

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES 7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH 11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW

MATERNITY OF OUR LADY PENTECOST XIX OCTOBER 11, 2009



5.1 Sunday Vespers and Benediction as announced. Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart and Benediction: Friday evening after Mass. Other Novenas and Devotions, as announced.

¶Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses, at communion rail.

¶Children's Confessions: One Sunday of the month at 10:40 AM, as announced.

¶Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶Prayer Chain: To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

¶Appointments & Sick Calls: Please phone the church office.

¶Catholic Books & Religious Articles: A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶Baptisms: Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who

do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶Confirmation: Confirmation is solemnly administered at Pentecost of each year, and privately as requested. According to canon law, children should, if possible, be confirmed before First Holy Communion.

\$First Holy Communion: Children should make their First Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason (usually between the ages of five and eight) and know the rudiments of the Faith (the First Communion Catechism.) First Holy Communion is administered each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

¶Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest *before* setting a date.

SExtreme Unction: Your priests serve a wide area and must often travel far to administer this sacrament. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a church member

is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

¶Mass Intentions: Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.

¶Registration: Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

¶Dress Code: *Ladies*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶OCTOBER 11, 2009 •MATERNITY OF OUR LADY• •PENTECOST XIX•

Please support our annual **Columbus Day Bake Sale.** Catechism classes are as usual at **10:30 AM.**

THIS WEEK

Our week begins with Columbus day, feast of Our Lady of the Pillar. We'll pray the Rosary before the 5:00 PM Mass. Meanwhile, Fr. McGuire will be here for the Knights of the Sacred Heart at 4:00 PM. Be sure to come for the Fatima feast on **Tuesday** evening, with Mass at 5:45 PM, and our final Procession, **Fatima** Rosarv candlelight, at 7:00 PM. St. Callistus the Pope had much to suffer from the calumnies of his own Catholics. His feast falls on Wednesday, when we offer 3:00 PM Rosary, Benediction and Holy Communion. St. Teresa of Avila is honored on Thursday. Our own St. Hedwig, saint of daily Mass and the Holy Will of God is honored on Friday along with the mother's saint, St. Gerard Majella. St. Margaret Mary, great instrument used by the Sacred Heart, closes the week.

SKNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Fr. McGuire, invites all of the boys of St. Gertrude to join him **Monday** at **4:00 PM** at Sharon Woods Park.

SALTER CHRISTUS



10 Mass stipends were donated for Masses for the sanctification and support of priests. Thank you for your generosity.



Let us magnify Our Lady's glory.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mission Sunday and the feast of St. Luke **Set Your Missal:** October 18, communion and proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XX, Preface of the Trinity. Pray the Rosary with us before the 7:30 and 11:30 Masses.

¶CONFESSION

Due to the absence of two priests we are not able to offer confessions this Sunday after all, nor next. However we would be happy to hear confessions during the week (just call to set up a time) or on the weekend: Friday morning and evening, and Saturday morning. Thank you for your understanding!

JUPCOMING EVENTS

¶FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

Friday evening October 23rd through Sunday evening October 25th.

¶CHILDREN'S ALL SAINTS PROCESSION

Sunday November 1st, 9:00 AM

SALL SAINTS DAY

This year the holy day falls on a Sunday. The children's procession is at the 9:00 AM Mass, followed by the costume contest and party in Helfta Hall. Due to the number of children, we will not be having the regular individual presentations, but any special group presentation would be welcome.

¶PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember Diane Powell, Nadine Henry, Tom and Connie Kamphaus, Vivian Bloemker, Kim LeBlanc, Andrew Prell, Ted Zapp, the father of Fr. Zapp and all of our sick and shut in.

The humble Mary will communicate to you a portion of her profound humility.

-Saint Louis de Montfort

Thank you for your generosity! Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

Collection Report

Sunday October 4\$3,672.00

POETRY CORNER

The Rosary

The gladness of thy Motherhood, The anguish of thy suffering Thy glory now that crowns thy brow, O Virgin-Mother, we would sing.

Hail, blessed Mother, full of joy In thy consent, thy visit too; Joy in the birth of Christ on earth, Joy in Him lost and found anew.

Hail, sorrowing in His agony
The blows, the thorns that pierced His
brow;

The heavy wood, the shameful Rood, Yea! Queen and chief of martyrs thou.

Hail, in the triumph of thy Son, The quickening flames of Pentecost; Shining a Queen in light serene, When all the world is tempest-tost.

O come, ye nations, roses bring, Culled from these mysteries divine, And for the Mother of your King With loving hands your chaplets twine.

We lay our homage at Thy feet, Lord Jesus, Thou the Virgin's Son, With the Father and with the Paraclete, Reigning while endless ages run.

–Augustine Ricchini

O MARY, GATE OF HEAVEN, PRAY FOR US.

Ushers

OCTOBER 18, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer
 9:00 AM Gery Keaveney, Mark Loranski, Volunteer, Volunteer
 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
 5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 18, 2009 •MON 10/12 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney

•Tue 10/13 5:45 PM Low: J. Bayer •Web 10/14 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveny, Wneks •Fri 10/16 5:45 PM Low: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, T. Kunkel •Sat 10/17 7:30 AM Low: C. Simpson, T. Simpson

•Sun 10/18 7:30 AM Low: A. & S. Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: John Lotarski ACs: G. Wnek, F. Puglielli TH: R. Hill

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| # The Calendar | | |
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| Mon | 10/12/09 | COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY |
| | | OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR |
| | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Mary B. Doyle - Happy 90th Birthday! |
| | | (M/M Di Mare) |
| | 4:00 PM | Knights of the Sacred Heart |
| | 4:30 PM | _ |
| | | Low Mass Kathleen West (Mario Derksen) |
| TUE | 10/12/00 | St. Edward, King C |
| IUE | 10/13/09 | Our Lady of Fatima |
| | 9.00 AM | Low Mass Patricia Seifert (Elaine Koehler) |
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| | 3:10 PM | High Mass Poor Souls for Mattingly Family Conversions |
| | | Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart of |
| |):4) FM | |
| | | Mary In Thanksgiving and Honor to our M.P.H. and for my intentions (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) |
| | 7.00 PM | Fatima Candlelight Rosary Procession |
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| WED | 10/14/09 | St. Callistus I, PM |
| | | Low Mass †Jeanne Shannon (MKC/John Pottmeyer) |
| | | High Mass Poor Souls for Mattingly Family Conversions |
| | | October Devotions - Exposition, Rosary |
| | | Benediction & Holy Communion |
| | | Low Mass Poor Souls for Mattingly Family Conversions |
| | | Choir Practice |
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| THUR | 10/15/09 | St. Teresa of Avila, V |
| | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Special Intention |
| | 11:20 AM | High Mass †Walter and Betty Stone (M/M J. Praschak) |
| | 3:10 PM | Rosary |
| Г | 10/1//00 | Cr. Harris W |
| Fri | 10/16/09 | St. Hedwig, W |
| | | PURITY OF MARY |
| | 11.00 AM | St. Gerard Majella Confessions |
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| | | High Mass Poor Souls for Mattingly Family Conversions |
| | 3:10 PM | |
| | | Rosary & Confessions |
| | 5:45 PM | Low Mass †Bruce Maki (Kent Maki) Novena, Benediction & Confessions |
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| Sat | 10/17/09 | St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, V |
| | | Confessions |
| | 7:30 AM | Low Mass Kathleen West (Mario Derksen) |
| | | Rosary, Simple Benediction, Confessions |
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| SUN | 10/18/09 | St. Luke, EV Pentecost XX |
| | | MISSION SUNDAY |
| | | Low Mass Tom Kamphaus (Bob Brueggemann) |
| | | High Mass †Poor souls (Bernie B.) |
| | 10:30 AM | |
| | | Low Mass †Virgil McCormick (M & A Kinnett) |
| | 5:45 PM | Low Mass Holy souls in Purgatory (M/M J. Praschak) |

H BISHOP'S CORNER

Today Fr. Ramolla and I are in Savoy, France, at the chapel in Chambery. I am offering Mass, confirming, and giving minor orders to one candidate for the priesthood, as well as visiting with the good priest and people of this chapel. Afterwards there is a lunch and meeting.



The Chambery chapel is located in the town which possessed the Holy Shroud for many years, and where Our Lord appeared to a Visitation Nun to promote devotion to His Holy Wounds.

We hope to make a quick visit to Ars, during this 150th anniversary year of the sainted Curé Jean Marie Vianney. Then we will visit the nuns at Cresan, and meet with a priest. After this we will visit St. Bernadette at Nevers, and perhaps St. Louis De Montfort as well, on our way to our last stop at Rennes.

Fr. Roger, who was ordained at the old St. Gertrude (so many memories!) has a thriving parish and school, and serves several outlying missions as well. In addition to confirming, I will confer the first major orders of Subdeacon upon Brother William Hequard, a Benedictine monk. Brother William visited us here at the Assumption. When his monastery joined the One World Church (with the famous indult to have the Latin Mass), this man had the grace from God in time to see what was happening, and resist. Please pray for him as he prepares to receive the priesthood next year.

Well, back here at home things were looking pretty good for Rosary Sunday. The Mass was splendidly sung, even under challenging circumstances. The church was resplendent with roses, and the procession so beautiful past the grotto. Our Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast was tasty as usual (Thanks, Pat and Susan) and our speaker delighted everyone with the story of his life and vocation, full of good humor and good sense. Thank you Fr. Larrabee, and thank you, everyone! Now, persevere throughout this month in gathering those roses which do not fade, the most holy

Charlene Bloemker wrote me the other day to say that her mother has been home sick since August, and she's been taking care of her. Please keep these two dear souls in your prayers, and all of our sick, so beloved of Christ.

I will be praying for them, and for you all.

May God's good Mother and our own, keep you all close to her Son!

-Bishop Dolan



¥ Forty Hours Devotion

FORTY HOURS

The Forty Hours' Adoration begins and ends, with a solemn procession in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Litany of the Saints is also sung or chanted at the beginning and at the end of the sacred service.

The Forty Hours is not a private but a public devotion. In this, too, there is a significance in which we are all interested. Being of a public nature, it is conducted, and it dispenses its benefits, by way of solidarity: one for all, and all for one. Each one contributes to its general success, and its spiritual emoluments redound to the benefit of all. Just as a regent, who is feted and given a great reception and ovation by a city as such, confers special favors upon the entire city which will accrue to the profit of all citizens, even of those who did not participate in the festivities: so our Lord in the Forty Hours, in view of this public testimony of love, bestows celestial favors on the entire parish, which will enrich even those who for some reason take no part in the exhibition of homage to Him.

And yet there is a difference. The sovereign above mentioned will grant privileges to the entire city, it is true, but at the same time he will heap special honors and bounties upon those who for some reason distinguish themselves in the display in his honor; and in this he will be guided by the merit of the individuals, by the measure of their love and sacrifices for him.

In the same manner we can hardly conceive of Forty Hours being observed in a parish without a particular effusion of grace on all members, good, bad or indifferent. Yet it is equally true, that there will be many and great distinctions in the grades of this effusion dependently upon the differences in the faith and love and sacrifices of the beneficiaries of the mercies of Jesus.

From this we infer that our personal profit from the Forty Hours' Devotion will depend very much on our personal attitude towards, and our behavior in it. If anywhere, at any time, our Lord's parable of the sower and the seed, reaping a hundredfold, sixtyfold, thirtyfold and no fruit, is verified, it is the Forty Hours. It will therefore behove us to consider well the value of this most extraordinary season of grace in order that it may not pass without rendering us securer of Heaven, and richer in it.

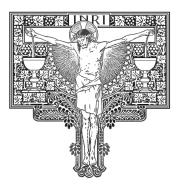
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths" (Luke 3, 4). Today we are no doubt more in a position to evaluate this illustration of the Baptist than were people in times past. Never were good roads so much the topic of discussion and the burden of taxation as in this era of the automobiles. The making and repairing of roads goes on continuously. The better and smoother the road, the greater the satisfaction and pleasure of the visitors.

Jesus sends His prophet to tell us of His fondness for good roads in a spiritual sense when He intends to visit the souls of His chosen ones. He is never more eager to visit them with His best gifts than during Forty Hours. Hence He wants the road to our soul to be open, even and easy. He will balk at a detour sign in the shape of a contumacious mortal sin, and He will slacken His gait and hesitate not a little, if He notices that the road, though not closed by serous sin, is yet bumpy, rutty uninviting through venial carelessness and indifference. Now, then, at the very beginning of the Forty Hours, is the time for you to hurry to prepare the way to your soul, if you have not yet attended to it. Make the way so inviting with the warm and loving welcome you give our Lord that He can not miss or evade it, or restrain His gait of love upon it.

What I have just said refers to personal preparation. But in general the way is prepared for the Lord in His solemn visit of the Forty Hours by the parish as such. You have discharged this duty well. You have diligently cleaned the church, brought flowers in profusion and prepared the altars splendidly. Provision has been made for special talks or instructions on the Most Holy Sacrament, and good and inspiring music has been carefully rehearsed. The altar boys have been closely drilled in their part of the divine services, and the children have been thoroughly practiced and supplied with fitting garments for the procession. In a word, everything is ready. Jesus will feel at home here, provided you will be faithful in keeping Him company throughout His visit, and in yielding to His inspirations.



Rest always in the Lord, for he is the eternal rest of the saints.



THE SAVING GRACE

Lord, give me a mind that is not bored, That does not whimper, whine, or sigh. That does not worry overmuch, About that fussy thing called I. To get some happiness from life, And pass it on to other folk, Give me the sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke.

₩ Our Blessed Mother

MARY, THE SINNER'S FRIEND

Mary, the sinner's friend; As changeless as the stars in heaven gleaming,

Thy steadfast love for us is ever beaming Even unto the end.

Thy friendship is sincere; In thee, the trembling soul, in hope confiding,

May safely trust; thy love is e'er abiding,

And thou art ever near.

Thy sympathy—how sweet!
May thou, our Mother, from heaven descending

In our last hour guide us to life unending

Of joy and rest complete!

-Henry Coyle

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.



Yes, truly, O blessed Mother, the sword pierced your soul... When Jesus your Son had given up his spirit, when the cruel spear which pierced his side could no longer touch his soul, it transfixed yours.

-Saint Bernard

SUCCOR US, O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, IN EVERY TIME, AND IN EVERY PLACE.

THE CHAIN TO HEAVEN

In days far gone, poetic legends say When Time yet leaned upon Eternity– Ere man plucked Death from the forbidden Tree.–

A golden chain bound earth to Heaven's sway.

But Satan, ever watchful, saw one day The golden glimmer in the heavenly sea, And, raging 'neath the sting of God's decree,

With aiding sin soon wore the chain away.

We need not now or golden bond or chain

To bind the aged earth to God's domain: The blackened Beads, well worn by constant prayer,

Have freed from bondage Heaven's lawful heir.

For life from sin and shame is ever free If we but trust in Mary's Rosary.

-M.J. Shea

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

COME TO THE CANDLELIGHT
PROCESSION ON TUESDAY TO PRAY FOR
PEACE!

The soul of no other saint has gathered together such riches of virtues as has holy Mary. For she, because of her understanding humility, merited to conceive and give birth to the untouched Flower of virginity, the Son of God.

-Saint Anthony of Padua



O my Queen, continue to guard me from hell.

THE SHORTCOMINGS OF OTHERS

We meet people in the street and hear their laugh, and think everything is going well with them; did we but know, our sympathy would often be called forth, for they have many disabilities in their home, health or are perhaps in anxiety over loved ones.

Look at it in another way. How often we condemn a person for his hasty temper or sullenness; we seldom try to discover the cause of these failings. If we had to suffer in a similar way as the one we condemn we should perhaps be much more disagreeable.

If we are to get the best from people we must take good care not to fasten them down to their faults. A little generosity in thought would help us in sound judgement. A man is usually better than his worst manner and action.

If we want to find fault we shall be abel to do it without magnifying glasses; but think of the struggles some have.

Learn to make allowances for the old and young, the wise and illiterate, the wealthy and impoverished. Temper judgement with kindness; help instead of condemning. Many people never get out of the shadow. Penury pulls at their heartstrings and ill health discolors their outlook.

So long as man is trying, though he may fail, he is worth help and tolerance, for such a man is doing his best.

Be less critical of and more charitable to those who are fighting to conquer themselves. Many men emerge victorious after a prolonged struggle.

The noblest men are moulded out of their own faults.

-The Echo



The means of obtaining new graces is to thank Our Lord and the Most Holy Virgin for those that we have already been granted.

-Saint Bernadette

ATTEND OUR ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 - SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

FRIDAY EVENING OPENING MASS AND PROCESSION AT 5:30 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY A HARVEST CHILI SUPPER

(The abstinence is dispensed for those who attend the Mass)

Bring your favorite chili to share. The Church will provide buns, cider, crackers and pumpkin pie.



ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

6:30 A.M. – Low Mass

7:30 A.M. – Low Mass

8:00 A.M. – Low Mass

9:00 A.M. - Solemn Mass of St. Raphael

(offered for all in need of God's healing)

ADORATION CONTINUES ALL DAY

1:30 P.M. – Solemn First Vespers of Christ the King 4:00 P.M. – October Devotions

5:00 P.M. - Compline and Benediction.

(Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Sunday Morning)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

6:30 A.M. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 A.M. – Low Mass

9:00 A.M. – Solemn High Mass of Reposition 11:30 A.M. – Low Mass

ADORATION CONTINUES ALL AFTERNOON

4:00 P.M. – Holy Hour

4:30 P.M. - October Devotions

5:00 P.M. – Solemn Second Vespers of Christ the King 5:45 P.M. – Low Mass

7:00 P.M. – Closing Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 P.M. – Light Refreshments in Helfta Hall

Parents:

- •Bring your children to walk in the procession on Friday and Sunday evening,
- •Adorers Needed on Saturday afternoon: Ladies of the Mothers Union are asked to come for a visit.
- •Adorers Needed on Sunday Afternoon. Members of the Rosary Confraternity are asked to come.
- •Plan to bring your favorite chili (With meat or vegetarian) to our Harvest Supper on Friday Evening!



