

# 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



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## January 19, 2014 Epiphany II

St Marius & Companions, Mm  
St Canute, King, M



JESUS CHANGES THE WATER INTO WINE  
AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST OF CANA

### ¶ TODAY

Today is the second day of the Chair of Unity Octave. We pray for the conversion of the Eastern Orthodox. We also close with gratitude our annual devotion of the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. The blessing of expectant mothers is available after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM.

### ¶ THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE...

...continues this week, concluding on **Saturday** with the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. *An Indulgence of 300 days is granted each day during the Octave, with a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the close of this devotion.* If you can't come to Mass, recite the official Octave prayer each day at home (see back page).

*"Oh, how sweet a joy it is to remain with faith and tender devotion before an altar, and converse familiarly with Jesus Christ...what a heaven it is there to remain, making acts of love towards that Lord who is on the very altar praying to the Eternal Father for us, and is there burning with love for us."*  
— St. Alphonsus Liguori

### ¶ PRO-LIFE DAY OF REPARATION

**Wednesday** marks another sorrowful anniversary, 41 years of the legalized killing of pre-born babies in our country. Come to pray and make reparation. The **Votive Mass of the Holy Innocents** is offered at **11:20 AM**. There will also be a **Holy Hour** before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at **2:15 PM**, concluding with Benediction.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday Classes as usual; Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

**Set Your Missal:** Epiphany III, with collect of St. Polycarp. Trinity Preface.

### ¶ CARD PARTY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1:00 P.M. – HELFTA HALL

All who are interested in playing card or board games, young and old, are welcome. Some want to play Euchre. If there is enough interest a tournament of four handed Euchre will be organized. We will be glad to help you learn this easy card game. Children, too, can play.

The young are interested in playing Poker. Chess, anyone? Bring friends, a deck of cards or board game. Bring lunch or snacks to share if you want.

### ¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2014

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

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

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

• **First Communion:**

**Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.**

Parents! ⇒ If your child is **not** enrolled in our school or our Sunday catechism, *you must notify us if you plan to bring her to be tested in preparation for the Paschal Sacraments!*

*God who made all things made Himself of Mary, and thus He refashioned everything He had made.*

— St. Anselm

### ¶ OUR SICK

Sr. Jeanne Marie continues ill at the Saybrook Convent. Please pray for her and Sr. Isidore Maria. Kevin O'Donnell will be coming home this week, a happy event for all. He continues his outpatient rehabilitation work at Drake. Nellie Sutton, now in hospice, received conditional Baptism and Extreme Unction from Fr. McGuire. She and Janet Clementi are both at Tri-County Extended Care Center, fairly near to church. Cecilia Omlor Socquet-Juglard is still hospitalized at Bergen, Norway, where she and husband Hervé now reside. Please pray for a safe delivery for her, and for all of our sick and shut in, the deceased, and the dying, especially Fr. Finnegan. Remember, too, in your charity, the intentions which come in to our Rosary Chain all week long, and the repose of the soul of †John Michael, a benefactor from Canada.

### Servers: JANUARY 20 - 26, 2014

FRI 1/24 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 1/25 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons  
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 1/26 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson  
ACs: A. Richesson, N. McClorey  
TH: S. Arlinghaus TORCH: C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, N. & P. McClorey  
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.*

## ✠ CHAIR OF UNITY CORNER

### OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

"The doctrine *extra ecclesiam nulla salus* is to be interpreted both by dogmatic and moral theology. As a dogma, theologians teach that many belong to the Church who are out of its visible unity; as a moral truth, that to be out of the Church is no personal sin, except to those who sin by being out of it. That is, they will be lost, not because they are *geographically* out of it, but because they are *culpably* out of it. And they who are culpably out of it are those who know – or might, and therefore ought to, know – that it is their duty to submit to it. The Church teaches that men may inculpably be out of its pale. Now they are inculpably out of it who are and have always been either physically or morally unable to see their obligation to submit to it. And they only are culpably out of it who are both physically and morally able to know that it is God's will they should submit to the Church; and either knowing it will not obey that knowledge, or, not knowing it, are culpable for that ignorance.

"(Since the Protestant revolution in England,) the Catholic Church has been so swept off the face of England that nine or ten generations of men have lived and died without the faith being so much as proposed to them, or the Church ever visible to them and, therefore, most Englishmen are to be classed with the infants, since they never had their consciences properly formed.

"Still further, I believe that the people of England were not all guilty of the first acts of heresy and schism by which they were separated from the Catholic unity and faith. *They were robbed of it.* In many places they rose in arms for it. The children, the poor, the unlearned at that time, were certainly innocent: much more the next generation. They were born into a state of privation. They knew no better. No choice was before them. They made no perverse act of the will in remaining where they were born. Every successive generation was still less culpable, in proportion as they were born into a greater state of privation .... For three

centuries they have been born further and further out of the truth, and their culpability is perpetually diminishing."

– Edward Cardinal Manning  
(1808-1892, convert from Anglicanism)

Read this over. It applies as well to our Novus Ordo brethren. *They were robbed of the Catholic Faith.*



### The Chair of Unity Octave & St. Hilary's Hatred of Heresy

*Like St. Hilary, we are called to a lifelong contest with misbelievers; we shall succeed in proportion as we combine hatred of heresy with love and compassion for its victims. St. Hilary points out that the Church is one, while heresies are many. These all attack the Church, but they also attack one another. And in confuting one another they vindicate the faith of the Church.*

*Though he was the kindest of men, Hilary in the early days of his conversion would not eat with Jews or heretics or greet them in the street. Later on he gave up such behavior.*

"Beware lest any man cheat you by philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ." – Col. ii, 8.



### ✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

#### Seven Easy Ways to Attract Converts

1. Speak with great reverence of God and of everything divine.
2. Know your Faith so well that you must speak about it.
3. Be curious to find out what others believe, so you may tell them what they should believe.
4. Prove all your arguments with texts from their Bible.
5. Show by your example that your most intimate private life is lived according to the teachings of the Church.
6. Have a tender devotion to the sick and poor.
7. Show deep gratitude for every kindness.

## ✠ THE POETRY CORNER

### O SAPIENTIA

It was from Joseph first I learned of love.

Like me he was dismayed.

How easily he could have turned me from his house; but, unafraid, he put me not away from him (O God-sent angel, pray for him). Thus through his love was Love obeyed.

The Child's first cry came like a bell: God's Word aloud, God's Word in deed.

The angel spoke: so it befell, and Joseph with me in my need.

O Child whose father came from heaven,

to you another gift was given, your earthly father chosen well.

With Joseph I was always warmed and cherished. Even in the stable I knew that I would not be harmed.

And, though above the angels swarmed,

man's love it was that made me able to bear God's love, wild, formidable, to bear God's will, through me performed.

– Madeleine L'Engle

*American poet, award-winning writer of children's books, Madeleine L'Engle converted from atheism. She was librarian and writer-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.*



### ✠ CATECHISM CORNER:

#### Read after Mass

I believe that God created me to know Him, to love Him and serve Him, so that after death, I might possess God in the Beatific Vision and Union and thus be happy with Him forever.

I believe that my success in life depends not on amassing wealth or on winning honors but on my serving God and neighbor.

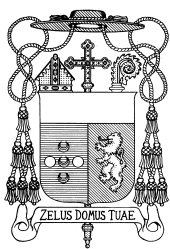
#### Collection Report

Sunday, January 12th .....\$3,779.00

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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In seeming reparation for the “Polar Vortex” (what an imposing name for January’s customary zeroes and subzeroes) which accompanied the Wise Men this year for our Epiphany, Winter took a break of late, and tantalized us with a taste of Spring.

The cats fell for it, and have been out long hours on bunny patrol, faithful felines that they are. They do not listen to weather reports. Blessed innocence!

Some of us are fleeing south today for the annual seminary retreat. Its theme is taken from the wisdom of the Egyptian Desert Fathers: flee, be silent, be at rest. (*Fuge, tace, quiesce.*) **Fr. Lehtoranta** will be staying put, and give up the “quiet” of his contemplation to offer the daily High Mass and sermon, in addition to his teaching at our little school, and minding the store. His native Finland’s patron saint comes tomorrow, St. Henry of Uppsala, a sort of Finnish St. Patrick’s Day. Accompany him for the feast, and wear your blue and white. Father recently ventured down to Louisiana for our monthly Mass. The congregation was down, but the weather was fine. Our Fathers always stop in to greet **Fr. Francis Miller, OFM**, in Lafayette.

I always think that one of the many rewards bestowed upon Gertrudians and visitors alike in late January is the Christmas scene which awaits them at our charmingly decorated church, still all a-twinkle with light, and red and gold and crèche and Holy Child. In the world all is bleak, and purposeful talk about diets, or MLK or Roe v. Wade. Within, one can rest and pray and truly address the ills of the day. Come, come to Bethlehem. Flee, be silent, and still.

I have noticed that already the light lingers during my 5:00 PM Mass on weekdays. While **Fr. McGuire**’s heroic 6:00 AM Mass has yet to meet the dawn it anticipates, it does draw a faithful four for the coming of the Light of the World. This week’s Mass schedule is limited, but keep those pious thoughts in mind for next week. Daily Mass, an extra Mass....

For this week I propose to you our annual pro-life Day of Prayer of Wednesday. The children sing the votive Mass of the Holy Innocents in the morning, and make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed in the afternoon. Supernatural faith teaches us that the power of the Word of God, exposed in the Sacrament of His Love, far exceeds the perishable but

plentiful words of politicians. Flee with us, be quiet and be at rest.

Our **Fr. McKenna**’s peregrinations about the frozen north have taken him into the Mountain Time zone and almost to Montana in search of souls to serve. Thus we have opened a second mission in North Dakota at Dickinson, west of Bismarck, dedicated to St. Thérèse.

Our Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel seem to have flown by, even as Our Lady flies to our needs, answering our heartfelt prayers. Truly she is “*de prompte secours*,” of quick help, as our Louisiana brethren are honoring her these days. Be sure to gain your plenary indulgence by Confession and Communion for having made the Twelve Sundays with us. Honor her image in your home.

We are already talking about Summer camps and fundraisers this January. What a warming thought, and that in more ways than one on these cold grey days. In the meantime, our gamers are welcome to play with us next Sunday afternoon for a little innocent recreation. Euchre instructions willingly provided. Perhaps some of our young and very avid cardsharps will come along with “more experienced” players. Come, young and old, for a Winter’s afternoon entertainment.

On a more somber note, we fulfilled our sad duty of devotion towards †Iris Wilson, whose Requiem was read on Saturday, January 11th. Doris, one of the mourners, afterwards shared a touching memory of this good soul. Even while she herself was suffering from cancer, Iris would take †Shirle Downing shopping or to the doctor. May they both rest in peace, and know the reward of their labors.

Pray with us this week, too, for the conversion of non-Catholics during the Chair of Unity Octave. “May all be one, O dearest Lord, we pray!” Let these words resound in our hearts and inspire our deeds every day.

Pray for us on retreat, and flee with us, at least a little, from this wicked world. I sent a hermit’s blessing home with you. Hole up with the Holy Family and find rest for your soul.

— Bishop Dolan



*Mary, heavenly hope, may anyone who  
flees into your arms not fear death.*

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## ✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org)*

MON	1/20/14	SS FABIAN, P & SEBASTIAN, MM ST HENRY OF UPPSALA <i>Chair of Unity Octave III</i> 11:20 AM High Mass Fr. Lehtoranta's intentions
TUE	1/21/14	ST AGNES, VM <i>Chair of Unity Octave IV</i> 11:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Leslie-5th anniversary ( <i>Rebecca Stump</i> )
WED	1/22/14	SS VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM <i>Chair of Unity Octave V</i> 11:20 AM High Mass †Rev. Eldred Leslie (from 1/21) ( <i>M/M Joseph Prell &amp; family</i> ) 2:15 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	1/23/14	ST RAYMOND PENNAFORT, C ST EMERENTIANA, VM <i>ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY</i> <i>Chair of Unity Octave VI</i> 11:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Bishop and our priests ( <i>DJR</i> )
FRI	1/24/14	ST TIMOTHY, BPM <i>Chair of Unity Octave VII</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls ( <i>Nicholas &amp; Judy Manno</i> ) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Mary Louise Richesson ( <i>Scott Richesson family</i> ) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena V 5:45 PM Low Mass Our wedding anniversary ( <i>Joshua and Elizabeth Gunsher</i> ) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/25/14	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, AP <i>Closing of the Chair of Unity Octave</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Charles Current family (from 1/21) ( <i>Samantha</i> ) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Our children & Godchildren and their Godparents ( <i>Mike Briggs family</i> )
SUN	1/26/14	EPIPHANY III ST POLYCARR, BPM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Dolores Maki (from 1/6) ( <i>Kent Maki</i> ) 9:00 AM High Mass H.O.'s recovery ( <i>Simpson family</i> ) 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass The Dale Moore family ( <i>Dale Wilker family</i> )

### OFFICIAL OCTAVE PRAYER

#### FOR THE CHAIR OF UNITY DEVOTION

**Antiphon:** That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

**V.** I say unto thee that thou art Peter.

**R.** And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

**Let us pray:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will. Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. **Amen.**



#### Prayer to Protect the Church Family

**✠** Holy Spirit, Creator, be gracious to Thy Catholic Church. By Thy Heavenly Power make it strong and secure against the attacks of its enemies. Renew in charity and grace the spirit of Thy servants, whom Thou hast anointed, that they may glorify Thee and the Father and His Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

(300 days indulgence, once a day)



#### INVOCATION:

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring back into the unity of the Church all that stray, and to lead all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel, we beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

(300 days indulgence – *Raccolta* No. 621)



#### The following Masses will be offered by Bishop Dolan at the seminary:

Bishop Robert McKenna (*Anny Reilly*)

†Clyde Gabbard (*Christopher Browne*)

1:00 PM Card & Board Games in Helfta Hall

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

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