



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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November 12, 2017

PENTECOST XXIII

ST. MARTIN I, PM

PATRONAGE OF OUR LADY



¶ PENTECOST XXIII

Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. After all Masses today, we open with great gratitude our annual devotion of the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. There are no Vespers today. Meet us at 3:00 PM at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ft. Mitchell for our annual Cemetery Rosary Procession, weather permitting. In the case of heavy rain, the Rosary will be recited in church.

¶ ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

St. Gertrude's feast, Thursday, November 16: Solemn High Mass at 11:25 AM to celebrate our patronal feast, followed by a luncheon, 1:45 PM Vespers, and Benediction. You are cordially invited to honor our patroness, and observe our anniversary.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XXIV

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

BOOK *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XXIV (Epiphany VI), with collects of St. Elizabeth, St. Gertrude the Great, and St. Pontianus. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Paul Leurck, who is near death; Sr. Jeanne Marie, for continued recovery after surgery; Jane Brockman, who had surgery Friday; and the repose of the soul of Ken Gilliam's aunt.

Lumen Christi

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

For the spiritual & material healing & wellbeing for the Pula family (Dorian Pula)



HE TOOK HER BY THE HAND, AND THE MAID AROSE.

¶ CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Some people actually *do* Christmas shopping, and some even do it early. If you do, visit our gift shop, and check our standard good quality cards, sacramentals and books, priced to sell. Also you will be charmed with all of the novelty, craft, and one-of-a-kind items. It's fun just browsing. All profit goes to St. Gertrude the Great. Win, win!

¶ CRAFTY NUNS

The Sisters now have an Etsy shop, a website similar to eBay, listing their crafts and cards and unique gift items. It's called "The Guardian's Workshop" in honor of St. Joseph. Many prefer online shopping these days.

¶ CUCINA NIGERIA

We Fathers are ever so grateful to the five or six souls who send in a meal each week or now and again. We average about two meals a week, but could probably use three (Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, say. You can check the website: www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/). But none of us is dying of hunger. Fr. Nkamuke, though, finds himself with five seminarians and very few resources. His faithful *do share* the odd Nigerian stew (very hot!) but too often the cupboard is bare. Could you help feed a hungry future priest? Maybe a few bucks once a month? Mark your check "Nigeria" and I'll know. Cash also welcome, and small change.

- Bishop Dolan



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Thelma Sieverding, who passed away Friday, November 10. The Rosary will be recited at 4:30 PM on Monday, November 13, at the Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, Indiana. Her funeral will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 14, with burial immediately following at the Craven Cemetery in Milan, Indiana.



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$225.00 was received this month for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity.

THE HELPLESSNESS OF THE POOR
SOULS

Then, another feature in their helplessness is the forgetfulness of the living, or the cruel flattery of relations who will always have it that those near or dear to them die the death of saints. They would surely have a scruple, if they knew of how many Masses and prayers they rob the souls, by the selfish exaggeration of their goodness. I call it selfish, for it is nothing more than a miserable device to console themselves in their sorrow. The very state of the Holy Souls is one of the most unbounded helplessness. They cannot do penance; they cannot merit; they cannot satisfy; they cannot gain indulgences; they have no sacraments; they are not under the jurisdiction of God's Vicar, overflowing with the plenitude of means of grace and manifold benedictions. They are a portion of the Church without either priesthood or altar at their own command.

Don't "canonize" your dear dead! Pray for them, having Masses offered for them.

PRAAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Hail, most worshipful Face, for us spit upon and smitten. Hail, most gentle Eyes of our Savior, for us suffused with tears. Hail, sacred Mouth, filled for us with vinegar and gall. Hail, most noble Ears, pierced for us with reproach and contumely. Hail, thou kingly Neck, buffeted for us; and most holy Back, for us torn with the scourge. Hail, venerable Hands and Arms, stretched out for us upon the cross.

Hail, Jesus Christ, Splendor of the Father; hail, Prince of peace, Gate of heaven, living Bread, offspring of the Virgin, Vessel of the Godhead.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

ALL SAINTS CONTEST RESULTS

Best Groups

1st Place with excellent skit: Regina and Dominic Simpson as St. Louise de Marillac and St. Vincent de Paul.

2nd Place: Cecilia and Agnes Gunsher as Saint Bibiana and St. Demetria. *Cute costumes and wonderful recitation by Cecilia.*

Younger Girls

1st Place: Maria McConnell as St. Agnes.

2nd Place: Claire McConnell as Blessed Imelda.

3rd Place: Juliana McClorey as St. Bridget. *LOVED the bowl of fire prop.*

Younger Boys

1st Place: Ben Kamphaus as St. Alexius. *Most creative use of hair! None of the judges could recognize him.*

2nd Place: Simon Richesson as St. Andrew the Apostle. *Good costume.*

3rd Place: Austin McClorey as St. Ephraim of Syria.

Older Girls

1st Place Tie: Gabriella Nies as St. Gabriella and Isabella Mourer as St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

Older Boys

1st Place Tie: Joshua Mourer as Joshua (*great horn playing!*) and Caleb Mourer as Caleb (*and his excellent portrayal of grapes from the Promised Land!*)

- The Judges

SOME VERY CHARMING presentations to be sure. I was pleased to see some children who displayed creativity, and worked hard to present their saint.

This year I'm introducing a new category: moms.

So, first prize for saints goes to Regina and Dominic Simpson: excellent work! Second prize to Cecilia and Agnes Gunsher: good choice of saints, and again good work in learning by heart the story.

But it's usually the mom who does the work and comes up with great ideas. So, first "Mom Prize" is a tie: Rebecca Mourer for Caleb's grapes (a hoot!) and Paige McClorey for St. Bridget's cross and bowl of fire (brilliant!).

Keep up the good work, parents!

- Bp. Dolan

THE POETRY CORNER

IDIOT PSALM: WITH FEAR

*Μετά φόβου Θεού, πίστεως καὶ
ἀγάπης, προσέλθετε*

—a psalm of Isaak, sore afraid

Forgive, O Fire, Forgive, O Light,
the patent,
fraught impurity of we who thus
presume
to open unclean lips, availing now
a portal for Your purity. Forgive
the chatter of our blithely fearless
crowd

awaiting Your pure body pretty
much

the way we stand in any fast-food
queue,
considering our neighbors' faults,
puzzling

at those odd few who seem to shiv-
er some

as they approach Your wound. Ho-
ly One allow

that as we near the cup, before the
coal

is set upon our trembling tongues,
before

we blithely turn and walk again in-
to

our many other failures, allow that
we

might glimpse, might apprehend
something of the fear

with which we should attend this
sacrifice,

for which we shall not ever be
found worthy,

for which—I gather—we shall nev-
er be prepared.

- Scott Cairns

This splendid poem seems to rebuke the Novus Ordo folk who receive so irreverently, but it may also apply to some of our own. Have we no fear of God? Approach with reverent fear and great humility. Swallow the Sacred Host at the rail. Don't rush away. Pray.



¤ BISHOP'S CORNER ¤

I write this on Friday, Feast of St. Andrew Avellino, invoked against sudden death. Early this morning I learned of the death of dear, faithful Thelma Sieverding, another surely of our “founding mothers.” In my spiritual reading I had just read this: “St. Andrew is one of the saints specially invoked against sudden death. He was able to receive the last sacraments before he died, which many people cannot because they have put them off till too late. A good life, the last anointing, and viaticum ensure a good death.” How true. **Fr. McGuire** and I visited Thelma at her Indiana country home only two days before, on one of those painfully beautiful Fall days we’ve been blessed with. We said the prayers for the dying (the Church’s true “last rites”) with Thelma, and her husband Henry and one daughter praying along. Thelma was blessed with a strong, sacrificial smiling Faith in life, and a well prepared and good death.

St. Andrew Avellino once miraculously lit the way on a “dark and stormy night” returning from a sick call. There were no street lights back then, but he glowed. So should we. We must ask his assistance for our darkness here, which hit us suddenly last Sunday with the time change. We got the one remaining parking lot light functioning this week, but we’re still pretty dark by after the 5:45.

Years ago we installed quite a bit of lighting around the church grounds, but now it’s mostly gone, lights burned out maybe, or broken. Nobody can even find the source for the nice Calvary light we once had. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel still shorts off and on, as she has for years. Any and all ideas and even actual assistance would be most appreciated, in lieu of a maintenance man, which we do not have. How beautiful—and safe—was our church at night with all the light. Attractive, apostolic advertising too, for our traditional Catholic faith. “So let your light shine before men.”

Next week we’ll do a leak update, but I wanted to note with some satisfaction that the driveway is at last repaved, exactly one year after we began “project patience.” I do apologize for those who were inconvenienced with its sudden closure, but am edified at the devotion and determination of those who figured out, on their own, alternative parking. One lady, not knowing of the stairs at the Convento, parked there and actually hazarded the hill. Her angel got her down safely. God love her.

What a beautiful stirring High Mass last week for All Saints Sunday. Helfta Hall was full as the little ones entertainingly portrayed their saints, and creative

mothers displayed their handiwork. Some fathers were in the mix, too, I know, and of course some of the children worked very hard for their thoughtful and edifying presentations. And it was a nice party as well. Mmm...potato chips and cookies for breakfast!



There’s another nice party on offer Thursday as we celebrate St. Gertrude the Great and mark our 14th anniversary in our “new” church, our 37th church anniversary all together. Thanks be to God and St. Gertrude the Great.

Sunday church attendance continues low this Fall. Looks like we peaked in Summer. Go figure. Still the good news is that almost everybody of our real congregation (but we love our virtual, too) made it to Mass for the Holy Day. The differential was very small. Our collection continues unchanged. Because of your regularity and generosity, we are able to offer all that we do to our visitors and part time members, and share it as well with our devout and also generous internet congregation.

Fr. Saavedra, God love him, arranged for our now restored processional cross to be delivered the other day. Herein lies a tale. Years ago we had a visiting Russian seminarian at Holy Week. He was a character in his own right, worth a novel maybe or at least a good short story. Tall and easily distracted, he hit the door with the processional cross at Easter, bending it *just enough*. I never got anything done about it, because it could pass, but it reproached me when I passed it in the sacristy. But, “Hail Holy Cross, our only hope!” Last January, we finally got around to inviting **Fr. Eldracher** for a “first” Solemn Mass. He was on his way to the restorer in North Carolina with a truck full of goods, and agreed to take our humble cross with the treasures. Repaired, the cross languished in the workshop, waiting to hitch a ride. The angels finally got it to Detroit, and good Fr. Saavedra was an angel about getting it to Cincinnati. “Behold the Cross of the Lord. Flee forces of the Foe!”

May the Holy Cross be protection for the living, and solace for the dead and always reign in your heart and head.

— Bishop Dolan

Servers

THU 11/16 **11:25 AM SOL.HIGH:** MC: J. Simpson **TH:** D. McConnell **ACs:** C. Richesson, M. Simpson **TORCH:** P. & A. McConnell, D. Simpson, P. McClorey, S. Richesson, A. McClorey **CROSS:** Peter McClorey

SUN 11/19 **7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, R. Vanderyt **TH:** M. Simpson **ACs:** T. Lawrence, D. Simpson **TORCH:** S. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, L. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett, Nathan McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✖ CALENDAR

MON 11/13/17	ST. DIDACUS, C ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA, C
11:25 AM	High Mass Septenarium of St. Nicholas for poor souls in honor of St. Joseph for prayers answered (JCS)
TUE 11/14/17	ST. JOSEPHAT, BPCM
8:00 AM	Low Mass Septenarium of St. Nicholas for poor souls in honor of St. Joseph for prayers answered (JCS)
11:00 AM	Requiem High Mass †Thelma Sieverding
WED 11/15/17	ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCM OPENING OF THE NOVENA TO ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT
8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
5:00 PM	Low Mass Septenarium of St. Nicholas for poor souls in honor of St. Joseph for prayers answered (JCS)
5:50 PM	First Vespers of St. Gertrude the Great
THU 11/16/17	ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V
8:00 AM	Low Mass Septenarium of St. Nicholas for poor souls in honor of St. Joseph for prayers answered (JCS)
11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass In thanksgiving to God & St. Gertrude the Great Parish Luncheon
1:45 PM	Second Vespers and Benediction
FRI 11/17/17	ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPCM ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPCM BL. PHILIPPINE DUSCHENE, V
8:00 AM	Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski (Colleen Eldracher)
10:55 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	High Mass The conversion of heretics (Keith & Jennifer Elflein)
5:15 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (Clare Lotarski)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT 11/18/17	DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE
7:10 AM	Confessions
7:30 AM	Low Mass In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary & in behalf of the holy souls (T.M.S.)
8:05 AM	Salve & Sermon
8:15 AM	High Mass For my family (Jason Murray)
SUN 11/19/17	PENTECOST XXIV ST. ELIZABETH, W ST. PONTIANUS, PM
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass †Bruce Maki (Kent Maki) (from 10/16)
9:00 AM	High Mass For all the Deceased whose name are on the altar
10:40 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

✖ OUR SAINTS

SAINT BRICE

Bishop (†444) Feast: November 13

"Proud," "volatile," and "rude" were all words used to describe young Brice. He was raised by Saint Martin of Tours at his monastery at Marmoutier, France. Despite Martin's efforts, Brice grew to be a bigoted young man. With his monastic upbringing and French pedigree, he considered himself the superior of his foster father, a Hungarian who had grown up in the army. When people urged Martin to send Brice away, he said, "If Christ could put up with Judas, I can tolerate Brice." On one occasion, Brice, now a deacon, went about telling everyone that Martin was mad. When Martin confronted Brice, Brice denied his slander. Then Martin made a shocking revelation: "I have prayed for you, and you will be bishop of Tours."

Indeed, despite his rude personality, Brice was elected bishop of Tours upon Martin's death. Some thirty years into his office, his already less-than-stellar reputation was destroyed when a seamstress accused him of having fathered her child. Although he was able to clear himself of this charge, Brice was nevertheless ousted from his see and went to Rome for seven years.

His exile gave him time for reflection, prayer, and penance. When Brice returned to Tours, he showed a new spirit of humility. His people responded with enthusiasm. After his death seven years later, Brice was venerated as a saint.

Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saint Brice, quell my pride! When I am tempted to think myself better than others, conform me to Thy Son, Who was bruised and abused, yet meek as a lamb.

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Bishop Dolan

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