though we be—today's liturgy conveys a special message: Easter Day has come and gone, but the spirit of Easter must ever fill our hearts. Purified by contrition, strengthened by hope, we are to keep our minds raised to the things of heaven, awaiting the summons of our conquering Lord to rise and meet Him when the great Easter Day shall dawn.

EASTER COMMUNION

Pure fasted faces draw unto this feast:
 God comes all sweetness to your Lenten lips
 You striped in secret with breathtaking whips
 Those crooked rough-scored chequers may be pieced
 To crosses meant for Jesu's; you whom the East
 With draught of thin and pursuant cold so nips
 Breathe Easter now; you serged fellowships
 You vigil-keepers with low flames decreased
 God shall o'er-brim the measures you have spent
 With oil of gladness, for sackcloth and frieze
 And the ever-fretting shirt of punishment
 Give myrrhy-threaded golden folds of ease
 Your scarce-sheathed bones are weary of being bent
 Lo, God shall strengthen all the feeble knees.

-Gerard Manly Hopkins

This is Hopkins' earliest extant sonnet. It swells with esthetic sensibilities, and begs to be read aloud. At least pronounce the words to yourself, as a priest would his breviary, and faithful to gain an indulgence from a prayer. I thank a friend for a good Easter submission.

-Bishop Dolan



The Eastern Church calls the Easter Octave “Bright Week,” and I hope yours was indeed. It’s usually a good time for a little rest and relaxation after the exertions of Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for exerting yourself these wonderful days. The daily High Mass continued in church.

Easter week always carries with it much catch up work to be done, and this continues through Low Week. But the work of intercessory prayer and perpetual praise and the Holy Sacrifice is never done. Thank you for your participation in this. Tuesday, the Greater Litanies, we chant the Litany of the Saints in procession to avert the just wrath of God, which seems to hover more closely of late. Wednesday we honor the Mother of Good Counsel, who particularly provides for our temporal needs at St. Gertrude the Great. Pray with us?

Answered prayers include the health of Beckie Mattingly. She had the prayers for the dying two or three times lately, but **Fr. McGuire** found her on Thursday riding a bicycle at her rehab facility! **Fr. Gerald Kasik** was dying of cancer last Fall, but offered Easter Mass for his devoted flock in Montana. He sends his thanks for your prayers, and begs you to continue them.

I’m praying today is not so much of a “Low” Sunday as usual, given the very *high* attendance (best in many years!) we had for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is the Mass that matters. May this conversion be the lasting fruit of Lent for many souls, many families. May they love Mary, and the Mass.

Thank you for your generous response to my appeal for Mass stipends. We now have a good amount for the coming weeks. We also receive with gratitude Masses from all over to be sent to the missions. Our poor priests depend on them. Last week we sent out about 150. The technical problems of sending money out of the country only increase, but we persevere in this act of charity.

Fr. Cekada happily passed Easter Week posting YouTube choir promos and clips of some of the beautiful Masses and music of the season. The response has been encouraging. Someone wrote to enquire about the semiaudible private prayers at the altar and Father responded: “It’s supposed to be like that—whispered prayers from the priest at the altar, authentic trad congregational noises from the pews: black lung-type hacking fits, babies tap dancing on pews and nuclear kneeler drops.” I love the “nuclear kneelers!” Not a Sunday goes by without an attack. Easter

Sunday’s ambient noise was amplified by sugar crazed children at the later Masses. Noisy, but a wonderful sign of hope that there *is* a “next generation” at St. Gertrude.

Our up and coming young people were certainly in evidence during Holy Week, decorating altars and sanctuaries as well as serving, and learning to serve, and singing so expertly. Very encouraging! Now if only they’d all start cooking, too, we’d be in like Flynn!

Oh yes, we had one walking wounded on Easter. **Fr. McKenna** was kindly serving as acolyte for Vespers that evening, and somehow a bit of his candle spilled into his eye. There was some irritation and redness, but nothing more. Thank you St. Lucy! The bird did not fare so well. The Fathers were waiting for me Wednesday evening for dinner after the High Mass, when Puccini appeared with an Easter offering. He deposited the still live bird in the convento, and then flopped down on the floor, the very picture of detachment. The bird flew about a bit, but then met its end. Puccini is a remarkably quick cat on occasion. *Ars Gratia Artis* is ever his motto.

Fr. McKenna has gone on to his flock in North Dakota, Fr. McGuire to Milwaukee. **Fr. Lehtoranta** and the small fervent congregation at St. Hugh did everything for Holy Week, including the Maundy. The 13 Poor Men almost filled the one aisle of the chapel. **Fr. Nkamuke** made it to all three missions, and says that if he had a car he could do it more often. Some of you have kindly donated to this cause. He’s up to about six or seven mission stations in his indefatigable zeal, and hopes to visit us soon. **Fr. Damin** in Argentina lives from hand to mouth but has had a nibble from a young Pius X priest who would like to leave in order to be a logical Catholic, as some indeed have. Please pray for them all, and more.

Great St. George of Palestine pray for you, and protect the remaining Christians of the Middle East!

- Bishop Dolan

THE MESSAGE
 Ah, who can hear the first glad lilt,
 Or glimpse a tiny nest, new-built,
 Without a start and thrill?
 And who can watch the leaves unfold,
 Or see new life spring from the mold,—
 And doubt a higher Will?

- Mary M. Redmond



Albert Kinnett
Margaret & A.D. Kinnett

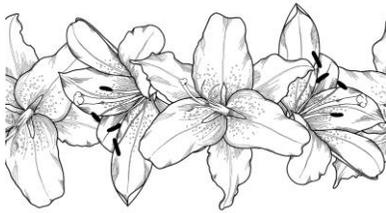
Virgil McCormick
Margaret & A.D. Kinnett

Uncle Forrest Leigh Nelson, Sr.
Robert & Renae Schneider

Grandma Ellen Morgan
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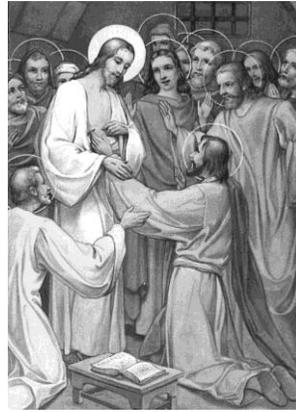
Sarah Ellen Schneider baby 1997
Robert & Renae Schneider



O Glorious Virgin Mary, by the unspeakable joy thou didst receive in the resurrection of thy only-beloved Son, we beseech thee obtain of Him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

AN EMBLEM OF THE RESURRECTION

There is a very early tradition that, immediately after His Resurrection, Our Lord appeared first of all to the Blessed Virgin, bearing a banner with the cross upon it, and surrounded by a company of angels, patriarchs, and prophets. The banner is the symbol of victory, and for this reason it is generally introduced into pictures of the Resurrection, to signify Our Lord's triumph over death.



THE VERSE AND HIS WOUNDS

The Communion-verse is so striking that it would be a pity to overlook it entirely. It may be well to recall the fact that this portion of the liturgy consisted in the primitive Church of a psalm which was sung while the numerous worshippers received Holy Communion, with an antiphon (or anthem) between each verse. Like other formulas of similar nature, the Communion-verse has become restricted to the antiphon alone. On this Sunday, we have the words of Our Lord to St. Thomas as Communion-verse: "Put forth thy hand, and mark the place of the nails, and be not faithless, but believing." St. Thomas touched the Sacred Body with his hands merely; Christians who partake of the Body of the Lord in Holy Communion are brought into still closer intimacy with Him. The touch of those wounds brought renewed faith to the Apostle; the reception of the Holy Eucharist in good dispositions can not but strengthen our faith and increase our love for Him Who received those *wounds* at our sinful hands.

"God can lighten in a brief moment the darkness of a long life, as He can pardon in a moment a life's offence."

— John Ayscough

EASTER-TIDE

"The third day He rose again from the dead."

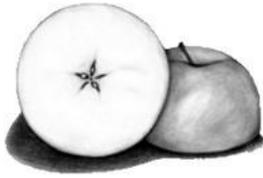
Of all the seasons of the liturgical year Easter-Tide is, by far, the richest in mystery. Easter, we might even say, is the summit of the mystery of the sacred liturgy—the feast of feasts—the solemnity of solemnities. The holy longings of Advent, the sweet joys of Christmas, the severe truths of Septuagesima, the contrition and penance of Lent, the heart-rending sight of the Passion—all were given to us as preliminaries, as paths to the sublime and glorious Pasch, which is now ours. On Easter Day God regains, by the resurrection of the Man-God, His creation renewed;—on this day the whole human race hath risen to immortality together with Jesus. Cor. xv. 21: "By a man came death; and by a man the resurrection of the dead; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made to live." On this day the old law is abolished and the new law begins; the figures have given place to the reality. The anniversary of the Resurrection is, therefore, a great day, a day of joy, the day by excellence, the holiest of days, the Lord's day.

DRESS CODE

For men: Jacket and tie on Sundays and holydays of obligation. No earrings. No shorts. For ladies: A dress or skirt is required; no pants or shorts. The skirt must cover at least the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut either in front or in back. For everyone: No tennis shoes, sandals, clogs, thongs, denim. No piercings. Clothing with writing on it is also forbidden. The standards of Catholic modest must be observed. *Anyone in tight, provocative, or otherwise revealing attire will not be permitted to enter the church.*

FAITH AND NATURE SING THE HOLY WOUNDS

Honor is shown to these Sacred Wounds in many small



ways, too—from the 5 grains of incense inserted into the Paschal Candle, to the custom of dedicating each Pater said in the body of the Dominican Rosary to one of the Five Wounds. They are symbolized in art by the Jerusalem Cross, 5 circles on a Cross, 5 roses, and the 5-pointed star, and they are seen as symbolized by many things in nature—from the stamens of the Passion Flower, the 5 seeds found in the almost perfect 5-pointed star in a cross-sectioned apple, to the Sand Dollar. And there are special prayers to honor them, too.



A sinner who will say the following prayer will obtain conversion: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ to heal those of our souls."

OF THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS

O God, Who by the sufferings of Thy only-begotten Son and by the blood shed from His Five Wounds didst restore human nature, doomed by sin to destruction, we pray Thee grant that we who venerate His Wounds on earth may be held worthy to reap the fruit of His precious Blood in heaven: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This aspiration must often be repeated near the sick; "My Jesus, pardon and mercy through the merits of Thy Holy Wounds!" This prayer will solace soul and body.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Dominican Rosary helped to promote devotion to the Sacred Wounds, for while the fifty small beads refer to Mary, the five large beads and the corresponding Pater Nosters are intended to honor the Five Wounds of Christ

"My Holy Wounds sanctify souls and insure their spiritual advancement... Offer Me your actions united to My Sacred Wounds, and even the smallest will have an incomprehensible value."



CHAPLET OF THE HOLY WOUNDS

The following prayers, composed by Our Lord, are to be said using the Rosary beads.

On the large beads: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal the wounds of our souls.

On the small beads: My Jesus, pardon and mercy, through the merits of Thy Holy Wounds.

"Offer them often to Me for sinners because I thirst for souls. At each word of the invocation that you utter, I will let a drop of My Blood fall upon the soul of a sinner."



The Arms of Christ

CATECHISM CORNER

Why did Christ retain the five wounds even after His Resurrection?

To show that He had after His Resurrection the same body which received the wounds on the cross; to manifest His exceedingly great love for us, by which He has, so to speak, engravened us on His hands and feet, and in His Heart (Is. 49:16). To move us to return love to Him; to encourage us to hope and trust in Him, because His wounds are the most powerful intercessors with the Heavenly Father; to strengthen us by these wounds in our contest with the world, the flesh, and the devil; to console the oppressed, distressed, and tempted, and to prepare them a place of refuge in their afflictions and temptations; to terrify impenitent sinners to whom He will one day exhibit these wounds, showing how much He has suffered for them in which by their own fault, they have not participated. Let us strive, therefore, to live so that these wounds may be our consolation, and not our terror.

Aspiration: "Grant, O most bountiful Jesus, that the most precious Blood which flowed from Thy wounds for me may not be lost." —Fr. Goffine

"When you offer My Holy Wounds for sinners, you must not forget to do so for the souls in Purgatory, as there are but few who think of their relief. The Holy Wounds are the treasure of treasures for the souls in Purgatory."

AT EMMAUS

They knew Him when He broke the bread.
Was't by the accompanying word He said
Which faith, though faltering, understands,
Or wounded beauty of His hands?

— Charles L. O'Donnell

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/24/17	ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M 11:20 AM High Mass Novena IX
TUE	4/25/17	ST. MARK, EV • GREATER LITANIES 11:00 AM Greater Litanies Procession 11:30 AM Greater Litanies High Mass Mark Lotarski, Blessed Name Day (<i>The Fathers</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass of St. Mark Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor – Thank you so much! (<i>Anny Reilly</i>) (from 4/16)
WED	4/26/17	SS. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PPM <i>OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mary Rose Peter (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass of the Mother of Good Counsel For the needs of St. Gertrude the Great School (<i>Dean & Carolyn McClorey</i>) Opening of the Triduum 5:00 PM Low Mass †Cheryl Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>) (from 4/13)
THU	4/27/17	ST. PETER CANISIUS, CD <i>ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BPC</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society Triduum II 5:00 PM Low Mass †Damian Alilonu – Nigeria (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
FRI	4/28/17	ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C • ST. VITALIS, M <i>ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C • ST. PETER CHANEL, M</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Our children & Godchildren (<i>Dale & Rebecca Sandberg Family</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Fr. Lehtoranta (<i>Gary & Karen Dempsey</i>) Triduum III 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass For Mom (<i>Simpson kids</i>) Triduum to the Mother of Good Counsel Triduum to Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick 6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	4/29/17	ST. PETER MARTYR • ST. JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Guy Macchia – 39 th Anniversary April 13 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 8:10 AM Regina Coeli & Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass †Mrs. Mary Rose Peter (<i>Richesson Family</i>)
SUN	4/30/17	EASTER II • ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V <i>BLESSING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Margaret Soli – 1 Month Anniversary (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 10:40 AM Sunday Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock – Happy Anniversary (<i>Capetillo family</i>) (from 4/15) 12:50 PM Spring Program (<i>N.B. No Vespers this Sunday</i>) 5:45 PM Low Mass Alexander Krawczyk – Special Intention (<i>Nina Anastasia Krawczyk</i>) 6:55 PM Compline

ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, a small town on the northern slopes of the Pyrenees. A sickly child, she lived with her family in a basement hovel. One morning in 1858 when she was fourteen, Bernadette and two other children were gathering firewood near a remote cave. Passing the grotto, Bernadette looked up to see a beautiful young woman holding a rosary. The other children



saw nothing. But as word spread of the apparition, crowds began to follow Bernadette as she returned and conversed with the Lady, who identified herself as “the Immaculate Conception.” In one of her encounters, the Lady instructed Bernadette to drink from the waters in the cave. Although there was no visible sign of water, when Bernadette scratched in the ground she unearthed a growing stream. Before long it became a gushing spring, which continues to the present.

Far from rushing to embrace these miraculous events, Church officials were initially reserved, subjecting Bernadette to interminable interviews and cross-examinations. To escape the attention, both positive and negative, Bernadette entered an order of nursing Sisters and was sent to a convent in Nevers. There her health deteriorated, and she died after great suffering on April 16, 1879 at the age of thirty-five. By that time Lourdes had become the most popular pilgrimage site in Europe, famous for its healing miracles, and its cult embraced by the Church. Bernadette was canonized in 1933.

“I shall spend every moment loving. One who loves does not notice her trials; or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love them.” – St. Bernadette

Bless me, most loving Jesus, bless me and have mercy on me in the loving-kindness of Thy most gracious Heart. May my soul choose to know nothing apart from Thee, that, disciplined by Thy grace and instructed by the anointing of Thy Spirit, I may progress well, passionately, and powerfully in the school of Thy love.

– St. Gertrude the Great

SERVERS

SUN 4/30 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Simpson **TH:** L. Arlinghaus
ACs: C. Richesson, D. Simpson **TORCH:** M. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM **LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, Nathan McClorey
5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller