



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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March 17, 2019
LENT II
ST. PATRICK, BPC
ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C



¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail. Short Stations are at 11:15 AM. After the 11:30 AM Mass, there is a **St. Patrick's Day Program** in Helfta Hall: "Shillelaghs and Shamrocks." Plan to come! Early Vespers are at 1:45 PM or so, after refreshments.

¶ WEEKDAY VESPERS

Vespers are chanted every school day after Mass at about 12:25, the Church's prayer. Translation provided.

¶ LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with the Blessing of the Sick is every **Friday night after Stations**. Bring the sick to be blessed, and contact the office with their names, to be mentioned during the novena.

Every Sunday at 11:15 AM, **Short Stations** are on offer. They are very brief, and certainly will not take up too much of your Sunday.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. First Vespers of the Annunciation followed by Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Lent III, with collect of St. Gabriel. Preface of Lent.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Dan Burwinkel, Jeff Winingham, Joe Ellen Murray, Cecilia Socquet-Julgard, and the repose of the soul of †Ruth Arlinghaus.

Lumen Christi

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

For graces and blessings for my husband, my sons, and myself
(*Maria Ip*)



¶ ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST

Join us Tuesday for the great feast of St. Joseph. Low Masses are at 7, 8 and 10 AM. High Mass is at 11:25 AM followed by the Blessing of Bread and a pizza lunch. Those who attend are dispensed from the fast. Bring some food for the poor to the St. Joseph Table.

¶ UPCOMING

Saturday, March 30th: St. Therese Life Changing Day of Recollection, 8:05 AM – 12:45 PM. Mass, Sermon, Conferences, Stations and Benediction.

YAG 2019: July 12-14

Girls Camp: July 17-19

Boys Camp: July 22-24

Collection Report

Sunday, March 10th \$4,768.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHTS

Volunteer cooks needed for April 5th. You still have a chance to sign up. Please let the office or Marlys know if you are willing to take on providing a meal. We need to feed about 40 people. We will try to provide some help if you need it.

Enjoy the rest of the Lenten Fridays by being a recipient. Show up and enjoy the retreat atmosphere without thinking of feeding the family. This plan of cooking one Friday is to relieve the pressure of coming up with a potluck fixing each Friday night.

Not a Cook? We need help with clean up for our Friday night dinners. Please sign up to clean up one Friday or just be helpful if you are there for Stations and Devotions. We need dishes washed, tables wiped down, floors swept, and trash removed. God bless you for your efforts.

**Lenten Friday Evening
of Recollection
March 22nd**

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Fruit

7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction

8:30 PM (approx.): Distribution of Holy Communion

AN IMPROVISING THOUGHT

In the Lenten Preface, the Church reminds the whole world of truths sadly diminished among men, as the Scripture expresses it. ‘Fasting represses the vicious inclinations of the flesh, it elevates the soul, it gives vigor to virtue, and leads to victory.’ How well these truths were comprehended by the masters of the spiritual life! To the question as to what is the spirit contrary to the **gift of intelligence** (understanding)—that is, according to Suarez, a certain aptitude for explaining to one’s self and others the sense of revealed truths,—St. Antoninus replies: “Tis the spirit of gluttony. Indulgence of the appetite for food, when carried to any excess whatever, causes the life of the senses to predominate over the life of the spirit, the body over the mind. The more delicately one eats the less sensibly one thinks.” “Nothing,” says St. John Chrysostom, “is more pernicious than gluttony, and nothing more ignominious. It renders the mind obtuse and gross, and the heart sensual; it blinds the understanding, preventing it from seeing clearly.”

When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honor, joy and happiness, and draw his special love and protection on yourself.

Be pleased to watch over Thy flock, good Shepherd. Let not the sheep which Thou hast ransomed with Thy Precious Blood be attacked and torn to pieces by the fiend.



THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

2019

Please note these important dates:

*First Confessions & Testing:***Saturday, April 27th.**

(*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, June 6th.***Confirmations:***Vigil of Pentecost,
Saturday, June 8th.***First Holy Communion:***Pentecost Sunday, June 9th.**

Please note the following:

If your child was **not** baptized at St. Gertrude the Great, the baptismal certificate must be submitted to the church office by **Saturday, March 30th**. *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 April 27th.*

Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Catechism Class) **every Sunday**, not once or twice a month as sports or Sunday activities permit, in order to receive the Sacraments.

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.

“We are born to love, we live to love and we will die to love still more.” – St. Joseph Cafasso

LOST!
NEW ST. ANDREW MISSAL
LOST SINCE CHRISTMAS
IF FOUND PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE
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AN IRISH BLESSIN’

May the lint-white arms o’wee Jesus caress ye;

May Mary, who bore Him, stand ‘twixt ye an’ harm;

May the grave Man-Christ wi’ the bearded face bless ye:

An’ may your own prayers be, ’gainst Hell, a charm!

May His carpenter-father keep watchin’ o’er ye;

May Patrick, Benignus, an’ Columbkille

Walk iver beside ye, behind ye, afore ye,

Tae ward from ye, night an’ day, ivery ill!

May great Martin wrap ye wi’in his halved mantle;

May Bridget’s black veil an’ Arch-Michael’s shield save

Your soul from the flames; may ye live pure an’ gentle;

When dead—may big salty tears wet your grave!

– Padric Gregory



At the hour of death the holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation.

Remember, Lord, Thy chosen people, created by Thee from the beginning of the world. Forget not the Church which Thou didst found in Christ before time began. Remember Thy mercy, fulfill Thy covenant, and enfold us continually in the freedom Thou hast promised.

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Spring arrived last week along with the Spring Ember Days. It was a difficult delivery. Chilly at times, then oppressively humid, dark mostly, wet, inconstant and windy. You wonder what the charm of it is? We had a real blinding St. Scholastica rainstorm Thursday evening as I was offering Mass, with noise such as I have never heard before. But it passed quickly, as wrath sometimes will, and left a rainbow in its wake. It is sad that the enemy has coopted even this. Never mind, nature will wear green if not today for St. Patrick, then surely soon. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

"But all of her glory is within," the Psalmist says of Our Lady, Mother Church, and a soul in Sanctifying Grace. The same is true of our church these days of Lent. Come on in! How stately and sober is the sanctuary, all hung in penitential purple. How varied and nourishing the offerings of feasts and devotions, of altars and shrines. The music! The different Stations, the Scourged Christ, St. Joseph's altar, the Sorrowful Mother. Daily Mass. Many sermons, touching prayers. Come in out of the cold.

Well, a good number of children and parents did just that last Wednesday. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, the principal speaker this year, admits he was a *little* disappointed at the sparse showing for the opening talk. But like a day in Spring, things warmed up with time, and by closing Stations and Benediction, the number of children exceeded the biblical forty, to everyone's satisfaction. Many parents came for Mass or Stations which rounded things off nicely. The beautiful new "Fatima Way of the Cross" has been a wonderful discovery, and is very well received.

Our first Friday Evening of Recollection was a surprising, gratifying success. So many Communions, such a line for the Supper, and more for the Way of the Cross. Ditto for the Sunday Stations. If you look within it looks like a good Lent. But do look within, to your soul, your life and habits. Don't just add a thing or two, but ask Jesus to rearrange everything in your life according to His good will.

The **McFathers** were able to arrange to give ashes at just about all of their missions at the start of Lent, despite a blizzard or two. All of the Fathers will be with us on Tuesday for a Solemn Mass which honors St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Again this year the Mass will be for our dear ladies: Katie and Sharon, Pat

Patton and Bee and Connie and Thelma and Paulina and Jane Donadio, and anybody else I missed. After Mass is the blessing of bread (which includes **Fr. Cekada's** favorite kind of bread, flat, with tomato sauce and cheese, i.e., pizza) and the St. Joseph's Table, which receives your Lenten alms in the way of food for the poor. It's a real Lenten exercise. Be generous. Be with us if you can. There's Hot Cross Buns and some pizza waiting for you.

We're all looking forward to our School St. Patrick's Day program. I wish you a very happy day indeed. May the faith of the Irish flourish still in West Chester, Ohio...and in your hearts.

— Bishop Dolan



ST. THERESE MORING OF RECOLLECTION

LIFE CHANGING

SATURDAY, MARCH 30



8:10 AM: Opening Sermon

8:35 AM: High Mass followed by quiet time for Thanksgiving thought. Coffee provided. Pack a breakfast if you'd like.

Two Conferences will be given in the morning, with a break in between for quiet prayer.

12:15 PM: Closing Stations of the Cross, Benediction

An illustration of a man in a white shirt and tie, shouting into a megaphone. He is standing on a yellow background with radiating lines.

**Sister Sunday
Is 2 Weeks Away!
And The Sisters Have a Request...**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: AN ADULT DAY-OF-RECOLLECTION WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, THE DAY BEFORE "SISTER SUNDAY". THE SISTERS ASKING YOU, TO STICK AROUND AFTER THE EVENT ON SATURDAY TO HELP SETUP FOR THEIR FUNDRAISER. COULD YOU PACK A LUNCH AND SPARE A FEW HOURS? SNEAKING IN A FEW EARLY BIDS IS A LIKELY POSSIBILITY...

IN THE MEANTIME

SPLIT-THE-POT TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES TODAY.

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE RAFFLE FEATURING A STUNNING CRUCIFIX, STERLING ROSARY, AND BEAUTIFUL WOODEN CHEST.

TEXT "SISTERS123" TO 855-202-2100 FOR A LINK.

❖ CALENDAR

MON	3/18/19	ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Thelma Macke Sieverding (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Terri Young – Happy Birthday (<i>from her husband</i>)	
	12:25 PM	First Vespers of St. Joseph	
TUE	3/19/19	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Bill & Joseph Young (<i>Terri Young</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ruth Sieverding Keiffer (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)	
✓	10:00 AM	Low Mass St. Joseph – Thanksgiving (<i>Kent Maki</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass In honor of St. Joseph & St. Patrick for our dear deceased ladies Blessing of Bread, St. Joseph's Table, Parish Pizza <i>No evening Mass</i>	
WED	3/20/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
		<i>Ss. PHOTINA & COMPANIONS, MM</i>	
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Ad Cautelam	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Jacob Vogel (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)	
THU	3/21/19	ST. BENEDICT, AB	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass The next soul to be released from Purgatory (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Mass of St. Benedict For the Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation (<i>The Fathers</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Holy Souls (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	3/22/19	ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER, C	FAST
		<i>ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA, W • THE HOLY SHROUD</i>	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Ad Cautelam	
	11:05 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Simpson Family	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
SAT	3/23/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Vivian Wainright	
	8:20 AM	Ave & Sermon	
	8:30 AM	(approx.) High Mass Purgatorial Society	
SUN	3/24/19	LENT III • ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mr. & †Mrs. Richard Smith (<i>Simpson family</i>)	
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Patricia & †Sharon Patton (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)	
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes	
	11:15 AM	Short Stations of the Cross	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Annie Young – Happy Birthday (<i>from your parents</i>)	

❖ ST. PATRICK

March 17—Today is the feast of St. Patrick. The saint's story is one of those histories that dwarf the imaginings of fiction. The little slave-boy that walked as an angel in a pagan land and among swine; the young student that heard in his dreams the cry of the children of Ireland, "Come to us, O holy youth!" the zealous missionary becoming all things to all men that he might gain all to Christ; and, finally, the aged Bishop dying full of years and labors, and looking out over a land once in darkness, but now light in the Lord,—such in outline was Patrick; and the outline has been filled in by chronicle and poem and legend, all so beautiful and wondrous that it seems almost sacrilegious to criticize or question too closely; and all giving us—St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland.

And then Ireland herself, that turned so easily to Christianity, and took to it so kindly; that constituted herself a herald of the good tidings to others, and a refuge in the days of stress and turmoil for learning and holiness; that took up her cross so bravely, and bore it so patiently and so long, not forgetting or denying Him that seemed to have forsaken her. This is the Ireland that comes before us on St. Patrick's Day. And thus the patron and the people, the saint and his island, are on this feast brought to our minds as two great spiritual forces leavening the corrupt mass of history; and bringing before us in a materialistic age and atmosphere ideals that lift us to higher levels. St. Patrick is one of the great spiritual figures of religious history; and Ireland is one of the great spiritual forces.



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SUN 3/24	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: C. Richesson ACs: N. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, T. England, J. Stewart 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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4:45 PM	First Vespers of the Annunciation & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

MY LENT A MASS

MEDITATION ON THE MASS THIS LENT

MONDAY IN LENT II



At the Credo.
Behold the Man! Yes, Lord, I believe in Thy sorrowful passion, in the shedding of Thy Blood, and in the dogmatic and moral truths that are found on them. Thy holy Gospel, my Jesus, is the school of the cross and suffering; and Thy sacred person, from the crown of Thy head to the sole of Thy feet, is the living exemplification of the doctrine taught therein. "Behold the Man"—the Man of Sorrows in whom I must practically believe; for it was necessary that Christ should suffer, and so enter into His glory; it is equally necessary that I, if I would be His disciple and share His happiness, should renounce myself, take up my cross and follow Him.

Resolve. To say or do something that may draw contempt on us.

Pray. O my dearest Spouse, I will rather be despised with Thee, than be honored without Thee.

TUESDAY IN LENT II



At the Offertory.
Meditate upon the resignation of Christ and His offering Himself to bear all things for the glory of His Father, and the redemption of mankind. —Ps. xxxix. Art thou prepared to endure adversity and affliction? "I am ready for scourges." — Ps. xxxvii. 18.

Behold me, O most merciful Jesus: A poor sinner; I cast myself at Thy sacred feet, penetrated with sorrow for my sins. Oh! let not pride any longer rule my soul, which Thou my Savior, hast so tenderly loved and redeemed at so great a price; cleanse my poor soul, O Jesus, from all offensive stains, and drown my imperfections in the boundless ocean of Thy mercy. "I will take the chalice of salvation: and I will call upon the name of the Lord." —Ps. cxv. 13.

The priest covers the Chalice.

Jesus is crowned with thorns. Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst submit through love for me to be crowned with thorns, grant that my heart may be so penetrated with the thorns of repentance in this world, that I may deserve to be hereafter crowned with Thee in glory. "Confirm, O God, what Thou hast wrought in us." — Ps. lxvii. 29.

Resolve. Constantly to preserve holy patience amid crosses and trials.

Pray. My kingdom is not of this world.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT II



At the Offertory.

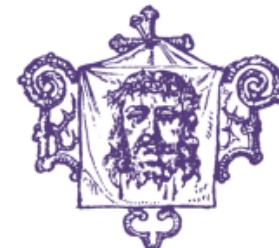
Jesus is condemned to death. The populace has chosen its victim; Pilate is about to deliver Jesus, to their fury. I adore Thee, O Jesus, immolated Lamb, on whom God has laid the iniquities of us all. I adore Thee, O "Pontiff holy, innocent and undefiled, separated from sinners and made higher than the heavens," Who, to give us life, didst deliver Thy soul to death, Who hast truly taken upon Thyself our infirmities and borne our sorrows, that by Thy bruises, we might be healed. Ah! go not alone to the altar. Permit me to follow Thee, bearing

my cross, and mingling my tears with Thy Blood. Magnanimous Savior, Who didst institute this adorable mystery that I might have a share in Thy immolation, unite me to Thy divine sacrifice and make me one and the same victim with Thee, a victim of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition.

Resolve. To say nothing in your own praise.

Pray. O dearest Jesus, my God and my all.

THURSDAY IN LENT II



At the Lavabo.

Reflect how Pilate sought to excuse himself for his most wicked deed by washing his hands. But he did not escape the guilt itself. — Matt. xxvii. 24. How often dost thou seek to conceal thy sins, and to make excuses for them? So doing thou dost rather increase than diminish them. "I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord." — Ps. xxxi. 6.

The priest washes his fingers.

Pilate washes his hands. Lord Jesus Christ! Son of the living God! Who, although declared innocent by Pilate, wast subjected to the insults and outrages of the Jews, grant me grace to lead an irreproachable life, and at the same time to maintain a holy indifference to the opinions of men. "O God, Thou knowest my foolishness: and my offences are not hid from Thee." — Ps. lxviii. 6.

"Man cannot be justified compared with God. If he will contend with Him, he cannot answer Him one for a thousand." — Job ix. 2, 3.

Resolve. Carefully to restrain our eyes in honor of Jesus stripped.

Pray. O Lord, is it possible for me to see Thee in such torments, and not to melt into tears?

FRIDAY IN LENT II THE HOLY SHROUD



At the Orate Fratres.

Meditate upon Christ about to be condemned by Pilate, presented to the people crowned with thorns and in a purple robe. – John xix. 5. What will be thy state, O man, when thou shalt stand before Christ the judge at the Last Day? “Who will grant me this, that Thou mayest protect me in hell, and hide me, till Thy wrath pass?” – Job xiv. 13.

At the Orate Fratres.

Pilate says to the Jews: “Behold the Man.” Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst submit to the derision of the Jews, and voluntarily wear the badges of their insolent mockery, grant that I may faithfully resist all emotions of vainglory, and appear before Thee on the day of judgment clothed in the sacred garment of Thy humility. “I will let go my speech against myself, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God: Do not condemn me.” – Job x. 1, 2.

“For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.” – Ps. 1. 7.

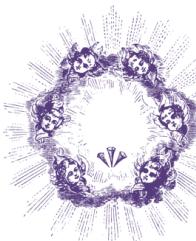
Resolve. On this day especially let us yield to our neighbor in all things lawful.

Pray. O my Jesus, it was I, who by my pride, placed this crown of thorns on Thy head.

SATURDAY IN LENT II

At the Orate Fratres.

Jesus looks at Peter...Peter weeps. O Blessed Apostle, who, by thy tears and the shedding of thy



blood on a cross, didst atone for thy momentary weakness, obtain for me one glace from Jesus, one look to wound my heart and change my eyes into two fountains of tears. I earnestly implore this same grace for all sinners through the Precious Blood of Christ. Amen.

Resolve. Neither desire to please men, nor fear to displease them.

Pray. My Lord and my God, in possessing Thee I possess all things.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus and Barabbas. In the drama of Calvary occurs an incident which reveals all the depravity of the human heart. In a case where choice must be made between a notorious criminal and One of whose innocence even the unworthy judges are convinced, the former is chosen. Barabbas is preferred to Jesus. And I, O my Redeemer, how often my perverted will rejects Thee, for some shameful passion, some vile pleasure, some transitory satisfaction, some mere trifle! Good Samaritan, come and heal and strengthen my sick and sinful will with the oil and wine of Thy Precious Blood.

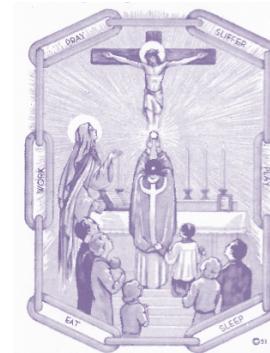
Resolve. To explain everything in favor of our neighbor.

Pray. O Lord, I have deserved death.

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HOLY MASS

IN UNION WITH OUR LORD'S PASSION



“She assisted at Mass with intense devotion. When the celebrant began: ‘In nomine Patris,’ etc., she contemplated Jesus on the Mount of Olives, and begged for the Faithful the grace of assisting devoutly at the Holy Sacrifice and for priests that of offering It in a manner pleasing to God; lastly, she implored Our Lord to cast upon all as gracious a look as He once cast upon St. Peter.

“At the Consecration, she offered the Savior to His Father for the whole world, chiefly for the conversion of sinners, for the relief of the souls in purgatory, for the dying, and for her Sisters in religion. She imagined the altar surrounded at this moment by crowds of adoring angels who dared not raise their eyes to the Sacred Host. She said to herself that, although it might be very bold in her, yet she could not deprive herself of the consolation of gazing upon Our Lord.

“She often saw a brilliant light surrounding the Sacred Host and in the Host a cross of dark color, never white. Had it been white, she would not have distinguished it. It did not seem to be larger than the Host, but the latter Itself was often larger than usual.”

- Rev. K. E. Schmoger, CSSR
Life of Anne Catherine Emmerich