



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

ST. LUKE, EV
PENTECOST XX
OCTOBER 18, 2009



Go thy way, thy son liveth

¶Vespers, Benediction and Novena

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.

¶Extreme 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 18, 2009 • ST. LUKE •

• PENTECOST XX • MISSION SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses at the communion rail. Catechism classes are at 10:30 AM.

✠ THIS WEEK

We look forward this week to the weekend, and the **Forty Hours Devotion**. Still many feasts and holy Masses and rosaries remain to be observed and prayed. Pray for a good Forty Hours! Fr. Larrabee meets with the boys at the park on **Monday Afternoon at 4:00 PM**. Bishop Dolan and Fr. Ramolla should be returning on Monday as well. We offer a full schedule of services, **Masses** and **October Devotions** on **Wednesday**. Plan to join us **Friday Evening** for the **Solemn Mass** and **Procession** to open our annual **Forty Hours Devotion**. Then, come to our **Harvest Chili supper** for a good, warm meal. Every family should plan on a visit. Let us not leave Our Lord alone. He is waiting to see you! Note that **Saturday's Solemn Mass** honors the **Angel of Healing, St. Raphael**, and is offered for all of our sick and all in need of God's healing.

✠ KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

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

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

✠ FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

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

✠ CHILDREN'S ALL SAINTS PROCESSION

Sunday November 1st, 9:00 AM

✠ ALL 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.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Feast of Christ the King

Set Your Missal: Commemoration and proper Last Gospel of XXI Sunday after Pentecost. Preface of Christ the King.

✠ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember Diane Powell, Tom and Connie Kamphaus, Vivian Bloemker, Kim LeBlanc, Andrew Prell, and all of our sick and shut in.

Also please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Nadine Henry.



A Splendor Passing

*This is for now
this brave October beauty—
flame of the maples, and the sumac fires
licking the mountainside:—
wintry Orion
rising out of the South to stride
the bitter skies, will know
but shadowed snow:—
this is for now,—
a splendor passing.
Oh, but for eyes that see it now
be thanks to God,—
and heart to store
the glory of its going!*

— Sister Cecilia, S.C.



Sprinkle a few drops of holy water and pray fervently: "O God in Your Mercy multiply these drops into as many drops of holy water as there are souls in Purgatory, and allow them not to feel the pains of Purgatory, as long as the moisture of holy water is present."

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

Collection Report

Sunday October 11\$3,820.00
Second Collection\$236.00

✠ POETRY CORNER

OUR LADY'S ROSARY

**Dear Mother, I bring Thee roses
Because they are so sweet,
But lilies, my favorite flowers
I am placing at Thy feet.**

**Accept with each Hail Mary
A rose for Thy crown so bright;
Please don't forget the lilies
The lilies so pure and white.**

**Let them be a bond of love
And understanding rare,
And send a blessing from above
In answer to my prayer.**

**Loneliness would be unknown
If more people came to Thee,
With their trials and sorrows
And said their Rosary.**

**With each Hail Mary, they would find
Their load much lighter grow,
And in humility, kiss the cross
In peace, would onward go.**

—Alice W. Sparks



Ushers

OCTOBER 25, 2009

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

Servers

OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 25, 2009

•TUE 10/20 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer
•WED 10/21 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, Wneks
•THU 10/22 5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze
•FRI 10/23 5:30 PM SOLEMN HIGH : MC's: J. Lotarski, R. VandeRyt, T. Simpson
All school and Sunday servers should report to the Sacristy no later than 5:00 PM
•SAT 10/24 7:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson
8:00 AM LOW: M. & A. Ribar
9:00 AM SOLEMN HIGH MASS: All school servers
•SUN 10/25 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM SOLEMN HIGH: T. Simpson, R. VandeRyt, John Lotarski, All school servers and regular Sunday servers not otherwise assigned
11:30 AM LOW: M. & A. Ribar
5:00 PM SOLEMN VESPERS: J. Lotarski, G. Miller, C. Ritze, G. Keaveney
5:45 PM LOW: M. Derksen

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	10/19/09	ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA, C
	11:20 AM	High Mass Grandpa Ed (<i>Andrew, Julie, Chris and Simon</i>)
	3:10 PM	Rosary
	4:00 PM	Knights of the Sacred Heart
TUE	10/20/09	ST. JOHN CANTIUS, C
	11:20 AM	High Mass In thanksgiving and honor to our M.P.H. and for my intentions (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
	3:10 PM	Rosary
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Carl Miller (Robert Wnek)
WED	10/21/09	ST. HILARION, AB Ss URSULA & COMP, VvMm
	6:30 AM	Low Mass Private intention †Mark O'Conner (<i>E. Koehler</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Special Intention (<i>Jennifer Richesson</i>)
	3:10 PM	October Devotions - Exposition, Rosary
	3:30 PM	Benediction & Holy Communion
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Poor souls (<i>GPK</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THUR	10/22/09	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mary & James Schmidt</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude
	3:10 PM	Rosary
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention FM (<i>GPK</i>)
FRI	10/23/09	FERIAL DAY THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER NO SCHOOL TODAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention (<i>M/M Joseph Praschak</i>)
	5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
	5:30 PM	Solemn High Mass
		Opening Procession of 40 Hours followed by our Harvest Chili Supper
	8:45 PM	October Devotions
SAT	10/24/09	ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL ADORATION ALL DAY SCHOOL IN SESSION TODAY
	6:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention MBC (<i>GPK</i>)
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Esther B. Simpson 42nd Anniversary of death (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>) Confessions
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Larry Brueggemann (<i>Diane Brueggemann</i>) Confessions
	9:00 AM	Solemn High Mass In honor of St. Raphael, for our sick and all those in need of God's healing
	1:30 PM	Solemn First Vespers of Christ the King
	4:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Compline and Benediction
SUN	10/25/09	CHRIST THE KING, PENTECOST XXI
	6:30 AM	EXPOSITION, ALL DAY ADORATION
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Kathy Schweitzer Special Intention
	9:00 AM	Solemn High Mass of Reposition For the people of St. Gertrude
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †William & Marcella Hable (<i>Jean Bischel</i>)
	4:00 PM	Holy Hour with October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Solemn Vespers of Christ the King
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Our fallen away from St. Gertrude (<i>Jean Bischel</i>)
	7:00 PM	Closing Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:45 PM	Reception in Helfta Hall

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Dolan asked me to fill in while he is away.

You'll notice the absence of Bishop Dolan's coat-of-arms. Many years ago, when I was researching a design for his coat-of-arms, I asked one expert, just for fun, what kind of coat-of-arms a Cekada would have. He said that, since the name was Slovenian (from the former Yugoslavia) and since the only reason people from that part of the Austrian empire were made noblemen was for killing Turks, the crest would prominently display the severed head of a Turk.

Read into that whatever you want!

This Sunday, Bishop Dolan is Rennes, France, where he is visiting the church of Father Giles Roger, conferring the sacrament of confirmation, and ordaining to the subdiaconate Br. William Hecquard. The bishop returns tomorrow.

This past week we offered the funeral Mass for Nadine Henry, a great devotee of our Mother of Good Counsel. She and her husband moved here nearly two years ago in order to become part of our parish. Please keep her in your prayers.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ted Zapp, the father of Fr. Thomas Zapp.

As you will have noticed, we have installed the major portion of our new rood screen. The term "rood" is an old English word, and refers to the crucifix ("rood") that generally surmounts the screen.

There is nothing more symbolically anti-Novus Ordo than a rood screen. It symbolizes the sacred and other-worldly character of the Mass, the separation between heaven and earth, the distinction between priest and layman, and the Mass as the forecourt and foretaste of the glories of the world to come. Novus Ordo churches are designed to level the distinction between priest and people, the altar and the nave, sacred and secular, and to make *everything* in the rite absolutely visible to all the people, because in modernist theology, it is the "assembly" which celebrates the Mass. It is to demonstrate that we reject these heresies that we have always had a rood screen in St. Gertrude's.

Nevertheless, we designed the new screen to make the altar and the statues at least a bit more visible. In addition to the crucifix, the beam across the top will be decorated with a set of Gothic symbols. (I purchased these symbols about thirty years ago from a church woodcarving firm that was going out of business, and I've been saving them for something special like this.)

The new screen resolves two other issues as well. (1) It gives us a more easily accessible place for locating the sanctuary lighting. Changing light bulbs under the current arrangement involved the nerve-racking adventure of getting a one-ton lift up a ramp into the sanctuary. (2) The new screen also provides a permanent and discreet place for installing cameras for our internet simulcasts.

Make your plans now to visit church several times during our upcoming Forty Hours' Devotion!

— Fr. Cekada

“Too Late”

In one of his books the ancient Roman philosopher Cicero states that it is the part of wisdom to forestall regret at mistakes made or opportunities neglected. In other words we should spare ourselves the painful exclamation: “Too late!” How many people, for instance, had the opportunity years ago to invest money in the nascent oil or automobile business which would have multiplied the invested capital immensely. After realizing their loss they cried out broken-heartedly: Too late!

Perhaps this loss was after all for them a blessing in disguise, as much money is known to be one of the most insidious and successful traps the devil uses to inveigle souls into his infernal power. But when an opportunity of immense spiritual possibilities, such as the Forty Hours, is passed up, the regret: Too late! will always be well-founded and bitter. Here the words of Shakespeare come to mind:

*“There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.”*

The number forty is a biblical number, occurring in the sacred story again and again. Wherever we find it in the Bible the connection contains some wholesome lesson and practical direction for us with regard to the Forty Hours. To the cold and disinterested reader the application may seem forced and far-fetched; but for the lover of the Eucharistic King it will contain a welcome and delicious fruit.

At the time of the deluge it rained forty days and forty nights, and the waters came not only from above but also from below, covering the earth in punishment for the sins of mankind which had become fleshly, because of its general and depraved indulgence in sensuous and voluptuous gratifications.

In the Forty Hours not the punishments but the blessings of God pour from all sources and all sides: the Holy Masses, Holy Communion and eucharistic visits of the people, and from their edifying and inspiring faith in and love for their unseen God, so that the redeeming Blood of Jesus compasses the whole parish round about and floods it unto the forgiveness of all the sins, and to the salvation of all the members of the parish.

And just as Noah felt safe and secure in God's hands when all the world was going to perdition and, by thinking of God and His love incessantly, gave thanks for this signal benefit conferred upon him, so we must have a sense of safety in the presence of Jesus in the Forty Hours, while the sinful world is dancing and making merry, as before the deluge, unto its eternal perdition; and we must express our gratitude by loving thoughts of and fond attendance on the Lord in His Holy Sacrament.

**O Sacrament most holy!
O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment Thine!**



Prayers for the Sick and Dying

“Eternal Father I offer Thee the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ to heal the wounds of our souls. My Jesus, pardon and mercy through the merits of Thy Sacred Wounds.”

“Jesus, Mary, I love You save Souls.”



GOD DOES NOT NEED PRAYERS

God has a right to the tribute of our prayers of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving, of supplication. God does not need us, nor does He need our prayers. But we need God, and it is to our interest to place our petitions before Him, for ordinarily He grants His favors in response to prayer. Let the prayer of supplication be addressed to Him now. Let us not wait for fire or flood or tempest or famine or pestilence or earthquake or revolution – which at times He permits for His own wise ends – to drive us back to God, but with sincere repentance for our forgetfulness in more prosperous days, let us humbly crave His pardon and His all-powerful help in our present need.

—Archbishop McNichols

The Church has taken many expressions and many meanings of words from the Rome of the Empire days. In the old Roman usage, *sanctus* signified “endowed with authority.” Roman senators were called *sancti*. The Emperor was called *sanctissimus*, because he embodied in his person all the authority of the Roman Empire. That usage was taken over into the Catholic Church. *Sanctissime Pater*, “Most Holy Father,” as the Pope is called, means that he bears in his person all the authority as supreme head of the Church of Christ; the phrase does not primarily refer to any personal quality of the Pope.

This meaning of *sanctus* is still to be found in the Confiteor. We say *Confiteor*, “I confess to ... blessed (*beatae*) Mary ever a Virgin, to blessed (*beato*) Michael the Archangel, to blessed (*beato*) John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul.” In Latin, *sanctis apostolis Petro et Paulo*, because they are bearers of great authority in the old Roman sense. The blessed are members of Christ's immediate household.

**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)

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
