

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

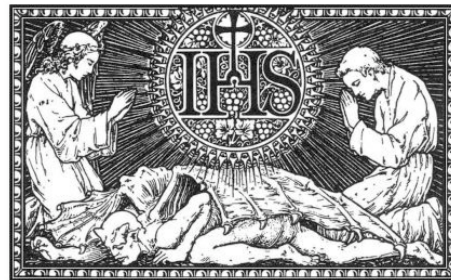
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

January 5, 2014 The Holy Name of Jesus

St Telesphorus, PM
Infant of Prague



IN THE NAME OF JESUS
LET EVERY KNEE BOW

¶ TODAY

The blessing of religious articles is available after all Masses today; our second collection is for support of the seminary. Sunday catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule today, to receive your Christmastide alms for the support and sanctification of priests.

¶ FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY & ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

Join us **tomorrow**, the great feast of Our Lord's *manifestation to the Gentiles* (Epiphany) for **Solemn Mass at 5:30 PM**. The blessing of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh takes place before Mass. The home blessing packets, including blessed chalk and prayer leaflet, will be available for you to take home.

After Mass, all are invited to our **Parish Christmas Party** and annual **Appreciation Dinner**, which is our special "thank you" to all our hard-working and devoted employees, volunteers, and benefactors, and to our loyal parishioners.



"If the soul longs for nothing else than to love its God, then don't worry and be quite sure that this soul possesses everything, that it possesses God Himself."

– Padre Pio

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday classes as usual. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: The Holy Family, with Collects of the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany, and of the Epiphany. Preface of the Epiphany.

¶ PLEASE PRAY

Your prayers are asked for Fr. LeMay of Massachusetts, who has suffered a heart attack, as well as for Les Pomerville, Gary Amyx, Clyde Gabbard, and all our sick; and for the repose of the soul of †Iris Wilson, who departed this life on November 27th.

"At the beginning of the day, I endeavour to unite myself closely with Jesus Christ, and then I do the next thing, with the thought of this union in mind,"

– St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars



Congratulations to Paige and Christopher McClorey on the baptism of their daughter, Abigail B, on 12/26/13.

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2014 Please note these important dates:

• **First Confessions & Testing: Saturday, May 10th.** (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. *Contact the church office for the necessary form.*)

• **Children's Day of Recollection: Thursday, June 5th.**

• **Confirmation: Saturday, June 7th.**

• **First Communion: Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.**

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office **by Monday, April 14th**. If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, *please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on May 10th.*

Servers: JANUARY 6 - 12, 2014

MON	1/6	5:30 PM SOLEMN HIGH: MCS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson, Jr. ACS: A. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: J. Lacy CROSS: L. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. Soli, T. Lawrence, C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson, N. & P. McClorey
FRI	1/10	5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT	1/11	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN	1/12	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, B. Lotarski ACS: P. Lawrence, S. Arlinghaus TH: L. Arlinghaus CROSS: A. Richesson TORCH: C. Rios, C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, J. Lacy 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

N.B. Torchbearers who have learned their responses through the Confiteor may report to Bishop Dolan or Mr. Vande Ryt for re-testing.

Collection Report

Wednesday, December 25th.....\$4,813.00
Sunday, December 29th\$8,861.00



**January:
Month of the Holy Name of
Jesus and of the Holy Family**

The faithful who, during the month of January, perform some special act of devotion in honor of the **Holy Name of Jesus** are granted *an indulgence of seven years on any day of the month.* (Raccolta No. 118.)

The faithful who devoutly invoke the sacred names of **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** conjointly, may gain: *an indulgence of seven years; a plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions, for the daily repetition of the invocation.* (St. Pius X, rescript in his own hand, June 8, 1906.)



THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

Today, feast of the Holy Name, is also the devotional feast of the Infant of Prague. This beautiful and powerful devotion is observed in our Novena to the Holy Child every Friday at 5:35 PM, just before Mass. Invoke the Divine Infant with confidence for peace of heart, health, family and financial needs.

The Holy Name

The Name of Jesus, which the Son of God received at His Circumcision, and which was declared by the archangel before His conception, signifies Saviour; but such a Saviour as should deliver His people from their sins. On this feast day, you should renew your sentiments of respect and confidence in that Sacred Name, which transcends all other names. It should be frequently on your lips, but always uttered with the greatest reverence; that Name being so terrible and powerful, that *every knee bows to it in Heaven, on earth, and in hell.* Let us pronounce it with confidence, since in it alone can we expect help from Heaven, and through no other name can we be saved. Let us pray that it may be hallowed and blessed in every place, and let us sanctify it ourselves by the holiness of our conduct. Let us accustom ourselves to invoke it repeatedly with piety and love, during our lives if we wish to experience its sweetness and consolation at the hour of our death.



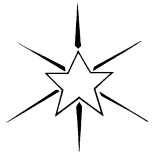
The Magi brought gold; you bring a temperate and virtuous spirit. They brought incense; you must offer pure prayers, which are the incense of the soul. They brought myrrh; you must bring a humble and contrite heart along with alms.

- St. John Chrysostom

FOLLOWING THE STAR

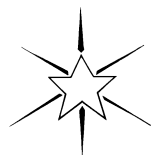
"We have seen His star in the East and are come to adore Him." St. Matthew 2:2.

Three Wise Men came from the distant East,
Bringing their gifts to the Prince of Peace.
Their homes they left to journey afar,
Led on by a wondrous, brilliant star.
Came many a trial upon the way
To tempt them from the path to stray.
They never swerved from the purpose high
To follow the star in that Eastern sky,
Till it stood o'er the cave of Beth'lem's hill
Where angels sang, "Peace to men of good will!"
And entering in, they found the Child
In the arms of His Virgin Mother mild.
Ah! His loving smile, did it not repay
For the wearisome march of many a day?
Their hearts were filled with bliss untold,
And adoring, they offered gifts of gold,
Frankincense, myrrh from the Orient brought
To the King of Kings whom they long had sought.
Then homeward they turned another way,
The peace of Christ in their hearts for aye.

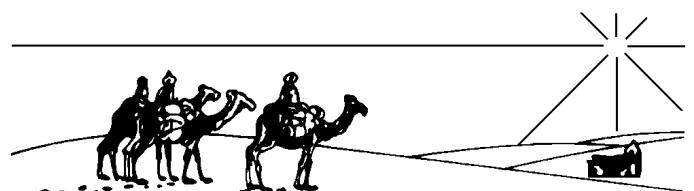


And others there are who follow the star
Tho' the way seems long, and the distance far.
His voice they hear, "Arise, depart!
And leave all things for My Sacred Heart."
Like Magi of old, they hasten to bring

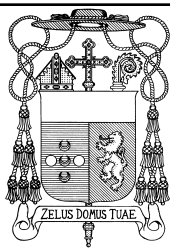
Offerings to Jesus, their Spouse and King.
Their love and zeal pure gold shall be
From the dross of earthly things set free;
And frankincense shall rise to His Throne,
When by prayerful lives they seek to atone
For sin that has wounded His loving Heart,
Piercing It through with its cruel dart.
To die to self, for Jesus to live,
Myrrh of suff'ring to Him they give.
When life's long journey is nearly o'er,
And their feet are close to th' eternal shore
Then shall the star shine clear and bright,
Guiding them on to Heaven's bright light -
Till in blissful vision they see His Face,
And Heart meets heart in one fond embrace.



- Rose Margaret Coughlin



✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



“Vive Jesus!” This Salesian greeting carries the connotation of “Long Live Jesus” along with the exhortation to *live* Jesus. It seems a fitting greeting for Holy Name Sunday, the first of the year.

I hope your New Year is going well so far, and that you will indeed *live Jesus* each day of this still fresh new year. I offered New Year's Mass (and New Year's Eve Holy Hour) for the dear little flock of Albuquerque's Morada of St. Gertrude, usually served by **Fr. Palma**. Small in number (our Friday evening attendance is huge in comparison), they are great in faith, and thus steadily growing, and not only in virtue. Their second adult catechumen is being prepared for Baptism.

On a sunny, mild New Year's Eve I was able to visit America's Queen, the Conquistadora in Santa Fe, as well as Chimayo with its holiness and miracles. I was so happy to get my annual visit in before year's end, and remembered all of you and all of our intentions there in prayer.

What a Christmas! “The days are just packed,” as Calvin (or was it Hobbes?) used to say. On St. John's Day we blessed the wine and drank “the love of St. John.” On Holy Innocents we drank to the happiness of Tom and Karen Simpson, married that morning. On Sunday, some I think rested up from the fatiguing exertions of the previous Wednesday. Imagine both Mass *and* Christmas! Too much! Who wouldn't be tuckered out? Well, the faithful came again, and joyfully. You did it again last Wednesday, to consecrate the New Year by Holy Mass.

Many children were blessed all day on Christmas Sunday, after each of the Masses. After the High Mass a nice party cum gifts lured some of them back to Helfta Hall. Further luring even yielded a little group for the children's poetry. I had a great time. I hope the children did as well.

Janet Strauss, the former Sr. Scholastica, flew out from L.A. for the wedding. It was nice to see her again. She takes care of an invalid sister of hers, but also serves as **Fr. Dominic Radecki's** volunteer sacristan. She is most devoted to her CMRI chapel, Queen of Angels (which bulges at the seams on Sundays) but is also an honorary lifetime Gertrudian.

News reached us last week that one of our own, †Iris Wilson, died way back at Thanksgiving but the family never informed us, and had a “private service” at Gate of Heaven. Due to family interference, it was always a challenge to find where they put Iris, stay in touch, and bring her the Sacraments. But still, this is a new low. We will schedule a funeral service for her this month. Do you have your instructions confided to a trusted executor?

Iris was Joe Wilson's widow. He had always worked for her conversion, and finally did bring her into the Church,

before he died. Joe (one of the original ‘trads’) and Iris were fixtures at the Sharonville church, at the old days of Monday Night Bingo, volunteering each week for our school. God reward their goodness, and grant them eternal rest.

I am writing this on a noisy American Airlines flight from Dallas to Dayton last Thursday, which would bring me from New Mexico's mild sunshine to Ohio's cold but beautiful Winter wonderland. There are more babies on board than at church! I am praying to their Guardian Angels, with intermittent success. Today's trip on American from Albuquerque was particularly dysfunctional, even for them. The Rosary, as well as a little humor, helped.

“You bein' bad, Father?” the flight attendant playfully accosted me on an earlier flight. Well, I had the *will* to obey and raise up my seat back to its full and upright position, but it wouldn't stay up – broken. Although everything is crowded, dirty, late, unexplained and in bad repair, the flight attendants on American seem to be in admirably good humor on most flights. A good example for us. The world is full of unexpected edification, isn't it?

The Terrorist Security Agency “strip and frisk” is another story. It fluctuates from almost agreeable (‘you can keep your shoes on, sir!’) to a grim facsimile of a prison processing, complete with milling crowds, shouting guards, and the nude search x-ray, complimented, for your convenience, by a proper pawing. Security Theatre. You gotta love it!

Although Bergoglio is a clown, there's nothing funny about his antics in the Eternal City. I wonder how **Fr. Cekada** manages to keep up with the steady stream of stupidities, and now even blasphemies against Our Blessed Lady. Father's articles are posted on the Internet (fathercekada.com) and we have some printed copies in the vestibule for the Luddites among us. Stay informed! Be the first in your neighborhood to unmask the Argentine imposter! Share it with your neighbor but don't expect any thanks. Even most “traditional Catholics” wish to live in lala land, where a heretical layman could be Pope.

Still, the light of the Faith, the star of adoration, calls us to Bethlehem. Come again to adore tomorrow evening with Kings and Wise Men for Epiphany, and stay for our Christmas party. All the Fathers will be with us, but only for that night. The next day **Fr. McKenna** leaves frozen Ohio for the even more Frozen North. Fr. Cekada is off to meet with some N.O. priests who asked to see him. Pray for his success.

May the Holy Name of Jesus be our life, and the star of Faith appear to guide wise men to Jesus, even now, at this late hour.

Blessed Epiphany! Holy and happy Twelfth Night!

– Bishop Dolan

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON 1/6/14 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Youngworth-9th anniversary
(Diane Puglielli)
9:00 AM Low Mass †Dolores Maki *(Kent Maki)*
5:30 PM Solemn High Mass For our Church Workers
followed by our Parish Christmas Party

TUE 1/7/14 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
8:00 AM Low Mass Cucina Clerical-for our cooks *(The Fathers)*
11:20 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. H.O. Hinton *(S.G.G. School)*
5:00 PM Low Mass †Special intention deceased *(Jeff Duff)*

WED 1/8/14 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
8:00 AM Low Mass Katherine Kunkel-birthday *(Kueblers)*
11:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Rosary Chain intentions *(DJR)*
5:00 PM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich *(Fred Stepanich)*
6:30 PM Choir Practice

THU 1/9/14 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Mom
(Anne Marie Omlor)
11:20 AM High Mass Darlene *(G. Keaveney)*
5:00 PM Low Mass †Catherine Smith *(Richesson family)*

FRI 1/10/14 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls *(The Wilkers)*
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass Bishop Dolan-Happy 20th Anniversary
(Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena III
5:45 PM Low Mass Fr. Nkamuke *(Simpson family)*
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction

SAT 1/11/14 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
ST HYGINUS, PM
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Simpsons *(DJR)*
8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Mike Briggs family *(G. Keaveney)*

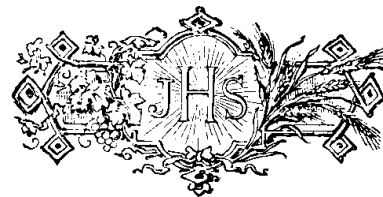
SUN 1/12/14 THE HOLY FAMILY
WITHIN THE OCTAVE
ST BENET BISCOP, AB
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Julius & Gertrude Wilker *(The Wilkers)*
9:00 AM High Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Joan Landry & her intentions *(DJR)*
10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Catherine Smith *(Kirby & Jean Bischel)*

Prayers in Honor of the Holy Name

O good Jesus, according to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me. O most merciful Jesus, by that Precious Blood which Thou didst will to shed for sinners, I beseech Thee to wash away all my iniquities and to look graciously upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner, as I call upon Thy holy Name. Therefore, O Jesus, do Thou save me for Thy holy Name's sake. Amen. *An indulgence of 500 days. (Raccolta #121)*

O God, who didst appoint Thine only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of mankind and didst command His name to be called JESUS; mercifully grant that we may enjoy the vision of Him in heaven, whose holy Name we venerate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

An indulgence of five years; plenary once a month on the usual conditions, if this prayer is said devoutly every day. (Raccolta #122)



*O when the God eternal in swathing bands I see,
When from the Word divine I hear a feeble cry,
No envy of the angels, O Mother, stirreth me.
Their Lord supreme is now my cherished Brother nigh!
O how I praise thee! Thou, who to our poor earth brings
The seed and the fair bloom of this most sacred flower;
O how I love thee,
hearkening the shepherds and the Kings,
And keeping all to ponder in thy heart from that hour.*

*— St. Thérèse of Lisieux
“Why I Love Thee, Mary” – Verse 6*



Let us offer gifts, because utterly irreverent is the one who adores with empty hands. The Magi attest to this, who were weighed down with gold, aflame with frankincense, and hallowed with myrrh when they bent down before Christ's cradle.

— St. Peter Chrysologus

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4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



The following Masses were offered in the Missions:

†Lonnie Lackney *(Mary Lackney Kee)*

†Theresa Cataldie *(Sonny Cataldie)*
