

# St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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## Lent IV

*(Laetare Sunday)*

### March 18, 2012

The Introit of this day's Mass begins with the word **Laetare**: Rejoice, O Jerusalem...rejoice with joy you that have been in sorrow....I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord.

*Give me grace, O Jesus, that by prayer and fasting, and patience in all adversities and persecutions, I may be made less unworthy of Thy passion; that I may not, one day, be by cast out by Thee, but become worthy of Thy divine promise and Thy eternal consolation in the heavenly Jerusalem.*



**The Most Reverend  
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor**

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada  
The Rev. Julian Larrabee  
The Rev. Charles McGuire**

## Traditional Latin Mass

### Sunday Masses

**7:30 AM Low Mass  
9:00 AM High Mass  
11:30 AM Low Mass  
5:45 PM Low Mass**

### Weekday Masses

**See THE CALENDAR inside**

**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules 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 Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

**Dress Code:** *Ladies & Girls*—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.

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

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

**Votive Candles:** You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

**Confessions:** Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (please consult *THE CALENDAR inside for times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

**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.

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

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

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

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ MARCH 18, 2012 • LENT IV • LAETARE SUNDAY •

Today is Laetare or Rose Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The Rose vestments, flowers on the altar, and organ are expressive of joy at the nearness of Easter. It is also the third Sunday of the month, with the **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** at the communion rail after all Masses. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. Part II of our **March Movie** gets underway at 2:45 PM. **First Vespers** of great St. Joseph are at 4:45 PM, followed by **Benediction**.

### ✠ ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Dear **St. Joseph** comes **Monday**, and we hope you will come to assist at his High Mass (11:20 AM), followed by the blessing of the bread and of St. Joseph's Table, and lunch in Helfta Hall. Bring some non-perishable food for the poor to place on St. Joseph's Table. (The fast is dispensed *for those who attend Mass*.) After lunch, we conclude with Second Vespers of St. Joseph and Benediction.

### ✠ STATIONS IN LENT

At **3:00 PM** on **Wednesdays**, we offer the traditional Children's Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion.

### ✠ LENTEN FRIDAY EVENINGS

Friday's Mass and sermon are at **5:45 PM**, followed by Potluck Supper, and a Lenten Holy Hour beginning with Stations at **7:30 PM**.

### ✠ SATURDAY

We honor **St. Gabriel**, the great Angel of the Annunciation at two morning Masses (**7:30** and **8:10 AM**).

### ✠ CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers will be most welcome to help cover the statues on Saturday morning after the 8:10 AM Mass, as we prepare for Passiontide.

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Our Annunciation Afternoon of Recollection commences following the

11:30 AM Mass. The silent afternoon starts, appropriately enough, with a silent film, *Joan of Arc*, during lunch (catered lunch available for purchase for only \$6.00). A spiritual conference, Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and First Vespers of the Annunciation complete the afternoon. (Have your lunch ticket validated *after* Vespers, and the Bishop will cheerfully refund your \$6.00!)

**Set Your Missal:** Passion Sunday, second collect for God's Holy Church, Preface of the Holy Cross.

### ✠ IN YOUR CHARITY . .

...please pray for all our sick and shut-in, and for Fr. Roberto Mardones and several special intentions for priests.

### ✠ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

- *First Confessions & Testing:* **Saturday, April 21st.** (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and form completed.)
- *Day of Recollection for First Communion Children:* **Thursday, May 24th.**
- *Confirmation:* **Saturday, May 26th.**
- *First Communion:* **Sunday, June 10th.**

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office *by March 26th*. 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 in April. If you are not sure if your child is ready, please consult a priest. The Church earnestly desires all children to receive Our Lord as soon as possible.

Servers: MARCH 19-25, 2012

- **FRI 3/23 5:45 PM LOW:** Regular Friday Servers  
**7:30 PM STATIONS:** Regular Servers, A.D. Kinnett
- **SAT 3/24 7:30 AM LOW:** Simpsons  
**8:10 AM LOW:** M. Briggs
- **SUN 3/25 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.  
**9:00 AM HIGH:** MC: R. Vande Ryt **MASS MC:** B. Lotarski **ACs:** S. & L. Arlinghaus  
**TH:** A. Lawrence **TORCH:** J. Lacy, M. Simpson, P. Omlor, T. Lawrence, N. Kuebler, J. Morgan  
**11:30 AM LOW:** F. & N. Puglielli  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** J. Soli, J. Lacy, G. Miller  
**5:45 PM LOW:** G. Miller

Ushers: MARCH 25, 2012

- 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

### Collection Report

Sunday, March 11th .....\$3,110.00

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### In the Workshop at Nazareth

Whenever Joseph planed a board for making a new door  
The curling, fluffy shavings tumbled down upon the floor;  
And Jesus—then a little Lad—would take a broom and sweep  
Until He had the scattered shavings gathered in a heap.

One day when he was busy planing in his little shop  
Nor heard nor saw the Carpenter a tiny blue nail drop.  
The twisted shavings spun in air like shooting stars at night,  
And then like snow they strewed the floor and hid the nail from sight.

At sundown little Jesus scampered in from Mary's room  
And skipped across the littered floor to fetch His little broom,  
While Joseph kept on working 'til he heard a stifled cry,  
And turned to see his Jesus limp,—a tear in each brown Eye.

He dropped his plane and took the Lad in his strong, tawny arms  
That years ago had shielded Him from Herod's wild alarms;  
Then with a tenderness men never dreamed that he possessed  
He plucked the nail from Jesus' Foot, and hugged Him to his breast.

Ah, Joseph, gentlest Saint! I strike my guilty breast with shame,  
Entreating thee this sinful heart with sorrow's spark inflame.  
Thou didst pluck out the tiny nail beneath His tender Skin,  
Where I (sweet Jesus, mercy!) have a thousand driven in!

—Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M..

### ✠ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

...with blessing of the sick continues this Friday evening. Contact the church office with the names of sick friends or family members, or anyone else you wish mentioned during the novena.

## ARE YOU WITH THE POPE?

*by Rev. Fr. Francisco Radecki, CMRI  
(from *The Reign of Mary*, Fall 2011)*

People often ask: "Are you with the pope? We are with the popes, all 260 of them. Name any pope from St. Peter to Pope Pius XII, and they will claim us as their faithful children. If there were a legitimate pope right now, we would definitely be with him!

### **Papal Primacy and Infallibility**

Popes are the successors of St. Peter and the Vicars of Christ on earth. They preserve the unchangeable teachings of Christ, the Mass and the Sacraments handed down by Him. The essential elements of these are unchangeable by their very nature. Papal primacy and papal infallibility were both proclaimed dogmas of the Faith at the Vatican Council (1869-1870); therefore, individuals must adhere to both beliefs to remain Catholic. Papal primacy means that the pope possesses jurisdiction over all the bishops and Catholic faithful throughout the world. He is head of the Church on earth. Papal infallibility means that the Holy Ghost preserves the Church from error and preserves the pope from ever leading the Church astray when he teaches the universal Church on matters of faith and morals. This is essential since the Catholic Church is spread throughout the world and is for all peoples at all times.

### **Benedict XVI**

Benedict XVI's concept of the papacy seems to be that of a world ambassador who is friendly with everyone and who accepts all religions as being equally good. He demonstrates this by attending religious ceremonies of other religions and promoting dialogue with false religions (ecumenism). Today, many people don't know and don't seem to care what the pope believes or teaches. They simply see him as a celebrity who wants to be everyone's friend and

who avoids doctrinal controversy. The world is enamored by the image of the white cassock and the Vatican. Many people don't realize the facts relating to the last five claimants to the Chair of Peter. They simply take things at face value.

### **Anti-popes**

The confusing situation in the Church today is nothing new. Most Catholics are unaware that there have been 41 anti-popes in the history of the Catholic Church and that during the 40-year period from 1378-1418 most people did not know who the true pope was. There were three claimants to the papacy from 1410-1415 and most of the world followed a pirate and murderer—anti-pope John XXIII—during those years. Catholics are taught to obey the pope, but sometimes it is not easy to know who the pope is. Today nearly a dozen men claim to be pope.

### **Conditions Today**

Benedict XVI, like his four predecessors, believes in the Vatican concept of collegiality. It is a heretical belief held by the schismatic Orthodox that the pope is not the head of the Church on earth, but rather "one among equals." Collegiality denies papal primacy. "Popes" since Vatican II let most bishops do what they please and do not use their authority to effectively dispel error and correct abuses.

A further manifestation of this mentality is their use of the bishop's miter and archbishop's pallium in place of the papal tiara which signifies the pope's threefold office: to teach, to rule and to sanctify. Benedict XVI has never taken the papal oath and has never been crowned pope.

"Popes" since Vatican II have allowed their clergy to engage in blood sacrifice (in South Africa), joint worship with other religions (following their own example) and inculturation (incorporating local

practices, even pagan ones, into the "Mass"). They allow radical liturgies and practices worldwide to continue unabated. They give tacit acceptance to moral abuses by not effectively condemning artificial birth control, abortion, divorce and homosexuality. Statistics verify this.

The universal loss of faith especially among the young, declining Mass attendance, loss of vocations and the closing of churches, schools, convents and seminaries worldwide is a direct result of Vatican II and its new beliefs. Popes since Vatican II may occasionally reprimand a radical theologian or liturgist, but they ignore countless others and allow abuses to continue.

Those who have researched the topic can readily see that Benedict XVI belongs to an entirely different religion than that taught by the Catholic Church. He believes, practices and teaches a false religion. His heretical beliefs—modernism, ecumenism, indifferentism and collegiality—his acceptance of an invalid liturgy and doubtfully valid or definitely invalid sacraments, make him pope and head of a different religion than the Catholic religion. He does not act as guardian of the Faith and flock, but rather preaches a new, humanist religion.

An occasional reference to the Rosary, Fatima or the Latin Mass does not make him Catholic. The new religion of the Modern Church is based on the heresies of modernism, ecumenism, humanism and indifferentism that have been previously condemned by Popes Pius IX, St. Pius X, Pius XI and Pius XII. This religion of the Modern Church is a dramatic departure from the Catholic Faith as taught by the popes through the centuries.

True popes defend the Gospel and Jesus' teachings. The first 31 popes died rather than *(continued, next page)*

*(The Pope? continued)* worship false gods. "Popes" since Vatican II have formally organized ecumenical gatherings and feel at home in any church, mosque, synagogue or temple.

Benedict XVI claims to "like" traditional practices and moral standards, yet he continues to undermine Catholic teaching with heretical doctrines and false worship and re-worked sacraments. He's doing two different things at the same time, talking out of both sides of his mouth.

### Summary

It is uncomfortable for most Catholics to entertain the thought that Benedict XVI might not actually be the pope. A false sense of obedience can lead people to follow men who are not legitimate successors of St. Peter, but who are rather anti-popes. Jesus Christ is head of the Catholic Church. The pope, as Christ's vicar, must preserve what Jesus entrusted to the Church. He cannot create new beliefs, new liturgies and new sacraments. Consequently, we must conclude that Benedict XVI and his predecessors since Vatican II are not, in fact, true popes.



### Why Does the Priest Veil His Hands during Benediction?

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most beautiful devotions of the Catholic Church. I wish that this devotion would become popular again on Sunday evenings. What a beautiful way to complete the Lord's Day. (*I do too.—Ed. note*)

The Latin word **benedictio** is formed by two words: **bene** (well)

and **dictio** (speaking). To speak well over something. In English, we translate benedictio as "blessing." (By the way, a *malediction* is a "bad speaking" or a curse.)

In the Catholic Church, there is a tradition that Christ made the blessing of the sign of the cross over the Immaculate Mary and the Holy Apostles just before He ascended into Heaven. (*St. Gertrude has a beautiful Benediction prayer to this effect.*) After the Ascension, the Holy Apostles as priests of the New Law would also make the sign of the cross over the faithful in imitation of the Divine Savior. The hands of the Apostles, and thus the hands of all bishops and priests are consecrated so that they might bless and sanctify people and things. For example, at the end of every Holy Mass, the priest makes the sign of the cross with his hand over the people to bless them in the name of the Triune God. A priest does the same when he gives absolution in the name of the Triune God.

Now the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is different from a normal priestly blessing. The priest in Benediction does not bless the people. Rather the priest holds the Blessed Sacrament Who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and Christ Himself directly blesses the people. Again, it is not the priest who blesses in the person of Christ, but Christ Himself that blesses. In order to signify that he is not blessing the people, the priest covers his hands with a humeral veil which drapes over his shoulders and covers his hands (humerus means "shoulder" so a humeral veil is a "shoulder veil"). The old *Cæremoniale Romanum* prescribes that the humeral veil should be fashioned from silk.

Clearly, the hands of the priest are not unworthy to touch the Body of Christ or even the golden monstrance which bears Him. The venerable hands of the priest, after all, hold the consecrated Body of Christ during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

I once was confused about the use of the humeral veil in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I had assumed that the priest wore the humeral veil so as not to touch the monstrance on account of its sanctity in connection with the Holy Eucharist. However, this assumption caused me confusion since the priest clearly touches the monstrance with his bare hands at the beginning and end of the Benediction service. Rather, the priest has veiled his hands with the humeral veil in order to reveal that it is Christ alone giving the blessing to the people assembled.

The humeral veil is also used in Solemn High Mass by the subdeacon in order to hide the paten. The humeral veil has its origins in the Old Testament prayer veil used by men and undoubtedly worn by Christ our High Priest and His Holy Apostles.

—Dr. Taylor Marshall

### Prayer of St. Gertrude During Benediction

Vouchsafe, O Jesus, to give me  
Thy blessing, that blessing which  
Thou didst give to Thy Apostles  
while ascending to heaven; so that  
by the Divine virtue it contains, I  
may be able to persevere in virtue,  
and ever to serve Thee with  
fidelity.



## "You know not what you ask"

Let us imagine our confusion when we appear before God and understand the reasons why He sent us the crosses we accept so unwillingly. The death of a child will then be seen as its rescue from some great evil had it lived; separation from the woman you love the means of saving you from an unhappy marriage; a severe illness the reason for many years of life afterwards; loss of money the means of saving your soul from eternal loss.

So what are we worried about? God is looking after us and yet we are full of anxiety! We trust ourselves to a doctor because we suppose he knows his business. He orders an operation which involves cutting away part of our body and we accept it. We are grateful to him and pay him a large fee because we judge he would not act as he does unless the remedy were necessary, and we must rely on his skill. Yet we are unwilling to treat God in the same way! It looks as if we do not trust His wisdom and are afraid He cannot do His job properly. We allow ourselves to be operated on by a man who may easily make a mistake—a mistake which may cost us our life—and protest when God sets to work on us.

If we could see all He sees we would unhesitatingly wish all He wishes. We would beg Him on bended knees for those afflictions we now ask Him to spare us. To all of us He addresses the words spoken to the sons of Zebedee: *You know not*

*what you ask*—O blind of heart, your ignorance saddens me. Let me manage your affairs and look after your interests. I know what you need better than you do yourselves. If I paid heed to what you think you need you would have been hopelessly ruined long ago.

—Blessed Claude de la Colombière  
(Bl. Claude de la Colombière was a French Jesuit priest and the spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary)

*This meditation, in a way, is the heart of all sanctity, and the key for peace of heart.*

—Bishop Dolan



In what degree, think you, did Saint Joseph possess that virtue which makes us like the angels, the virtue of virginity? If the Blessed Virgin was not only a virgin all-pure and all-spotless, but even virginity itself...how great and supereminent in this virtue must not he have been who was appointed by the Eternal Father to be the guardian ... of her virginity?

—Saint Francis de Sales

Mary is the heart of the church. This is why all works of charity spring from her. As the heart has two movements, so Mary is always performing two movements: absorbing grace for her Son, and pouring it forth on sinners.

—Saint Anthony Mary Claret

*The thorn produces the rose ...*



*During this time of fasting, therefore, we also produce roses from our thorns, that is to say, righteousness from sins, gentleness from severity, and generosity from avarice.*

—Saint Maximus of Turin

## Catechism Corner

### *What Every Christian Must Believe* (continued)

6. We must believe that Jesus Christ, after He died and was buried, arose on the third day from death to life, never to die again; and that, for the space of forty days, He was pleased, at different times, to manifest Himself to His disciples, and then ascended into heaven. In their sight; where, as God-man, He continually intercedes for us.

Thence He sent down the Holy Ghost upon His disciples, to abide with them for ever, as He had promised, and to guide them and their successors into all truth.

7. We must believe the Catholic or Universal Church of Christ, of which He is the perpetual Head, and His Spirit the perpetual Guide; which is founded upon a rock, and is ever victorious over all the powers of earth and hell. The Church is always One, in all its members professing one faith, in one communion, under one chief pastor called the Pope, succeeding St. Peter to whom Christ committed His whole flock. The Church is always Holy, in teaching a holy doctrine, in inviting all to a holy life, and in the eminent holiness of many of its children. It is Catholic or Universal, for it subsists in all ages and teaches all nations, and maintains all truth: It is Apostolic, for it derives its doctrine, its communion, its orders, and its mission, by an uninterrupted succession, from the Apostles of Christ.

Mortification must be constant and steady, not intermittent, and it must last for one's whole life.

—Padre Pio

Listen to God's voice at the foot of the crucifix.

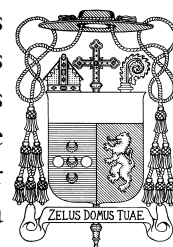
—St. Gaspar del Bufalo

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## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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Last Thursday's sweet Spring rain gave us a break from the warm sunny days and hastened nature's greening in time for St. Patrick. That morning's thunder and lightning reminded me of Wednesday's Mass Lesson with its dramatic scene of the giving of the commandments on Mt. Sinai. Thus was marked, in the midst of such summery weather, Midlent Day, whose celebration comes today, Laetare Sunday, sandwiched between St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Only if you've been fasting in some way or another, and praying and giving, do these rejoicing days lift your spirit even as they relieve the flesh a bit, encouraging us for the last half of Lent. Generosity, my soul!



This year then we have three feasts in a row, St. Patrick, Laetare Sunday, and St. Joseph on the morrow. The very act of celebrating them is Catholic of course, as well as comforting. Let us keep these days, though, with an eye on the saints, and never forgetting our Easter goal.

You're invited to more of the movie this afternoon, and St. Joseph's First Vespers. Come tomorrow for his Solemn Mass, and stay for lunch. (Funny, isn't it, how we do more eating during Lent at St. Gertrude than at any other season?) See to it that the poor eat too by giving something to St. Joseph, leaving non-perishables at his altar in Helfta Hall. (Thank you to the Maidens of the Immaculate Heart for a fine job.)

Next Sunday we're offering the Afternoon (you could easily make a day of it, if you'd like) of Recollection some of you requested. Sign up today for the lunch (\$6.00) if you'd like, but do plan to spend a little quiet time with us before your Lent runs away. The day is most fitting, March 25th, the most sacred date on the calendar: Creation, Incarnation, Redemption.

Forty-some (a fitting number for Lent) children had their day last Wednesday. Our new priest not only spoke to them, confessed them, provided everything else in church, but also entertained them in the sunny parking lot afterwards with some St. John Bosco-like juggling.

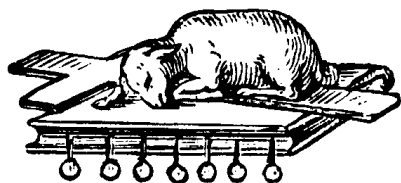
Everybody's been a little—or a lot—sick with cold or 'flu symptoms, coughs and fatigue. God sends these penances to perfect our own at Lent. How edifying it is to see so many soldiering on despite. Some, of course, had to stay home, but this, too, is a Lenten sacrifice for devout souls.

Attendance was understandably a little off last Sunday morning, but we broke the sacred forty, numbering closer to fifty, as we "made the steps" at Mt. Adams on a perfect sunny Spring afternoon. Some had never visited this Cincinnati landmark and others remembered this tradition from the Good Fridays of their long-ago youth. It's good to maintain those customs and pass them on to the next generation. It's wonderful to be united in prayer with our fellow Gertrudians, strengthening the bond of charity by piety.

I wish you a blessed last half of your Lent. These days most of all we are grateful for our Church, unchanged, one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic; and **our** church, offering so much to so many year after year, St. Gertrude the Great, an island of spirituality and stability in spite of everything.

We're glad you're with us. May God and good St. Joseph bless you with perseverance!

—Bishop Dolan



Let us prepare ourselves most profitably by the fast of forty days...let us use the revered institutions of this health-giving time and cleanse the mirror of our heart with greater care.


—St. Leo the Great







**I told you that I want you to be a lamb, a follower of the true lamb. Now I'm telling you that I want you to be a lion, roaring loudly in holy Church, your virtue and your voice so strong that you help bring back to life the children lying dead within her. Perhaps you are asking: "Where can I get such a strong roaring voice?" From the lamb, who in his humanity remains meek and does not cry out, but whose divinity lends power to the Son's cry with the voice of its immeasurable charity. And so, by the strength and power of divine being and of the love that joined God with humanity, the lamb becomes a lion. From the chair of the cross he roared so loudly over the dead child, the human race, that he freed us from death and gave us life. It is from him, then, that we will receive strength, for the love we will drink from the gentle Jesus will give us a share in the Father's power.**

—Saint Catherine of Siena

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# ✠ THE CALENDAR

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

MON	3/19/12	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	In honor of St. Joseph ( <i>Christopher Browne</i> )
	11:20 AM	Solemn High Mass	Honor of St. Joseph ( <i>Tom Simpson</i> ), followed by Blessing of Bread & St. Joseph's Table, and Lunch Vespers & Benediction follow Lunch
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Poor Souls, for St. Joseph
TUE	3/20/12	FERIAL DAY	FAST
		ST PHOTINA & COMPANIONS, MM	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	In Honor of the Infant of Prague for †Grandma & Grandpa ( <i>A.M.O.</i> )
	11:20 AM	High Mass	Theo's Safe Delivery-Thanksgiving ( <i>John &amp; Rhonda Lynch</i> )
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Poor Souls ( <i>Chris &amp; Paige McClorey</i> )
WED	3/21/12	ST BENEDICT, AB	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Ida Youngworth (Happy Birthday) ( <i>Karen &amp; Paul Puglielli</i> )
	11:20 AM	High Mass	†Stella Simpson ( <i>M/M Mark Lotarski &amp; family</i> )
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations and Holy Communion	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	In honor of & thanksgiving to St. Joseph ( <i>Patrick &amp; Anne Marie Omlor</i> )
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice	
THUR	3/22/12	ST ISIDORE THE FARMER, C	FAST
		ST CATHERINE OF GENOA, W	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Joseph Mantello ( <i>Paul &amp; Karen Puglielli</i> )
	11:20 AM	High Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Alfonso &amp; Emily Capetillo</i> )
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	†Irvin Grill ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
FRI	3/23/12	FERIAL DAY	FAST
		THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Mary Mantello ( <i>Paul &amp; Karen Puglielli</i> )
	10:55 AM	Confessions	
	11:20 AM	High Mass	Stanley & Wilma Schappacher ( <i>The Patton Family</i> )
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Rosary and Confessions	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	The Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Regina Gilliam</i> ) with Homily, Sacred Heart Novena
	6:45 PM	Lenten Potluck Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII & Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Holy Communion	

SAT	3/24/12	ST GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Stella Simpson ( <i>Tom Simpson</i> )
	8:10 AM	Sermon, Low Mass †Stella Simpson ( <i>Mike Briggs Family</i> )
SUN	3/25/12	PASSION SUNDAY
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Agnes & John Brockman ( <i>Jane &amp; Rob Brockman</i> )
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Stella Simpson ( <i>Gary Amyx</i> )
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:10 AM	Lenten Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass The return of fallen-away family to the true Faith ( <i>Joseph M. Prell family</i> )
	12:45 PM	Quiet Lunch/Silent Movie, Spiritual Conference
	3:30 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Annunciation Holy Hour
	4:45 PM	First Vespers of the Annunciation before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

## THE FOLLOWING MASSES WERE SAID IN THE MISSIONS:

† Estrella Simpson (*Ed & MaryLou Weis*)  
 † Stella Simpson (*Joe & Barbara Rettig*)  
 Private Intention (*Cecilia Omlor*)  
 Bishop Sanborn & his priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)  
 Fr. Roger & his priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

## LENTEN WORK OF CHARITY . .

"I was sick and you visited me, or wrote me a note..."

Shirle Downing	Althea LeBlanc
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"I was in prison, and you wrote to me..."

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Sure and we hope a blessed Saint

Patrick's Day was had by all!

Long live the Irish! Long live their cheer!

Long live our friendship, Year after year! (*An old Irish toast*)

May you have the joy that's due you,  
 May the years be gracious to you,  
 May a blue sky smile above you,  
 And through all your days—God love you! (*An Irish blessing*)



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### LAETARE SUNDAY

*Thought: The fruit of the Spirit is charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness...*

*(Gal. v:22,23)*

*Meditation:* Kind words produce happiness. How often have we ourselves been made happy by kind words, in a manner and to an extent which we are quite unable to explain? No analysis enables us to detect the secret of the power of kind words; even self-love is found inadequate as a cause. Now, as I have said before, happiness is a great power of holiness. Thus, kind words, by their power of producing happiness, have also a power of producing holiness, and so winning men to God. (Father Faber)

*Prayer:* Loving and merciful Heart of Jesus, most tender and kind, eternal Friend of all men, hear me, I beg of You, while I pray for my friends. You have given them to me, my God, to love them and to be loved by them. You have made them as they are, loyal, true, and kind, and You have put into my heart the pure desire to do much good to them by praying for them to You. Bless them, merciful Lord, one and all, and multiply upon them Your choicest and holiest gifts. Be their shield in adversity, their joy in peace and prosperity. Fill them with Your holy grace and love. Forgive their sins. Lead them safe through all the dangers of life to Your eternal home. Amen.

## MONDAY IN LENT IV

### ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

*Thought: Charity...is not provoked to anger; charity thinketh no evil.*

*(1 Cor. xiii:4-7)*

*Meditation:* Charity does not allow itself to be irritated; it is never embittered against or annoyed with anyone, no matter what cause for displeasure it may receive. Humility is capable of this moderation, but not pride. Charity does not think of the evil that has

been done it, or which its enemies wish to do it; and far from considering it as an injury or calling down vengeance upon it, it dissimulates it, excuses and forgives it. Now we may expect all these dispositions from humility, but not from pride.

*Prayer:* Most dearly beloved Saviour, according to Your holy Will and teaching, I pray for those who are my enemies, all who cherish ill will against me or do me wrong. Have mercy on them, my God, with special and pitying love. It may, alas! have been my own wrongful actions or my unhappy omissions which have made them think ill of me. But even though I have been in no way at fault, I still forgive them for Your sake, because You wish it, and I pray for them. Amen.

## TUESDAY IN LENT IV

*Thought: Charity...envieth not, dealeth not perversely.*

*(1 Cor. xiii:4-7)*

*Meditation:* Charity is neither jealous, envious, nor ambitious; far from envying the happiness of others or being annoyed at their success, it wishes it for them as much as it would for itself; it has so little ambition that there is nothing, however vile and low it may be, which it does not embrace with all its heart from love toward its neighbor. Now humility does all these things in simplicity, but pride will not hear of it.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, out of the abundance of the fires of Thy Sacred Heart, enkindle in my poor heart the flames of charity, so that it may burn and glow with love for Thee and for my fellow men. Suffer not, gracious Lord, this heart, which Thou hast created to love Thee above all things, and to love my neighbor as myself for love of Thee, to be entangled with other loves and desires. Extinguish in my heart all excessive and ill-ordered love of self. Teach me to know Thee better and better, that I may love Thee more and more. Amen.



## WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV

*Thought: Charity and cheerfulness, or charity and humility, should be our motto.*

*(St. Philip Neri)*

*Meditation:* Humility is the charm of charity. Nothing is more amiable than the society of the man who is really humble. As he esteems himself to be the last of all, he is full of consideration and attention toward everyone. Convinced that no one owes him anything and that he owes everything to others, he treats every one with honor and respect; he suffers contradiction, want of consideration, even contempt and reproaches, as things which are due to him; he seems not to perceive any want of attention, any criticizing words, or any ridicule; and he meets them with nothing but amiable manners, gracious words, and all the good offices which he can render. In him there is never any sign of haughtiness; he never shows by his tone in speaking any attachment to his own ideas and his own will; on the contrary, everything in him is modest, simple, and amiable. He is never offended, and does not know anything about the susceptibilities of self-love. Now who is there who does not understand how full of pleasantness must be the society of such a man? It is the fruit of humility.

*Prayer:* O God, Who withstandest the proud and givest Thy grace to the humble, clothe us with that true virtue of humility, the pattern of which Thine only-begotten Son did show in Himself to the faithful, so that we may never by our pride provoke Thee to anger, but rather in our lowliness accept from Thy hands the gifts of Thy grace. Amen.

## THURSDAY IN LENT IV

*Thought: "I pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there is any good that I can do, any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now; let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."*

*Meditation:* Kindness is the overflowing of self upon others. We put others in the place of self. We treat them



as we would wish to be treated ourselves. We change places with them. For the time self is another, and others are self. Our self-love takes the shape of complacency in unselfishness. Kindness adds sweetness to everything.

Kindness is infectious. One kind action leads to another. Our example is followed. This is the greatest work which kindness does to others—that it makes them kind themselves. Of great consequence is the immense power of kindness in bringing out the good points of the characters of others.

Let us think that there are multitudes in heaven to-day who are there because of kind actions; many are there for doing them, many for having had them done to them.

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi:*

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, let me sow pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

## FRIDAY IN LENT IV

### THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*Thought: The love of God inspires the love of our neighbor, and the love of our neighbor serves to keep alive the love of God.*

*(St. Gregory the Great)*

*Meditation:* Nothing is sweeter than love; nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing more generous, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth; for love proceeds from God and cannot rest but in

God. Love often knows no measure, but is inflamed above measure. When weary is not tired, when strengthened is not constrained; when frightened is not disturbed; but like a lively flame and a torch all on fire, it mounts upwards and seemingly passes through all opposition. Whoso loveth knoweth the cry of this voice. (Thomas à Kempis)

*Prayer:* Lord, merge my will in Yours. May it accept with love the bitter and sweet of life. No matter how long the years may be, let no murmur escape my lips, no unkind thought take shelter in my heart, no self-seeking lurk within my soul. With a smile upon my lips and a song of joy within my heart, may I walk courageously with You, my hidden Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SATURDAY IN LENT IV

*Thought: If we loved God truly, we should have much love for all our neighbors, who are all sons of God, and resemble Him much.*

*(St. Francis de Sales)*

*Meditation:* Ah! when shall we see ourselves steeped in sweetness and suavity towards our neighbors! When shall we see their souls in the sacred bosom of Jesus! Whoever looks upon his neighbor in any other position, runs a risk of loving him neither purely nor perseveringly, nor impartially; but in such a place, who would not love him? Who would not bear with him? Who would not be patient with his imperfections? Who would consider him an object of dislike? Now, our neighbor is truly there in the bosom and within the heart of the Divine Saviour. He is there as one most beloved, so that the loving Lord dies from pure love of him. (St. Francis de Sales)

*Prayer:* O God, we pray that the grace of the Holy Ghost may enlighten our hearts and fill them with the sweet cordial of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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# Charity



*The Sacred Heart: pen-and-ink drawing  
by Saint Margaret Mary or one of her novices (1685)*

*“The measure of love is to love without measure.”*

*-St. Francis de Sales*

Daily Considerations  
and  
Prayers for Lent