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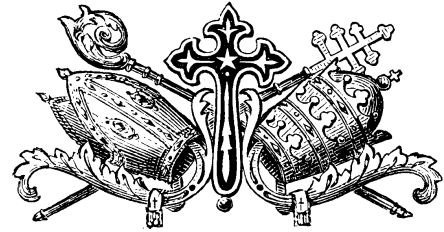
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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January 22, 2017
EPIPHANY III
CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE
SS. VINCENT & ANASTASIUS



¶ EPIPHANY III

Today we close our annual Twelve Sundays to Our Mother of Good Counsel and continue the Chair of Unity Octave. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:10 PM, with the Pro-Life Rosary, Devotions, and Benediction.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY IV

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of St. Francis de Sales, the gentle Bishop of Geneva. He is honored as the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set your missal:* St. Francis de Sales, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Epiphany IV. Trinity Preface.

¶ PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please remember the soul of Albert Granato, formerly a member of St. Gertrude's, who died recently. Please pray as well for Billy Gear, Regina Gilliam, Diane Puglielli, Fred Woods, and all of our sick and shut in.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2: Candlemas. Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by our Winter Soup Supper.

February 3: St. Blaise Blessing of Throats, First Friday & All Night Adoration



ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE
HEALED

PRAYER IN REPARATION FOR THE CRIME
OF ABORTION

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to thee today as the one who said "fiat" to the life of God within thee. "Thou wilt conceive and bear a Son," the angel told thee. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, thou didst say: "Let it be done to me according to Thy word."

O holy Mother of God, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid of their high vocation. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "fiat"—let it be done—and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with thee, "Be it done unto me according to Thy word." Likewise, may they experience the help and support of thy loving people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

For Jesus, Mary and their Saints
(Patrick Curry)

¶ THANKS FOR THE MEALS

Thanks for the cooking of late. I'm wondering if there's some way we could balance the deliveries of food, so that we could avoid too much some days, and not enough at other times?

Well, we do have the website Cucina Clerical (at <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/>). Use the link to make an account on Cucina Clerical. After that you will easily be able to access the meal calendar, to see how things look. Otherwise, maybe call the office and see how the food situation is looking before you start cooking. I hate to waste food, and we all *love* to eat your cooking, so please do stay in touch. God reward your generosity.

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE PRAYER

For the conversion of this soul, Lord, I trust more in Thy grace than in any argument, example, or prayer of mine. When I have done all I can towards helping another in the discovery of peace and truth there is still the comforting knowledge that, when my effort has come to nothing, Thy grace is the only effective factor in the story of every conversion. Lord, bring Thy grace to bear upon this soul, and may the conversion which is brought about give satisfaction to Thy Sacred Heart.

NOVUS ORDO SENSE

Monsignor Carlo Liberati, an Italian Archbishop, gave the warning after observing the growing number of detention centres opening up in Europe, suggesting it was a sure fire way to have the Islamic faith become mainstream.

He said: "In 10 years we will all be Muslims because of our stupidity. Italy and Europe live in a pagan and atheist way, they make laws that go against God and they have traditions that are proper of paganism.

"All of this moral and religious decadence favours Islam."

He added: "We have a weak Christian faith. The Church nowadays does not work well and seminaries are empty.

"Parishes are the only thing still standing. We need a true Christian life. All this paves the way to Islam. In addition to this, they have children and we do not. We are in full decline."

Italy, along with the rest of Europe, has become a hotspot for immigration in the past decade.

Figures show that there were 5,014,437 foreign nationals resident in Italy as of January 1, 2015, an increase of 92,352 on the previous year.

Italy has also seen a sharp rise in the number of illegal immigrants who dock on its shores after making the dangerous boat ride from North Africa across the Mediterranean sea.

And there has been a growing number of Eastern Europeans and Romanians migrating to the country since the expansion of the European Union.

Liberati claims Italy's desire to help other nationalities is leaving its own country's poor people destitute.

He added: "We help without delay those coming from outside and we forget many poor and old Italians who are eating from the trash. We need policies that take

care of Italians first: our young people and the unemployed.

"I am a protester. If I were not a priest, I'd be out there demonstrating in the squares. What is the point of so many migrants that instead of thanking for the food we give them, they just throw it, spend hours with their cell phones and even organise riots?"

Liberati even accused the Catholic church of donating too much money to the recent migrants.

He said: "Giving money to migrants wandering around town is not only wrong, but morally harmful because we encourage their behaviour and they get used to that, not mentioning the fact that we already feed them.

"I think sometimes this creates a beggars' network. I remember that my father went to work very hard as a migrant in Australia so I could go to the seminar. So he has experienced in his own skin the discomfort of poverty and the noble virtue of gratitude."

With thanks to Doby Curran for forwarding an unusually sensible commentary from a Novu Ordo bishop.

HAIL MARY



After the most holy and adorable name of Jesus, there is no name more glorious or more powerful than the

name of Mary. At the mention of this name, the angels rejoice and the devils tremble; through the invocation of this name, sinners obtain grace and pardon. -St. Peter Canisius, S.J. (1597)

Collection Report

Sunday, January 15th.....\$4,866.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE VOICE OF LIFE

I'm very much alive here within
the womb
Yes, a tiny living being within a little room.

Won't you give me a chance,
Even as was given to you.
Won't you let me have my glance
To see everything as you do.

Today a little tiny being,
Which tomorrow is unfurled.

Mother, mother, let me call you
that
Oh, how blessed to be a mother,
To bring a soul into the world.

I am a tiny baby now,
Tiny hands and tiny feet,
But how I long to live!

O hail to you who live,
Listen, I have much to give.

Just be patient, mother dear
A short time and I'll be here.

All your blessings of motherhood
will increase,
As you look upon God's great masterpiece.

- †Sr. Mary Gerard Vincent
Our own dear Sr. Gerard wrote this poem years ago



Today is surely a happy, hopeful one for our land. But it is also an infinitely sad one, January 22. For how many crimes, how many infant murders must our country answer? Well, the answer for us is to combine our prayers of petition with those of *reparation* this day. Keep this St. Pius X's Chair of Unity Octave, and pray for the conversion of America. Come to Rosary and Benediction this afternoon.

Curious weather. Spring seems to have sprung, just when the cruelest coldest winter generally strikes, fittingly enough around the 22nd of January. May the warm up symbolize a warm up of American hearts and spirits, a long awaited thaw of the frozen hearts of so many moderns, cold to life, innocent life, and the Author of Life and His law.

Last Sunday started out sparse, as the weather Nazis had been terrorizing people since the preceding Wednesday. Some people decided to sit out long distance the Missouri Ice Storm. Those who had some ice, up north, actually came, but carefully. Still, by the end of the day we had a pretty much standard attendance.

Raccoon attendance continues decidedly down. Things are quiet in church. Maybe it was the boarded up grate, but the beasts seem to have moved on. But vigilance is the price of liberty. Gino says that if raccoons want in, they'll find a way. Many thanks for your help in blocking the way.

Fr. Cekada is our most welcome "guest preacher" today, after an absence of almost a year. Father continues to improve and adjust, and has taken up most of his old routine. His oncologist told him that he had not one, but two angels with him in the operating room this past November. One angel took care of his original tumor which was shrunk and did not spread. The second attended to a second cancer, which had gone quite undetected in his prostate, despite all of the tests. It was growing, but now is no more. Thanks be to God and all of your good prayers, novenas, Masses and Rosaries. God reward you.

I do ask your prayers for the annual seminarians' retreat which starts this afternoon. Its theme is the Curé of Ars, especially in his seminary years. Holy priests are everything for the salvation of souls, so pray for our seminarians and their priest professors. This morning **Bishop Sanborn** invited me to celebrate a Pontifical High Mass at the Seminary and preach. I am due to return Friday evening.

Bishop Sanborn had an extensive visit "down under" over the Christmas holidays, and was most

impressed with the faith and sacrificing fervor of our Australian Catholics. It is summer in the Antipodes, and many faithful took their vacation so as to assist at the Bishop's Masses and conferences. A visit like this is a good shot in the arm for otherwise isolated Catholics. The voices of confusion and compromise are many, and must be met with Catholic truth. But always a price. So long a trip, and the lingering jet lag!

Fr. Lehtoranta had a hard time getting home from Louisiana last Sunday, arriving only Tuesday evening. There was weather in Texas, and problems multiplied, so he spent many hours in airports and motels. Meanwhile, he was missed in the classroom. The rumor went around second grade that Fr. Lehtoranta was in Russia, probably started by elementary hackers. Fr. Cekada took the little scholars to the globe, and showed them the difference between Louisiana and Russia. Finally the discussion segued from pilots to pirates, and took a colorful turn, finishing back in Texas. Austin volunteered that Austin was the state capital. An interesting visit.

Pray with us today, and the remaining days of our Chair of Unity Octave, won't you?

I send a far away blessing,

—Bishop Dolan



GOLDEN STAIRS
To Father Lasance

Who knows but that my prayer-book,
Which looks at me
From out its nook,
Is aught else than it seems to be.
Perhaps it is one stepping stone
Of many more,
With which, alone,
A builder building o'er and o'er
Has raised a staircase to the sky!



How bright they look,
Scaling on high,
Each golden stair a golden
book
Of golden words in golden
pages—
May you climb

Where saints and sages
Have attained their goal sublime!

—Fray Angelico Chavez

MON	1/23/17	ST. RAYMOND PENNAFORT, C ST. EMERENTIANA, VM <i>ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "Return to the Sacraments of fallen-away Catholics."
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Phil & †Johnny Donadio (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Nellie Sutton (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>)
TUE	1/24/17	ST. TIMOTHY, BPM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The conversion of the Jews."
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Walter Hackett (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Fr. Cekada's continued recovery (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>)
WED	1/25/17	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AP CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ."
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Edla Rozen (Anniversary 1/4/03) (<i>JMM</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass For all our clergy (<i>Cucina Clerical</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Maria Butler (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
THU	1/26/17	ST. POLYCARP, BPM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Joan Fey – Merry Christmas! (<i>Aubrey Uhlenbrock</i>)
	11:20 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Ginny & †Andy Marosi (Godparents) (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
FRI	1/27/17	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Robert & Rebecca Uhlenbrock (<i>Aubrey Uhlenbrock</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass Our Godchildren (<i>Alfonso & Emily Capetillo</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena V
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For Grandma (<i>Jacinta Simpson</i>)
	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/28/17	ST. PETER NOLASCO, C ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME)
	7:10 AM	Confessions & Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory – January deceased (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>)
	8:05 AM	Alma & Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass Diane Puglielli (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>)
SUN	1/29/17	EPIPHANY IV ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze (<i>Katherine Kunkel</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass William & Mary Rose Young (<i>Aubrey Uhlenbrock</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Marianne Youngworth (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>)

THE CHRIST-CHILD MOTHER

When the Christ-Child once more reigns, His throne will be His Mother's arms.

When He is crowned, as one day He will be crowned, as King of the Jews in Palestine, He will rule from the arms of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In Czechoslovakia, in a golden cope stiff with gems, from the arms of Our Lady of Prague. In Russia He will lean from the breast of the tenderest of Mothers, Our Lady of Vladimir. In England He will be enthroned firm and merry, on the knees of Our Lady of Walsingham.

It is small wonder that in an age which is the age of Redeeming Childhood Our Lady is dawning on human consciousness and becoming more and more loved all over the world. There is no one who can teach us as she can how to foster the Infant Christ in our lives.

- Caryll Houselander

Response to Prayer

A little boy in a crowd comes and "prays" me to lift him up, in order that he may see a passing procession. Gravity holds him down. But I can overcome gravity; and in answer to the child's prayer, I can, by a simple act of the will, extend my arms about the child and exert muscular strength enough to raise him above the heads of the people so that he may see. Now, when God, in His turn, answers prayers, He does but do, in a higher and sublimer and in a Divine way, very much what He has enabled me to do in a smaller and mere human way.

-Bishop John. S. Vaughan

MARY'S PRAYER

So great is Mary's merit in the eyes of God, that, according to St. Bonaventure, her prayers are guaranteed to be heard. *"The merit of Mary is so great before God, that her petition cannot be rejected!"*

But why are the prayers of Mary so powerful in the sight of God? It is, "The prayers of the saints are the prayers of servants; but the *prayers of Mary are the prayers of a mother*, and therefore," according to the bishop and holy doctor, "they are regarded in a certain manner as commands by her Son, Who loves her so tenderly. It is then *impossible* that the prayers of Mary should be rejected."

Servers

SUN 1/29	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson TH: L. Arlinghaus ACS: T. Lawrence, D. McConnell CROSS: P. McConnell MITRE: C. Arlinghaus CROZIER: M. Simpson TORCH: A. McConnell, D. Simpson, J. Stewart, D. Holbrook, P. & N. McClorey 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett & P. Omlor 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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