
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 11, 2011

• ADVENT III •

• GAUDETE SUNDAY •

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

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

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

¶ **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.

¶ **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.



I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

¶ **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.

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

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **DECEMBER 11, 2011 • ADVENT III •**
• GAUDETE SUNDAY • ST DAMASUS •
WITHIN THE OCTAVE •

Today we renew our **Legion of Decency Pledge**. After Mass, come back to Helfta Hall for our **Christmas cookie/craft sale**.

This afternoon **Advent Vespers** with **Benediction** are at **4:45 p.m.**

✠ THIS WEEK

Monday is the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. The **Maidens of the Immaculate Heart** meet at 4PM. On **Tuesday** comes bright **St. Lucy** for our eyes. Don't forget **Wednesday's Ember** fast and partial abstinence. **Ember Friday** calls us to church for Mass and Novena, even if you haven't finished all your Christmas shopping. **Ember Saturday** finishes the week with a final fast to lead up to Christmas Eve. Have you taken advantage of the many Masses here, which Nigerians don't have?

✠ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (December 14, 16, and 17) of this week are the Church's winter **Ember days**. All Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59, inclusive, are bound by the Church's laws of fast, and all who have attained their 7th year must keep the abstinence (meat once at the principal meal on Wednesday and Saturday).

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday morning classes and afternoon Vespers are offered as usual. Extra Christmas Confessions will be heard if you come before and or during the Masses.

Set your missal: Advent IV with collects of Our Lady and against the persecutors, Preface of the Trinity.

Collection Report

Sunday December 4th\$4,343.25
 Second Collection\$787.00

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

✠ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Those who experienced our quarterly wine tasting series a few years ago, still have many fond memories of it. We would like to start a new quarterly series to, once again, add some social depth to our Parish, while raising funds in an entertaining way, without breaking the bank. However, the success of such a program requires the help of some volunteers. We need some helpers to set up and tear down, as well as some others to prepare food. We could also use some help finding sponsors. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact the church office.

✠ POINSETTIA MEMORIAL

We are welcoming contributions to defray the cost of the Christmas flowers. If you wish to make your donation in memory of a loved one, please fill out the special Poinsettia Offering envelope available in the vestibule and pews. *To have your loved one included in the special Christmas memorial program, please turn in your envelope no later than December 18th.*

✠ 2012 ROMAN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

This year's calendar is available for purchase in the Book Store. The price is \$8.00. Every Catholic home should have a traditional calendar.

✠ "FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN"

I would like to remind nursing mothers that they are welcome to use the last classroom on the right, which is furnished with a chair or two, and open on Sunday morning.

Also, could we please go back to reserving the last pew on both sides (regular pew, not the ones against the wall) for the use of families with small children? This way, the parents could come and go with the little ones if they fuss, even as they train them to sit in a proper pew.

Many thanks!
-Bishop Dolan

✠ POETRY CORNER

The Immaculate

Your head aflame with stars, the moon
 below your feet,
 Under your heel the serpent head;
 above, the fleet,

Flaming seraphs and cherubs have
 shaken the pillars of earth
 With tumult of wings and singing, for
 the wonder of your birth.

Michael, who sounded the trumpet and
 struck with the edge of the sword,
 Is amazed at the village woman in
 whose bosom blossoms the Lord.

Michael, who led the hosts of the
 Faithful and scattered the armies
 of Pride,
 Sees a glory he never saw, when out of
 this Virgin's side

Issues God, made human, breathing
 with infant breath,
 Who will not thrust with the sword,
 but will conquer death by Death.

—Patrick J. Carroll, C.S.C.

✠ 2012 COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND NOVENA

Remember to use the Christmas Novena and Flowers Memorial offering envelopes you find in the pews, and to take your set of 2012 offering envelopes home with you. If you don't find yours please ask!

Servers


DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 18, 2011






•FRI 12/16 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
 •SAT 12/17 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
 8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
 •SUN 12/18 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson Sr.,
 T. Simpson, Jr.
 TH: J. Simpson
 AC'S: A. & P. Lawrence
 TORCH: J. Morgan, P. Omlor
 J. Lacy, T. Lawrence, S. & L. Arlinghaus
 11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli
 4:45 PM VESPERS: G. Miller, J. Gunsher
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers

DECEMBER 18, 2011

7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer
 9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Arlinghaus
 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
 5:45 PM John Seyfried

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

MON	12/12/11	WITHIN THE OCTAVE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls Our Lady of Guadalupe
	4:00 PM	Maidens of the Immaculate Heart
TUE	12/13/11	ST LUCY, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For the consolation and deliverance into Heaven of the Souls in Purgatory (<i>Rose & Nick Manno</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls -Gratitude The Harpens and their intentions (<i>DJR</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
WED	12/14/11	WITHIN THE OCTAVE EMBER WEDNESDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Tom Hable (<i>SGG Rosary Confraternity</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass of the Ember Day For all who helped for the Ordination (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †William "Spike" Helmers (<i>Brendan Blase</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THUR	12/15/11	OCTAVE DAY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Successful Conversion of Emalee Graf (<i>Ryan Graf</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Ralph Patton - 2nd Anniversary of Death (<i>Patton Family</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls Gratitude - Bishop Dolan
FRI	12/16/11	ST EUSEBIUS, BPM EMBER FRIDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass of the Ember Day Mary Rose Birthday 12/2 (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	5:15 PM	Rosary and Confessions
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mother of Good Counsel Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	12/17/11	ST LAZARUS, BpC EMBER SATURDAY
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	8:15 AM	Sermon (N.B. Special Time)
	8:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intentions Deceased (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
SUN	12/18/11	ADVENT IV EXPECTATION OF OUR LADY
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>M/M Maki</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Tom Hable (<i>M/M Scott Richesson</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Paulina Strauss - Needs & Intentions
	4:45 PM	Advent Vespers and Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

🔔LOOKING FOR SOMEONE...

...to decorate Helfta Hall for Christmas and to keep an eye on the Midnight Mass Reception. Let us know if you'll help.

🔔CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Schedule-Evening

9:00 PM: The Office of Matins

10:30 PM: Carols

11:00 PM: Procession Blessing of the Crib

11:15 PM: Midnight Mass followed by the Office of Lauds
A *Potluck Supper* follows Midnight Mass. If you are planning on coming, please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day

9:00 AM: Low Mass with String Quartet, Benediction

11:00 AM: Low Mass with Carols

5:45 PM: Vespers of Christmas Day

🔔NEW YEARS DAY

Sunday, January 1, 2012

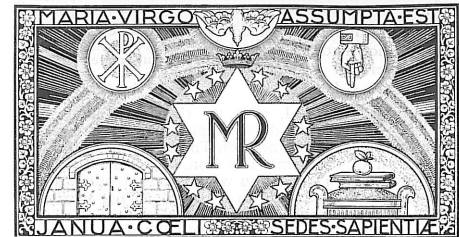
Regular Sunday Schedule

7:30 AM Low Mass

9:00 AM High Mass

11:30 AM Low Mass

5:45 PM Low Mass



O Mother Immaculate

O Mother Immaculate, Virgin most pure,
We come on this feast to thy throne,
Imploring a grace that thou lovest to grant—
Oh make our hearts pure like thine own!

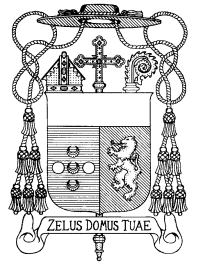
May never a thought that might sully or stain
Find room in those hearts, Mother pure;
May trust in thy goodness, and watching and
prayer,
Our souls 'gainst all evil secure!

As Children of Mary, our hearts, dearest Queen,
To thee in their youth have been given:
Oh, keep them e'er pure like the snowflakes that
fall,
Till we join in thy praises in Heaven!

— H.H.N.

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Last Sunday was a proper Advent one, our missionary **Fr. Larrabee** speaking to us about his African apostolate, and drawing appropriate lessons for us, so blessed, to whom so much has been given. Afterwards St. Nicholas came to see the **good** children, and Fr. Larrabee showed film of his trip. **Fr. Cekada** ate his sandwich and went off to catch a Florida flight from Dayton, which ended up being three hours late. A tired priest prepared future priests, then, this past week at our seminary. (Thank you for your support!) Thy Kingdom come! **Fr. McGuire** visited our central Illinois mission, St. Isidore, after Milwaukee Mass, and then on Monday went to St. Theresa Mission in North Dakota, a long drive but worth it for precious souls. (On Saturday morning, Fr. Larrabee drove up to Columbus to give last rites to the father of a lady who was a "long distance member" of St. Clare.)



What do our Nigerian Catholics have in common with those in North Dakota? They are most of them young, in their twenties, and all of them so enthusiastic for the Faith!

On a rainy Monday evening, Joshua Gunsher helped me do the last of our latest "in absentia" funerals. Nature provided a suitably sad backdrop for what is already a sad ceremony, but all was read with devotion. May these Poor Souls rest in peace.

Our school children sang some splendid music, including old carols and a Latin hymn, for Tuesday's feast of the patron of all children, St. Nicholas. May he protect them, especially our own, in the midst of public school and even home dangers, (computers, T.V.) to maintain their holy innocence.

On Tuesday our calendars came in, and the office staff mailed them out very quickly. (Pick up yours in the gift shop). Mary Lacy has joined the St. Gertrude alumni at Kroger, but her mother, Marge Soli, is being trained by ever faithful Jim as parish secretary, ably assisted by Pat Harpen, who's been a great help this Fall.

We "go to press" on Wednesday, due to the Thursday Holy Day. The High Mass was scheduled to be recorded, and should be available, along with a Low Mass of Fr. Cekada, one of these days. This, along with webcast Masses, should help the devotion of our long distance members. A faithful Catholic from Ghana wrote to us today.

Darlene was ever so pleased to see the nice old "mangler", a kind of rolling iron, which Marlys and Paul Arlinghaus located and donated, just in time for the Christmas rush. We've already been meeting and planning for poinsettias and Christmas decorations, as well as choir music...and so much more.

I'm sure it's busy at your house as well, and I thank you for your participation in today's Cookie and Craft Sale. I must say as well how gratified I was to see the extra Advent adorers the night of First Friday, and the fine attendance for the First Saturday Masses.

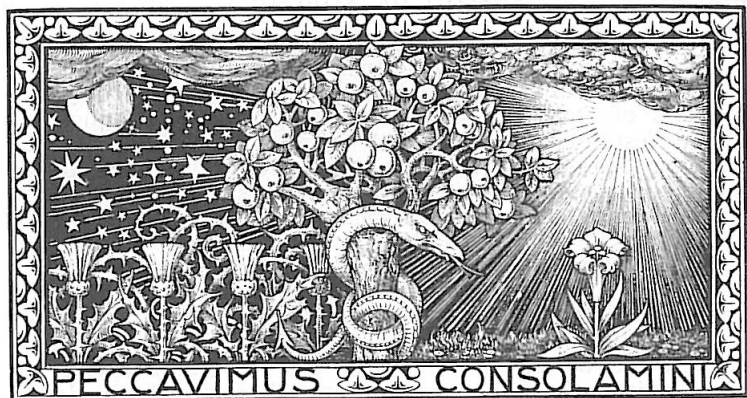
How is your Advent progressing? If it leaves you conscious of your spiritual poverty, and hungry for the Bread of Heaven, blessed are you. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas, rule over you and your family and our land as Sovereign Lady.

—Bishop Dolan

NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment, in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)



✠ OUR LADY AND ADVENT

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Our Lady
of
Guadalupe

The most beautiful image of Guadalupe (is) a pledge of the love and of the heart of God, sent for the conversion of America. The image (was) sent to establish the faith and the knowledge of God in America: *Ecce ego mitto ad vos* (Mt.23). God sent the adorable Face of the Lady to our America, in her image of Guadalupe. The most beautiful image of Guadalupe came forth from the heart of God, from there this most beautiful missionary was sent to us, *Ecce ego mitto ad vos* (Mt. 23). Such is the providence, such the love, such the care of God for this great part of the world, that he did not entrust this mission to other prophets, to other learned ones, to other scribes, but rather to that great Mother of His, whom He had within His very own heart. At the time preordained by His divine wisdom, He sent in that most beautiful image the queen of the prophets, the doctor of the learned, the teacher of scribes and experts of the law. The love of God was demonstrated as much in whom He did not send as in the one He did send; as much in not having sent Apostles before as in having sent this sacred image later on. (It was) as much a work of the love of God not having sent missionaries before as (it was) to have sent this missionary image later on. The mission to this new world was reserved for this sacred image of Guadalupe. Let us admire and praise the great wisdom of God in assigning and sending such a missionary to this America.

—From a sermon preached by Father Juan de Villa y Sánchez in 1733.

Consolation

Of all delights that I have known
No dearer joy have I
(Among the many that I own)
Than that of looking on a low, grey sky,
Hearing the plaintive wind's caressing sigh,
And the cooling, soothing murmur of the rain.

Though heavy with the weight of pain
The burden still seems blest,
When, like some soft endearment felt again,
Like tender, tender fingers, lightly pressed,
Gently persuading my tired heart to rest,
Beats in my face the pacifying rain.

—S.C.N.

—Advent Consolation for Gaudete Sunday

How to Use Advent to Establish the Family Rosary

If you observe Advent in a certain way, you will not only establish a family altar for the whole year, you will also establish the daily family Rosary. Here's how:

Unbeknownst to us, Advent became the way for the daily Rosary to become enshrined in our daily domestic life. It happened like this...

If you say to a little boy, "You can light the Advent Candles tonight, *if* you eat all your peas," then the child will eat his peas. (This also works in Mass. I've calmed down my three year old by whispering: "If you want to light a votive candle in the back of church, you'd better stop moving around!")

Advent had been the only *consistent* time in which we came together as a family for evening prayer. We would pray with the children before bed, a group assembly. The children enjoyed our nightly Advent assembly because they were allowed to light candles and then snuff the candles when it was over. Naturally, Advent was the ideal time to insert the family Rosary.

Children ages 3-7 will try to pray and follow the beads if they can "play with fire." The Advent Candles are the means to achieve this.

When Advent was over, we kept praying the Rosary for the 12 days of Christmas and kept lighting those candles.

Then Epiphany came and we had to put the candles away. Uh oh. The children wanted to light candles! But we could not keep an Advent Wreath out all year...

So we made a permanent family altar...added a crucifix...and of course, candles. And the family Rosary just continued and it has continued unbroken to this day. Even with baby sitters, the children will pray the Rosary. It's like brushing your teeth: praying the Rosary is just something you *do*.

It's only the third week of Advent. If you're not praying the family Rosary, it's not too late. Let the kids light the candles and get a pretty statue of Our Lady or a crucifix to have near by. When Advent is over, remove the wreath, and repeat. Voila! It's simpler than you might expect.

Have a happy and holy Advent and make it a time to grow closer to Mary and Jesus-through the Holy Rosary.

—T. Marshall

