

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

February 16, 2014 Septuagesima Sunday



GO YOU ALSO INTO MY VINEYARD

¶ TODAY

The altar is in penitential purple, betokening the solemn opening of the pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima, when the Church begins to count the days until Easter and we begin to prepare for a good and holy Lent. The blessing of expectant mothers is available after all Masses; Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. There is also a girls' camp meeting in Helfta Hall right after the High Mass. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

"Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him."

— St. Dominic Savio

¶ FRIDAY NIGHT NOVENAS

We close the *Novena to the Infant of Prague* at 5:35 PM on **Friday**, right before the evening Mass; and following Mass, the *Sorrowful Mother Novena* continues, including the blessing of the sick. Remember to call or e-mail (parishoffice@sgg.org) the church office with the **first names** of your sick to be included in the Novena.

¶ TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC CINEMA

Also this **Friday**, after the evening Benediction, there will be a showing of *The Song of Bernadette* in Helfta Hall, brought to you by A.D. Kinnett. Refreshments provided.

Collection Report

Sunday, February 9th\$4,337.00

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Questions about the Catholic faith, devotions, or practices? Bishop Dolan will hold a *Q & A* session in Helfta Hall at 10:45 AM. A question box will be provided for your anonymous inquiries. **Set Your Missal:** Sexagesima Sunday, with commemoration of St. Peter Damian. Trinity Preface.

¶ OUR SICK

H.O. Hinton was back in the hospital for a few days last week. Elizabeth Smith is at Brookwood Rehab in Blue Ash, getting rehabilitation for walking again. Kevin O'Donnell continues his. An old friend, one of our first and once very active members, Mary Lois Theman, is facing some serious health issues. Loraine Gates is feeling poorly. Mary Safrey, Gloria Z's mother, was hospitalized again. Please keep them all in your prayers, as well as the special intentions we are asked to remember.



A SUNDAY SEVEN FOR THE SICK

℟. Health of the Sick, pray for us!

When loneliness adds to anxiety: ℟.

When sickness makes it difficult to communicate: ℟.

When discouragement or despondency sets in: ℟.

When fear makes it impossible to face the future: ℟.

When the ravages of disease attack self-esteem: ℟.

When anger and resentment assail: ℟.

When beset by worry or fretfulness: ℟.

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2014



CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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! ⇒ 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!* If your child was **not** baptized at St. Gertrude, *you must obtain and submit her baptismal certificate.*

*All through Thee, with Thee,
and in Thee, O my God!*

(An indulgence of 300 days; Raccolta No. 29)

¶ THANK YOU!

Our St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale raised \$481.00. Thanks to all who participated.



Opraise the Lord, all ye nations:
praise Him, all ye peoples.
For His mercy is confirmed upon us:
and the truth of the Lord
remaineth for ever. (Psalm 116)

*(500 days indulgence; plenary on the usual conditions
when recited daily for a month – Raccolta No. 25)*

✠ SUNDAY SEVEN – Seven Things the Devil Loves

1. To see you despise authority – this caused his fall, and made him accursed forever.
2. To see you the victim of envy, jealousy, revenge or any other passion.
3. To see you complacent in the little you do for God, and not desire greater holiness.
4. To hear you criticize your neighbor, not for the sake of justice, but because of your own hurt feelings.
5. To see you grow bitter because of reverses.
6. To see you stubbornly cling to your own will, when you know you are wrong.
7. To treat others as others treat you, just as pagans do.



*"O Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
I am the child of your sorrows.
My tender Mother, here is your child,
who can do no more. Have pity on me."
– St. Bernadette Soubirous*

✠ CATECHISM CORNER: Read after Mass

Because of man's original and actual sin, both his prayer and sacrifice are unable to satisfy God or himself. Hence Jesus as Head of the human race offered the sacrifice of His own Life that the "world might know" of a Sacrifice acceptable to the Father and one that fully atones for our sins. From the crib to the cross His Life was a testimony that God is supreme, that man is dependent. His sacrifice was necessary before His Father that Divine Justice might be satisfied. It was necessary for us that we might be cleansed of sin and reconciled with our Heavenly Father. It restored the balance between God and man since sin is a double evil, a turning from God by refusing obedience to the Creator, a turning to a creature by preferring it to God Himself. His sacrifice by obedience was more pleasing to His Father than man's disobedience was displeasing.



Penance: a Lost Ideal?

Have you lost your hold upon penance? If so, your hold upon other virtues will quickly follow. Penance is a safeguard for most of the virtues. The world hates it, and from hating penance the world easily hates everything supernatural. Neither virtues nor vices travel alone. It were bad enough to lose one virtue; lose one and you lose many. Penance disposes the soul to pray. Without penance it is almost impossible to pray. Humility disposes the soul for sufferings. Without humility the soul will seek to avoid all pain. It is always difficult to hold to our ideals, especially if our environment is not God-centered. Unfavorable environment is like a cold wind in a hot house; it chills, it may even kill. We cannot avoid all unfavorable environments. What then shall we do? Build up a resistance against it. Be ready for it when it comes, anticipate it and rise above it. A plant that has grown hardy by special care will not be blighted by drafts; it may even grow stronger and flourish, producing a flower more beautiful.

DANCE OF THE MONTHS

January comes with his ice-crown.
February spilling thaw and snowdrops.
March, bursting loud cheeks!
Then April, with a troop of lambs and daffodils.
May, keeper of peat-hill and cuithe-stream.
June, covering the night fire in the north.
July, tall and blue as lupins.
August with the cut cornstalks.
September, dusting cobwebs from the lamp.
October, good witch, with apples and nuts.
November, host to shades and hallows.
December, with snowflake and star.

In the inn of December, a fire.
A loaf, a bottle of wine.
Travellers, rich and poor, are on the roads.
– George Mackay Brown



OUR GIFT

From the wood of the cradle
to the wood of the cross
Trudged our loving Redeemer
to righten our loss
Keeping the will of the Father
ever in mind
And His tremendous love and His Father's
for all of mankind

– John Seyfried, 12/20/13



*"I made a resolution to give myself up more than ever to a serious and mortified life. When I say mortified, this is not to give the impression that I performed acts of penance. Alas, I never made any....My mortifications consisted in breaking my will, always so ready to impose itself on others, in holding back a reply, in rendering little services without any recognition, in not leaning my back against a support when seated, etc. It was through the practice of these *nothings* that I prepared myself to become the fiancée of Jesus."*

– St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Servers: FEBRUARY 17 - 23, 2014

FRI	2/21	5:45 PM Low: Friday Night Servers
SAT	2/22	7:30 AM Low: Simpsons 8:10 AM Low: M. Briggs
SUN	2/23	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson ACs: P. Omlor, J. Simpson TH: J. Lacy TORCH: C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, N. & P. McClorey 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

It's remarkable what one can get used to. Last month at "little Christmas," the great feast of Epiphany, the zero and below weather stopped us in our tracks, stressing and stunning us with its severity. It now seems to be just a fact of life, this Winter, along with ice and snow, and life goes on.

"The coldest Winter since 1885 (or thereabouts)," they say. How did they manage? They did. And what about "global warming?" There wasn't any. The wonderful words of the 17th Century Jesuit Fr. Saint-Jure (published usually under the equally wonderful title "*Trustful Surrender to the Divine Providence*") provide, providentially, a precious insight into God's ways, a peaceful program we are meant to embrace as well. "Surrender," the saints say. All resistance is useless. "Thy will be done."

I was very edified in Milwaukee to see so many Communions of Reparation for First Friday. Through the snow, in spite of sub-zero, they came, about one-third of the faithful. *Imagine* if we ever had over a hundred for First Friday!

Congratulations to Keith Lawrence on his retirement from the Air Force. **Fr. McKenna** and I joined Keith, Karla and family (and some of his church friends) for his retirement ceremony and celebration this past Thursday at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. We wish him well in this new chapter of his life.

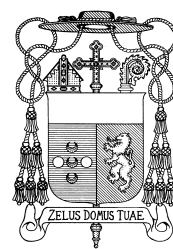
Although this week's string of ferial days may belie it, February turns out to be quite a busy month, doesn't it? While we wait for Spring, Winter doesn't stop us from keeping Candlemas (and putting away Christmas) and All Night Adoration, Solemn Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes and Fr. McKenna's second anniversary, St. Valentine's Day, concurrent Novenas, and summer camp planning, and Septuagesima, which marks us as 70 days out from Easter, and sends us in to the vineyard to labor. "Come, labor on." Well, we are!

Start planning *your* Lent, and your Lent with us. This year's Lent has as its theme the adoration of the one true God (the Novus Ordo tried to abolish it 50 years ago, and Bergoglio would like to bury it) and as its patron saint, the Blessed Peter Julian Eymard, the great saint of Eucharistic adoration. We'll look at some of the many competing current day false "religions," which are not even religions, but are. Stay tuned.

Some of you may have a holiday tomorrow. Enjoy it, as well as the last days of this beautiful, harsh Winter the good God sends us.

"May the most just, most high, most adorable Will of God be done in all things, be praised and magnified forever." (*Indulgence of 500 days.*)

– Bishop Dolan



SEPTUAGESIMA

This design attempts to illustrate Septuagesima's leading themes. At the bottom we see what happened in paradise: our first parents are driven from the garden by the cherub with flaming sword. Behind them remain the tree of life and the lily of innocence. In their path are thorns and thistles, and beside them a hissing serpent. But there is still room for hope – already the Sun of redemption shines from afar.

In the center picture our heavenly Father is inviting all of us into His vineyard. At top, the Stational saint of this day, Lawrence, encourages us to fight the holy battle for the good of God's kingdom by waving to us with crown and palm.

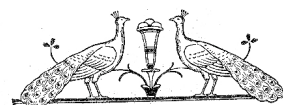
– *The Church's Year of Grace*

THIS WINTER DAY

A little bird this winter day
Was singing on a snowy branch
And all the tree looked right away
Like one big blossom-avalanche.

This winter day a little word,
Your own, came by on spritely wing,
And everything was bloom and bird
All all the blessed day was spring.

– Fray Angelico Chavez



MORNING

The morning is with me ever,
A book I carry next the heart:
Noon but ushers its last part,
Night is the dark, rich cover.

– Fray Angelico Chavez

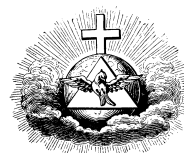
All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	2/17/14	FERIAL DAY <i>THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT</i> <i>Presidents Day</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Nadine's intentions (<i>C. Henry</i>) 11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Trinity Aunts & Uncles living & deceased (<i>Karen & Paul Puglielli</i>)
TUE	2/18/14	ST SIMEON, BpM <i>ST BERNADETTE, V</i> <i>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Special int. for Nancy Purcell (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-John Boyd family (<i>DJR</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass of St. Bernadette Special intention (<i>Richesson family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM, STD (<i>Samantha</i>)
WED	2/19/14	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Paul Puglielli, Sr.-8th anniv. (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>) 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorian Society 5:00 PM Low Mass †Rita and Bernie Brueggemann (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	2/20/14	FERIAL DAY ☛ 6:00 AM Low Mass Catherine C. & family (<i>Samantha</i>) (from 2/19) 11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost Enza Capone (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Dad & Mom-R.I.P. (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) ☛ 7:00 PM Restoration Radio-Fr. Cekada & Bp. Sanborn "Bp. WILLIAMSON ON SEDEVACANTISM"
FRI	2/21/14	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Andy & Ginny Marosi (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions ☛ 11:00 AM Restoration Radio-Fr. Mc Kenna "THE SUMMA OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS" 11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Cross Bruce-Return to Faith (<i>Andrea Reilly</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Closing of the Infant of Prague Novena 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls VI-Thank you Our Lady of Good Counsel (<i>Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of Sick 6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction approx. 7:00 PM Traditional Movie Night, hosted by A.D.- "Pizza, and the Song of Bernadette"
SAT	2/22/14	ST PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Mark Cuccia (<i>Samantha</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Special int. MEK (<i>G. Keaveney</i>)

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace by the profession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and, in the power of Thy divine Majesty, to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee, that by our steadfastness in this same faith, we may evermore be defended from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An indulgence of five years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this prayer is said devoutly every day for a month. (Raccolta, No. 49)



Three Offerings to the Most Holy Trinity

(I) We offer to the Most Holy Trinity the merits of Jesus Christ in thanksgiving for the most Precious Blood which He shed in the garden for us; and thru those merits we beseech His Divine Majesty for pardon for our sins. *Pater, Ave, Gloria.*

(II) We offer to the Most Holy Trinity the merits of Jesus Christ in thanksgiving for His most precious death endured on the Cross for us; and thru those merits we beseech His Divine Majesty for the remission of the pains due to our sins. *Pater, Ave, Gloria.*

(III) We offer to the Most Holy Trinity the merits of Jesus Christ in thanksgiving for His wondrous charity in descending from heaven to earth to take human flesh and to suffer and die for us on the Cross, and by these merits we beseech His Divine Majesty to bring our souls to the glory of heaven after our death. *Pater, Ave, Gloria.*

– "Prayers of an Irish Mother"

Everyone knows how necessary prayer is for all men; not that God's decrees can be changed; but, as St. Gregory says, "that men by asking may merit to receive what Almighty God hath decreed from eternity to grant them."

– Pope Leo XIII

SUN	2/23/14	SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY ST PETER DAMIAN, BPCD 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Ken Gilliam (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Keith Lawrence-retirement from military (<i>Mike Briggs family</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 10:45 AM Q & A with Bishop Dolan in Helfta Hall 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Catherine Smith (<i>M/M David Marko</i>) 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
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