

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 8, 2018
LOW SUNDAY



¶ SUNDAY IN WHITE

Today is the Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. Sunday classes resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$151 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ THE ANNUNCIATION

Join us tomorrow for the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemn High Mass is at 11:25 AM. A Pro-Life Holy Hour is prayed at 2:30 PM.

¶ FIRST COMMUNION TESTING

First Communion Testing is Saturday, April 14, at 10:00 AM. Your child must be preregistered.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

Sunday classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Easter II, Vidi Aquam, collects of Our Lady & Against the Persecutors. Preface of Easter.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

You're invited to our School Spring Program – Sunday, April 29th, after the 11:30 AM Mass.

2018 YAG: June 22-24. For more information and to register, please visit yagincincy.org.

Girls' Camp: June 27-29

Boys' Camp: July 24-26



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.

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2018

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 14th. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed *before* the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, May 17th.

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 19th.

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3rd.

Please note the following:

No child will be tested without his Baptismal Certificate and form filled out.

Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.

If 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 in case of any doubt. Bring the children to Jesus!

Musica Sacra presents a

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 15, 2018
3 PM at St. Boniface Church,
Northside

Mass No. 5 in A flat minor, D678
Stabat Mater in G minor, D175
Franz Schubert

*For more information please visit
musica-sacra.org*

Collection Report

Sunday, April 1st.....\$6,797.00
Easter/Good Friday.....\$3,961.00

THE FIRST MASS

To see our Lord Jesus Christ appear in glory, we must await the end of history, when He will come again to judge the living and the dead. This is why when He appears after Easter, in what is called His glorified body, Christ bore no aspect of the triumphant: Mary Magdalene mistook Him for the gardener, and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus thought Him an ordinary traveler.

But in this painting representing Christ at Emmaus, Rembrandt goes further: he doesn't fear to show us a Jesus yet too human to be the risen One, His face distraught, like a Christ still undergoing His Passion. Thus the Painter of Light illustrates the words of Blaise Pascal, for whom "Christ will be in His death throes until the end of the world." And it is true: Christ will be in agony as long as evil abounds, and so He is at each Mass—the source and summit of Christian life—making present and active, though without bloodshed, His supreme sacrifice on the cross for the glory of God and the salvation of creation.

On the altar, the Victim is truly the same as on the Cross, just as the minister who offers the sacrifice is also the same. For the priest does not consecrate in his own person, but *in persona Christi*: he does not say, "This is Christ's Body," but, "This is my Body...."

Here Rembrandt represents, as it were, the first Mass—the first time in history the reenactment of Christ's sacrifice was celebrated by Christ Himself—after, it must be stressed, a powerful Mass of the Catechumens

with sermon, expounded along the road. At the inn of Emmaus, Rembrandt captures Jesus at the very moment He speaks the words and makes the gestures of the Consecration: "Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up to Heaven, unto Thee, God, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, He blessed, † broke and gave it to His disciples."

- Pierre-Marie Dumont

A reflection on Rembrandt's "Pilgrims at Emmaus"



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.

BEYON EMMAUS: A POEM

On Easter's road we meet the Mystery,
half seen, half hidden from unwilling eyes
that know the invitation but resist
lest we be burst asunder by surprise
and find ourselves made new before we
take
farewell of what we were, before it dies.

The taste of daily bread seems passing
sweet,
though yesterday we found it hard and
thin.
New leaven makes a wilder loaf that
breaks
in fragments we can barely gather in,
for all our baskets now have grown too
small
to hold the feast we hardly dare begin.

The wine is heady as it spills from cups
that careful craft cut shallow by intent
to mete out life by sips too cautious now
to hold in check the vintage that has rent
our wineskins with a stone-displacing
force
erupting from a fountain never spent.

We thought we knew you when you
spoke to us
the word that seized our lives and turned
them round
to face a different sun than we had seen
along the roads we tramped, eyes on the
ground
to measure steps with care lest pebbles
trip
or unsuspected crossroads, met, con-
found.

What fools we were—we never knew you
then,
who hardly know you now by voice or
face,
but only in the breaking of the bread
catch sight of what you are and were. The
grace
spills through your wounded hands and
floods the room
with fragrance from some strange, famil-
iar place.

-Sister Genevieve Glen, OSB

This poem seeks to express Easter's effect, using Emmaus, Eucharistic imagery.

The weather last week, Easter week, was positively weird. Old Man Winter just doesn't want to give up, and Spring is the recusant which must sneak about as it may. Still, wasn't it glorious for nature, like the angels at the tomb, or neophytes in Rome, to be vested in shining white robes, for Easter Monday (and again yesterday)? But then Tuesday's warmth made us forget the snow, and wonder if tornadoes were not on the way. Our Spring flowers are barely blooming, but they do last, in the chill.

I hope all of you had a chance for some well earned rest these Easter octave days, and to consolidate your Holy Week graces. Thanks again for everything, including our quiet, and well attended Novena High Masses last week. The ninth day is tomorrow, the transferred feast of the Annunciation. Solemn High Mass is at 11:25, and a Pro-Life Holy Hour is prayed before the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30. We are celebrating the Incarnation of the Word of God in the spotless womb of the Virgin Mary. We are praying against the unspeakable crime of abortion.

This Holy Week I was thinking about smells and bells. Katie never could bear the almost overpowering fragrance of lilies in the church. Allergies. But this year only a faint whiff, just the once. Instead I smelled tuna or the servers' breath at the Maundy on that heavy humid Holy Thursday afternoon. **Fr. Lehtoranta** reports he got one unwashed foot, which was a "little extra humiliation." We did well for the feet here. Pre-washed, all of them, I suspect. From time to time you could smell the fragrance of the incense, and once at the Maundy Thursday Gospel, *hear* it, as the fire alarm went off. Some of the smoke had settled in the All Saints hall. Too bad we had not thought to coordinate it with the Gloria. The young servers ring their little hearts out, and do a very good job on the bells. All of the ceremonies went well, which is saying *quite a bit*. The Faith is being passed on.

The attendance was good, but the Easter Sunday was excellent! Some 450 souls, each of the three Masses being filled, just as many years ago, when we were "the only Latin Mass in town." But what struck me even more was how the congregation *stayed*, after the long solemn Pontifical Mass. No one stirred. Everyone sat quietly, still taking it in, or giving thanks. It was a beautiful moment.

Something similar occurred the day before, Holy Saturday, at the Easter Luncheon. People stayed. No hurry to go home. The children were frolicking in the cold Spring sunshine, hunting out eggs, and the adults

were visiting after dinner. Another fine moment, one to remember.

The actual hour of the Resurrection was just before dawn on Easter Sunday. We are some of the few who sanctify it. This we do by the beautiful chant of the Divine Office of Matins and Lauds, the Church's own prayer, in the cold, candlelit church. Nothing is forgotten, nothing is left undone at St. Gertrude the Great during these most sacred days of the year. And so many count themselves privileged to participate in so many ways. Deo Gratias!

That hound of **Hell**, Bergoglio, has now for the *fourth* time in the press denied Hell's existence with impunity, scandalizing the whole world, and in Holy Week! It is almost as sad to consider our former comrades in arms, who have nothing to say anymore as they prepare to join the Church of Hell. The best they could offer would be a childish comment or two, as they continue to "go along to get along." Offer reparation, and enlightenment if you may, for these souls. Peter souls you could call them, some of them doubly so. May tears be their salvation to wash away so much willful ignorance and cowardice. May the so patient Risen Jesus visit them yet, and convert them.

Blessed Easter!

- Bishop Dolan



Fr. Alberto Martinez celebrates Holy Thursday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mendoza, Argentina



THE WHITE GARMENT

The purple robe they took away
And garbed Him all in white that day.
And now through all the years that pass
He wears that livery: in the Mass
He treads in white the way He trod,
The Fool of Love, the Son of God.

- Speer Strahan

The white alb of the priest represents this white robe of the fool with which Our Lord was clothed.

✠ CALENDAR

✠ EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

- MON 4/9/18 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased (*Dean & Carolyn McClorey*)
11:25 AM Solemn High Mass Novena IX
2:30 PM Pro-Life Annunciation Holy Hour & Benediction
5:00 PM Low Mass †Christopher Mary – Nigeria (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
- TUE 4/10/18 FERIAL DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Angels †Jane Donadio (*Dennis & Mary Ann Skronon*)
- WED 4/11/18 ST. LEO I, PCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Elaine Pawinski (*Annie Young*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Wilma Schappacher (*Mary Black*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Judy's Intentions (*Barb Stanfield*)
- THU 4/12/18 FERIAL DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Bill & Terri Young*)
11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention–W.R. (*C. Simpson family*)
- FRI 4/13/18 ST. HERMENEGILD, M**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Guy Macchia – 40th Anniversary April 13 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
11:06 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass †Charles Richardson, 20th Anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. Lotarski & family*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Miss Sharon Patton (*Cecilia Simpson*)
6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
- SAT 4/14/18 ST. JUSTIN, M**
 SS. TIBURTIUS & COMPANIONS
 THE HOLY SEPULCHER
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Birthday Francis & Elaine (*Diane Puglielli*)
8:05 AM Regina Coeli & Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Mom & Dad (*Your children*)
10:00 AM First Communion Testing
Spiritual Talk & First Confessions
- SUN 4/15/18 EASTER II**
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Bill, †Thom & †John (*Kent Maki*)
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 †Sharon Patton (*Jane Lotarski*)
5:45 PM Low Mass †Elaine Pawinski (*Mark Cash*)



SILVIA BLANCO
Saul Blanco

JAMES J. DILLON JR.
Katharine Dillon

KENNETH JACOB BROWN III
Susan Brown & children

AUDREY & ARTHUR BUTLER
Katharine Dillon

EMMA KATHARINE JACKSON
Katharine Dillon



DEY-NATHALIE D MERZO
Rupert Vidovich

DILLON FAMILY
Katharine Dillon

CONNELLS/SCHAPPACHE
RS/SR. GERARD
Paul & Pat McConnell

SR. JOAN HYACINTH & BUTLER FAMILY
Katharine Dillon

MR. BRIAN MCMAHON
The Vander Puttens

VINCENT BUTLER
Katharine Dillon

MR. & MRS. DENIS MCMAHON
ON
Anne Vander Putten



RYAN GREENWELL
The Vander Puttens



THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



MONDAY, APRIL 9

HIGH MASS AT 11:25 AM

LOW MASSES AT 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR AT 2:30 PM

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.

Servers

MON 4/9 11:25 AM SOL.HIGH: MC: J. Simpson TH: D. McConnell ACs: M. Simpson, A. McConnell CROSS: P. McClorey TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, J. & C. Mourer, B. Kamphaus, D. Simpson

SUN 4/15 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Simpson, J. Lacy TH: B. Lotarski ACs: C. Richesson, M. Simpson TORCH: B. Kamphaus, J. & C. Mourer, S. Richesson
 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, Nathan McClorey
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller