

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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November 16, 2014

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V Pentecost XXIII

¶ ST. GERTRUDE'S DAY

Blessed feast day and anniversary of St. Gertrude the Great! Join us for a festive anniversary luncheon after the High Mass. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. Solemn Vespers of St. Gertrude with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ THIS WEEK

Our daily Masses, especially the early morning ones, continue to be popular. Check the calendar for an 8, 7, or even 6 AM Mass. Start your day with the Holy Sacrifice! Friday is Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple. Saturday is the feast day of St. Cecilia, patroness of sacred music.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Catechism and adult bible classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set your missal: Last Sunday after Pentecost, with commemoration of St. Clement and St. Felicity, Trinity Preface.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp burned before the Blessed Sacrament during the previous fortnight for the following intention:

**That the church of darkness will
leave Rome**
(Anthony Gilmartin)

Our Beloved Dead – November

Name	Date of Death
Ida Youngworth	11-05-2012
Robert M. Deardorff	11-07-2003
Judith E. LeBlanc	11-08-1996
Edward P. Fradl	11-13-1989
Larry J. Adams	11-13-2011
Patrick S. Meredith	11-14-1987
Charles S. Blasé	11-15-1999
Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM	11-18-2012
Geraldine Gilker	11-18-1993
Gertrude Bollhauer	11-19-1982
Alex Bearov	11-20-2011
Edward Sayre	11-21 -2010
Patricia A. Buckley	11-23-1987
Nick DiBerardino	11-26-1999
Frank Alban, Sr.	11-27-1987
Iris Wilson	11-27-2013



¶ THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

These are our faithful and others who repose at Old St. Joseph's Cemetery in Price Hill. Some graves were visited, and all were blessed last Sunday during our Rosary Procession: Matilda Hamer; Gertrude Bollhauer; Carole Rogers; Elizabeth Richter; Steve & Edna Werkowitz; Bernard & Nora Welage; Catherine & John Bischak; Jim Peter.

"O my dear Jesus...liberate from the flames of Purgatory those who are so dear to You!"
– St. Joseph Cafasso

Servers

SUN 11/23:

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros

9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, J. Simpson **ACs:** J. Lacy, P. Omlor **TH:** L. Arlinghaus **TORCH:** C. Richesson, T. Lawrence, A. Soli, C. Arlinghaus

11:30 AM LOW: N. & N. McClorey

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller

5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, November 9th.....\$4,387.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE CALENDAR

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

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls – Boston Mission

MON 11/17/14 ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC

ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC
BL. PHILIPPINE DUSCHENE, V

8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention for a friend (*Mary Brueggemann*)

11:20 AM High Mass Fr. Thielen (*ACC*)

TUE 11/18/14 DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL

6:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Martin Stepanich, D.J.M., S.T.D.
– 2nd Death Anniversary (*Samantha*)

7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls

8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. Harris (*Gerard Keaveny*)

11:20 AM High Mass All Priests (*ACC*)

5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan (*ACC*)

WED 11/19/14 ST. ELIZABETH, W

ST. PONTIANUS, PM

7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Gerard Keaveny*)

8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. Harris (*Gerard Keaveny*)

11:20 AM High Mass Fr. McGuire (*ACC*)

5:00 PM Low Mass †Juliana Delores Porter (*Robert Porter*)

6:30 PM Choir Practice

THU 11/20/14 ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, C

6:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Bede Nkamuke (*ACC*)

8:00 AM Low Mass Jose Enrique Noriega (*MPT Systems*)

11:20 AM High Mass Bishop Sanborn and his priests
(*ACC*)

5:00 PM Low Mass †Joe Stepanich (*Fred C. Stepanich*)

FRI 11/21/14 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY

8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. Harris (*Gerard Keaveny*)

10:55 AM Confessions

11:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls – Boston Mission

4:45 PM Confessions and Rosary

5:45 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Jan Maesele*)

6:30 PM Novena and Benediction

SAT 11/22/14 ST. CECILA, VM

7:10 AM Confessions

7:30 AM Low Mass Przemyslaw Intentions (*Jozef Mitek*)

8:10 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Joyce Disber*)

SUN 11/23/14 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. CLEMENT, PM
ST. FELICITY, M

7:30 AM Low Mass Madison Wilker (*Mom & Dad*)

9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

11:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls – Thanksgiving for Fr. Valerii (*Bishop Dolan*)

ST. GERTRUDE

Our Lord once said that if anyone wished to find Him, he should look for Him in the heart of St. Gertrude. He then explained that He found delight in being in her heart because there He encountered no obstacles. It is perhaps with this thought in mind that the Church prays on her feast: “O God, who in the heart of the blessed virgin Gertrude, didst provide for Thyself a dwelling very pleasing in Thy sight: through her merits and intercession mercifully wash the stains from our hearts and grant that we may enjoy fellowship with her.”



St. Gertrude was a Cistercian nun in Germany during the thirteenth century. At the age of 30 she was elected superior of the convent at Rodarsdorf and was later elected superior at Helfta where she guided the nuns for over 40 years. She had a great love for the Passion and for the Blessed Sacrament, and used to shed copious tears out of gratitude for them. Jesus Himself gave our Lady to her as her Mother and guardian. She is outstanding for her devotion to the Sacred Heart. Daily, she offered many prayers and sacrifices for the conversion of souls and those in purgatory.



It is said in the Mass of St. Gertrude: “Thou hast prepared a home for Thyself in her heart”; one idea of a home is a place where everyone loves, everyone trusts, where there are no dark secrets, no rooms shut off. In a home we may leave our things about, we may come and go as we please. If our hearts are a home for our Lord, He is a guest who comes, not to go again. He can go in and out, every place is His own; He can, so to speak, leave His things there—leave His intentions, His joys and sorrows there; He knows they will be taken care of.

Had we but the generous heart of Gertrude! She trusted our Lord, she took Him literally. Aubrey de Vere has said of her: “What we profess, she believed, what we believed, she saw.” It is in our power, at any rate, to take our Lord’s words literally, by thinking of them and by passing them over and over in our minds. Someone has said that the only thing necessary for sanctity is to take Our Lord’s words literally...

—Mother Stuart

This week we were trembling in anticipation of the dreaded “winter vortex”—not! Winter weather may visit a little early this November, but *we were* anticipating with joy and genuine gratitude St Gertrude's Day, and already the eleventh anniversary of the dedication of our new church. Women were prominent in this work, as they often are in life. There are the ladies and young ladies of the choir, offering such rich praise in song for God's glory. The Luncheon Ladies deserve a very warm “Muchas gracias” for the festive Mexican meal they prepared for today celebration, good protection against Canadian weather and wandering ice floes. The devout ladies of the sacristy are joined by one of our expert floral artists in decorating the altar. Truly, we have many to thank—I'm sure there are some men in there too—for such a blessed feast day of St Gertrude the Great.

If raccoons evinced gratitude (I doubt they do, they're the eat and run type) they would be grateful for a warm and cozy dwelling place at St Gertrude. At least I think it is raccoons, who have moved into the wall in the choir corner. They first announced their arrival with truly demonic screeches and thuds during the Consecration of my last All Souls Day Mass. The odd bird or other beast who comes in out of the cold would be a welcome change. I guess you could say this is just one more way we Gertrudians are becoming Franciscans, welcoming all of God's little creatures. Caravaggio is not so sure about this development, however. He's been by to investigate the situation but is sticking with mourning doves himself.

Due to the lay of the calendar, we seem to have an extra week, this one, between St Gertrude and Thanksgiving, a welcome little breather for most in what has been a very busy Autumn at our Church. Already, however, some ladies were thinking ahead, and are organizing an early Christmas Craft Sale for the last Sunday of the month, November 30. It seems many people do their Christmas shopping early anymore. Do you have anything you could make, or contribute? We would be ever so grateful for your participation in this traditional, and very important, fundraiser.

Meanwhile, the McFathers are loading up the car this week with clergy and vestments for St Hugh's first 40 Hours ever in celebration of their 25th anniversary of dedication, which actually took place July 18, 1989. Fr. Berry kindly came in from Denver to make for a Solemn Mass with Fr. Cekada and myself. A Solemn Requiem followed the next morning for Fr. Hugh Wish, founding pastor. God has richly blessed this church over the years, not in numbers but in numberless virtues in the maintenance of the uncompromised Catholic Faith. Rarely have so few done so much for the Faith and for souls, and for so long. God richly reward them as they keep the Solemnity of their patron saint next Sunday, and give their thanks the Catholic way, through the Holy Eucharist, offered solemnly and adored. God bless the young fathers who are serving and guiding this congregation now in its second 25 years.

Our Fr. Bede Nkamuke returns to Nigeria December 2, and has happily had a number of invitations before he goes to his new priestly apostolate. Last Sunday Fr. Oscar Saavedra, one of our former assistant priests and teachers here, now pastor of Queen of Martyrs in Detroit, invited Father to visit his flock, and offer Mass.

This past week we enjoyed a visit here, his second, with a second “Fr Arnold”, Padre Arnoldo Villegas of Tijuana, Mexico. I hope our hospitality was warm, but I'm afraid our weather was cold! Still, it is such a pleasure to visit with an otherwise isolated brother priest, and such a fine one, and to introduce him to some of our own here. Father in turn has invited me to visit his mission in Mexicali, near the Arizona border. They say it is unusually hot there most of the year, so I must come in Winter, probably February.

Gerard Keaveney, (new name, same old Gerry) writes from wintry Idaho to say how much he is enjoying life out there in God's country as a minor seminary economics professor and basketball coach. Les Pomerville played for the 11.30 last Sunday, but faces yet another surgery for potential cancer. Prayers please. Richard Zbilicki is now our church secretary, and Theresa Simpson is bravely doing our parish bulletin. This is her second, and she's doing a fine job. We welcome them both, and thank them for their dedicated assistance.

Of late our priests have been fittingly marking their ordination anniversary by offering a Solemn High Mass. We can do this now, because we have enough priests. Deo gratias. But this year I am celebrating the Solemn Mass for St Gertrude, assisted by two of the fathers whose anniversary we are also celebrating today: Fr McGuire observes his 9th, and Fr Lehtoranta his 3rd. Congratulations to these fine priests, so much a part of our life now at St Gertrude the Great. Keep all of our priests in your good prayers, and do not forget those who have faded away from sight, or perhaps even forgotten the precious gift and awesome responsibility of their priesthood.

On an ecumenical note, the Mormons, who make their twelve year old boys priests and send them out as elders in their teens or so, now have made it official: their founder, Joseph Smith, had “about” forty wives, including married women and a fourteen year old girl. Enough to give the Episcopalians a run for their money, as Henry VIII only had six. Luther broke his priestly vows to marry a nun, and gave an annulment or two himself. This is the distinguished group Francis wants us to join with his new quickie Catholic divorce, an even faster annulment procedure (tens, hundreds of thousands now), and Communion for everyone anyway. We'll stay Catholics, thank you very much.

Thank you very much, dear faithful on this anniversary day, and let us all thank God and St Gertrude the Great very much indeed. May the blessings of this day go home with you, and stay all year round.

—Bishop Dolan —

EXCERPT FROM
"THE WRECK OF THE DEUTSCHLAND"

(v.20)

She was first of a five and came
Of a coifèd sisterhood.

(O Deutschland, double a desperate name!
O world wide of its good!

But Gertrude, lily, and Luther, are two of a town,
Christ's lily and beast of the waste wood:
From life's dawn it is drawn down,
Abel is Cain's brother and breasts they have sucked the
same.)

(v.22)

Five! the finding and sake
And cipher of suffering Christ.
Mark, the mark is of man's make
And the word of it Sacrificed.

But he scores it in scarlet himself on his own bespoken,
Before-time-taken, dearest prizèd and priced—
Stigma, signal, and cinquefoil token
For lettering of the lamb's fleece, ruddying of the rose-flake.

(v.23)

Joy fall to thee, father Francis,
Drawn to the Life that died;
With the gnarls of the nails in thee, niche of the lance, his
Lovescape crucified
And seal of his seraph-arrivall! and these they daughters
And five-livèd and leavèd favour and pride,
Are sisterly sealed in wild waters,
To bathe in his fall-gold mercies, to breathe in his all-fire
glances.

(v.29)

Ah! there was a heart right!
There was a single eye!
Read the unshapeable shock night
And knew the who and the why;
Wording it how but by him that present and past,
Heaven and earth are word of, worded by?—
The Simon Peter of a soul! to the blast
Tárpéian-fast, but a blown beacon of light.

(v.30)

Jesu, heart's light,
Jesu, maid's son,
What was the feast followed the night
Thou hadst glory of this nun?—
Féast of the óne wóman without stáin.
For so conceivèd, so to conscieve thee is done;
But here was heart-throe, birth of a brain,
Word, that heard and kept thee and uttered thee óutright.

(v.31)

Well, shé has thée for the pain, for the
Patience; but pity of the rest of them!
Heart, go and bleed at a bitterest vein for the

Comfortless unconfessed of them—

No not uncomfórted: lovely-felicitous Providence
Fínger of a ténder of, O of a féathery délicacy, the bréast of the
Maiden could obey so, be a bell to, ring óf it, and
Startle the poor sheet back! is the shipwreck then a harvest,
does tempest carry the grain for thee?

—Gerard Manley Hopkins

*(THE WRECK OF THE DEUTSCHLAND—When Hopkins entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1868, he destroyed his poems and gave up all thoughts of writing poetry as being inconsistent with the profession of a Christian priest. In 1875 the news of how five Franciscan nuns, fleeing from Germany, were drowned at the mouth of the Thames, stirred him so deeply that, at a hint from the Rector of the theological college where he was studying, he composed The Wreck of the Deutschland. Not only is the poem the expression of Hopkins' religious convictions, it is also the first attempt in his mature poetic style. He had for some time been meditating upon a new verse form, and it here appears as the first full-length exercise in 'sprung rhythm'.
v.20, 21. The exact meaning is obscure, but the general sense is that this nun was the leader of the five who were exiled from Protestant Germany, where, like Abel and Cain (good and evil the sons of the same mother) the Catholic saint, Gertrude, had lived near the birthplace of the 'beast' Luther. God is likened to the hunter Orion, who hunted them out of Germany to show their devotion to him by perishing in the storm.)*



THANKSGIVING FOR GRACES BESTOWED ON ST.
GERTRUDE

To implore favors through her merits

God revealed to St. Gertrude that those who should thank Him for the graces bestowed upon her would participate in her merits, and would obtain their petition provided it were for their eternal welfare.

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, I praise, extol, and bless Thee, in union with that heavenly praise with the Divine Persons of the Most Holy Trinity mutually render to each other, and which thence flows down upon Thy sacred Humanity, upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and upon all the angels and saints. And I give Thee thanks for all the graces Thou didst lavish upon Thy beloved spouse, St. Gertrude. I thank Thee especially for that ineffable love wherewith Thou didst pre-elect her from all eternity, didst enrich her so highly, didst draw her so sweetly to Thyself by the strongest bonds of love, didst unite her so blissfully to Thyself, dwell with such sweet delight in her heart, and crown her life with so blessed an end. I recall to Thee now, O most compassionate Jesus, the promise Thou didst make to Thy beloved spouse, that Thou wouldst most assuredly grant the prayers of all who come to Thee through her merits and intercession, in all matters concerning their salvation. I beseech Thee, by Thy most tender love, grant me the grace (*here mention it*) which I confidently expect. AMEN.

Christmas CRAFT SALE



NOVEMBER 30th

in Helfta Hall to benefit the school

Drop off any of your handcrafted items in the social hall.

Please mark them "Craft Sale."

Let's get busy and make this a
success!

Contact the Arlinghaus family for more information. 859-384-0103

Raffle tickets coming soon!

Restored Beautiful Antique Illuminated
Madonna and Child statue

A statue similar to the one in the Rosary Confraternity raffle.

Sanctuary Saints

Here is what one family did for an All Saints' Day project. There were the right number of boys and girls to match up with the Sanctuary Saints, and the sizes worked out perfectly, too. Below are lines to help identify and remember each saint from our sanctuary.



BAKE SALE TO BE HELD ON GAUDETE SUNDAY DEC. 14TH

<p>I wanted to be a hermit So I lived up in a tree If you need help finding something Just invoke St. Anthony</p>	<p>If you want to go to Heaven Then be both meek and mild And ask St. Anthony To help you find the Christ Child</p>	<p>When I was only thirteen I battled the Turks without fear I was the prince of Krakow I am St. Casimir</p>	<p>I am a Doctor of the Church So the Faith for me isn't hard Some say I wrote the Memorare My name is St. Bernard</p>
<p>If you wish to be with Our Lord Or taste His spiritual Food He said you could always find Him In the heart of St. Gertrude</p>	<p>Our Lord gave me one of His thorns My real name is Margherita And if you have a hopeless case Be sure to call St. Rita</p>	<p>I was the Duchess of Poland And to help the Church grow big I gave it all my fortune Compliments of St. Hedwig</p>	<p>If you see Our Lord as a child, Yet always do what He says, You'll receive a rose of comfort When you pray to St. Therese</p>



HOLY ANGELS AND SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR US.