

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069 • (513) 645-4212 parishoffice@sgg.org • bpdolan@sgg.org • www.sgg.org • www.SGGResources.org Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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January 13, 2019 OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY



¶THE EPIPHANY

Sunday Classes resume today at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ALTER CHRISTUS

\$205.00 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY II

The Chair of Unity Octave continues next Sunday. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40.

Set Your Missal: Epiphany II, with second collect of Ss. Fabian I & Sebastian. Trinity Preface.

¶ CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

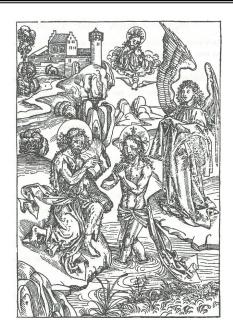
The Chair of Unity Octave prayers begin on Friday after the 11:25 AM Mass. Come to pray for the conversion of the world.

¶ UPCOMING

Candlemas Procession, "Mass of the Candles" and Winter Soup Lunch afterwards: First Saturday, February 2nd, 9:00 AM.

Children's Lenten Day of Recollection: Wednesday, March 13th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

St. Patrick's Day Program, Music for the Heart and Spirit: Sunday, March 17th, after the 11:30 AM Mass.



¶ Your Prayers

Please pray for Viola Ripperger, who received Extreme Unction; Brian Miller, Andrew Giese, David Gierlinski, Carol Neihaus, Sean Murray, Jennifer Nies, and the repose of the soul of †Lou Lejeune.



Congratulations to Dan & Mary Brueggemann on

the Baptism of their daughter, Agnes Marie, on December 16, 2018.

"God does not test us beyond our strength. When He sends difficulty, He adds the means of overcoming it."

Collection Report

Sunday, January 6 th	\$3,781.00
Second Collection	\$1,072.00

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2019 Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 27th. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed *before* the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, June 6th.

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 8th.

FIRST COMMUNION: Pentecost Sunday, June 9th.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by **Saturday, March 30th**. 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 April 27th.

It is sometimes difficult to know if the children are ready, but if they know their basics, and are reverent at Mass, they probably are! Please speak with Bishop Dolan.

Please note the following:

- Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Class) **every Sunday**, not once or twice a month as sports or Sunday activities permit, in order to receive the Sacraments.
- No child will be tested without his Baptismal Certificate and form filled out.
- Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.

★ The Mass ★ The Poetry Corner

GRATIAS AGAMVS

PREFACE

In unity with the God-Man all the choirs of Angels hymn with transports of joy the glory of God in Three Persons.

Raising his

hands symbolically, the priest chants: "Sursum corda!—Lift up your hearts!" We answer: "Habemus ad Dominum—We have them lifted up to the Lord."

"In this sublimest of hours," says the holy Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem, "our hearts should be turned heavenward to God and not downward to earth and our worldly affairs. It is as if the priest in this hour commanded us to forget all the cares of this life, all domestic griefs, and to raise our hearts to the good God in heaven.

"By our answer, we respond to his summons. Let none of us be so disposed as to say with our lips, 'We have them with the Lord,' and yet in spirit be occupied with the cares of this life."

Our Savior is in the Garden, and we, too, have entered with Him, in spirit, upon the way of the cross. Already

we can hear the clamor of the multitude, the deicidal shouts of the Jews, the blasphemies, the insults. Why then, the Preface, which is a chant of thanksgiving, of joy, and of triumph? Why?



As the Sacri-

fice is drawing near, the Church is happy, because she remembers all the mercies of which the redemption is the source.

The priest, too, remembers the great mercies of God, and bursts forth with a joyous "Sursum Corda" (Raise up your hearts), "Gratias agamus Domino, Deo nostro" (Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

CHRIST'S BAPTISM AS PREPARA-TION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

The seven sacraments are God's most gracious gesture to mankind. Though He intends to lead us to a glorious destiny the Creator deals with us as He finds us; and He finds that we are naturally more prone to respond to what we can see and touch, than to the things of the spirit. For this reason He draws us to Himself by corporeal and sensible signs; but signs which have the marvelous power of effecting what they signify. Again, it is fitting that we should be healed through the very disorder which caused the disease. In sinning man subjected himself by his affections to things material. Consequently God provides us with a spiritual medicine by means of visible sacraments; for if spiritual food were offered to us unveiled our preoccupation with the material world might lead us to pass it by unnoticed. A third reason suggested by St. Thomas shows the greatest condescension of all. Quite apart from sin, our daily duties have mostly to do with material things; in dealing with them we are, as it were, in our native element. Hence we have a natural predisposition to approach religion in a materialistic, matter-of-fact way. If there were nothing to meet this particular need, nothing to exercise ourselves quite naturally upon, there would be danger of our falling into superstitious practices and even harmful and sinful actions. Summarizing his own teaching St. Thomas concludes: "It follows therefore that through the institution of the sacraments man, consistently with his nature, is instructed through the things of the senses; he is humbled through having to admit that he is subject to corporeal things, seeing that he receives help from them; and he is even preserved from bodily harm by the salutary frequenting of the sacraments."

- Dom Aelred Graham

HIS KINGDOM

And is this Babe a king? Then let us make

A treasury of glory for His sake; Bring hither gold and silver store— Let be.

This King is called the King of Poverty!

But kings must have a crown; come, weave we all,

To deck His baby brow, a coronal;
God will lend stars and suns—

Yea, but this King

Craves but a crown of thorny fashioning!

Strange King! Yet He must have a royal dress

Of purple hue to show His mightiness;

Come let us dye His cloak—

Hush! bye and bye

His very Blood will be the purple dye!

Yea, but at least a king must have a throne

Whereon to sit in majesty alone; Marble and gold now bring— O blind one, see!

God makes His throne, and makes it of a Tree!

This Babe a king? What kingdom doth He claim?

Poor king, content with these low things of shame!

Poor King indeed! Who might claim thrones Divine,

Yet somehow wants to rule this heart of mine!

- Hugh F. Blunt



¥ BISHOP'S CORNER **¥**

still today.

Epiphany was splendid, as befits one of the greatest feasts of the year. The Child manifests Himself as God and King as well as Man and Priest and Sacrifice, and we kneel down, adore, and offer gifts. Today Epiphany concludes with the Baptism of Our Lord, prefiguring our own. Joyful days.

We welcomed a new bishop last Sunday, celebrated a stately and solemn Pontifical Mass, and heard an important message from this Successor of the Apostles. Afterwards it was time to rejoice with a fine rich brunch, honoring His Excellency, and thanking **all** of our church workers and volunteers. There are so many! Thank *you*.

I happily replaced **Fr. McGuire** in Milwaukee for that First Friday weekend. On the Vigil we had two confirmations, and a beautiful Sung Mass on the feast itself with a full church. More and more are coming from afar, if not from Saba, then certainly from the South, "Chicagoland." St. Hugh's is beautifully decorated for Christmas. I was worried about the Kings, but they made it on time for Epiphany Mass.

Some new parishioners have requested an early weekday Mass time, and I must say "so far, so good." And it's not even Lent yet! There has been an excellent attendance for these midweek 7 and 8 AM Masses, which we will continue as long as attendance holds, and there are enough priests to offer them. At the same time, the Tuesday 5 PM Mass is a nice holdover from Summer, and seems still somewhat popular. I'm happy to see some practical weekday fruit from our Sunday study of the Mass.

The Friday evening Mass and devotions was originally designed as a parish Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 5:45 to 6:45, with Mass, sermon, novena and Benediction. Now the Legacy Choir, happily augmented by some more of our young people, provides beautiful music, some of which we sang in our early years. This Friday night Mass is meant to be *the* parish "extra" devotion. From time to time it *almost* dies out, but never quite. Now we're enjoying a modest revival. Come and get in on it. If you can't make Mass, there's always Benediction at 6:30 PM.

Before that Mass now at about 5:35 we have our annual Infant of Prague Novena. The Holy Child was honored for His birthday with a fine new cape and robe. He is our Little King, and we love Him, and confidently carry all of our intentions and cares to His Novena.

Another Novena, an Octave actually (eight days) starts Friday, as we pray for the conversion of non-

Catholics, group by group. We also beseech the gift of unity in our midst for the "remnant Church." The faithful ardently desire this, as **Bishop Sanborn** stated at my Anniversary Mass. We work and sacrifice and pray for this precious, and somewhat miraculous gift

Please pray for **Fr. Rodrigo Da Silva** in Atibaia, Brazil, who is beginning yet another House of Studies or Minor Seminary, as **Fr. Nkamuke** has in Nigeria. The first year offers a pre-seminary course. Father has just finished preaching a retreat to the first students.

It is necessary to do these things once again, as so many groups have been infiltrated and proven false. The Pius X Society is proud to be 95% approved by the antichrist in the Vatican. They not only have given up the Friday abstinence, but have also adopted the new language of the Conciliar Church, including such terms as "people of God."

You are watching the frog being slowly boiled. Sad, as Trump would say. Same thing, but worse, for the little "High Church" groups like the St. Peter Fraternity or the Christ the King people. But they do not even have a valid priesthood. All of them have reduced Catholic belief, practice, and worship to an option, a preference, one next to the rest, one among many. This means they have destroyed the Faith, which is no option, while keeping some form of the Latin Mass. Behold the triumph of Hell, chortling in an approved or almost approved church near you.

Speaking of strangling the Faith, **Fr. Cekada** has always been fascinated by an exotic form of Italian pasta called Strozzapreti, priest-strangler. It goes back to bitterly anticlerical regions and times in Italy, it seems. But it *is* good and we enjoyed a nice bowl of it the other night for dinner. Nobody was strangled. Thank you, Nath!

Thank you to all of our cooks, to all of you! God bless you this new year!

- Bishop Dolan

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY INFANCY



Our forefathers in the Faith had the pious custom of kissing the ground now and then from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Purification, in honor of our

Blessed Lord's coming upon earth. They called January the Month of the Holy Infancy.

★ THOUGHTS FOR TODAY **★**



THE DEVOURING GOD

A hungry God rules our world. Rapacious, bottomless, never-ending, his appetite sends hot, roaring winds across the planet. Every day, every hour, he demands sacrifices to his glory.

His cravings are widely known and obeyed.

He wants male and female to come to him in long avenues. He consumes these willing victims and belches out an indigestible residue to spread across the androgynous world.

He wants the young seized from the womb and placed in his arms. He delights even more in infants who have never been conceived. He wants that nothingness laid at his feet. He seeks the absent babe with a greedy desire.

He wants whole nations, or at least their identities, placed into a roiling cauldron in his temple, the distinctiveness of each melded and melted down so that he can gorge on a rich stew. He wants particular races ground into dust and the dust offered to him in silver bowls, and then the love of extended kinship will be replaced with the love of him.

He wants joy beneath bright shining skyscrapers pointing upward. He insists on smiles, hugs, music with pumping rhythms and groaning. He wants quiet to end. He wants packed sports arenas cheering his praises. He wants you. He wants you to come and reverently offer him your individuality, to participate in sacred, cathartic orgies and to exchange your useless prayers for political slogans. He promises you happiness in this life always.

But more than anything else, he wants the altar.

He wants the altar placed on his altar

Let the Sacrificial Lamb with His arresting wounds be obliterated with a come-one, come-all potluck supper at his feet, with dance and hugs and smiles and wisecracks and noise as the yummy bread and wine are offered to him and shared by his subjects. He wants no presence but his presence. He is a jealous god.

Who is this god? What is his name? He is Humanity.

He who refuses him worship will be expelled from his joyous kingdom to wander in the despised silence without happiness or hugs.

The author says this god is Humanity. Nothing very humane about it, though. Better call it the World, or the Prince of this World.

MY BAPTISMAL PRAYER



Drive out of me, Lord, every wicked and unclean spirit that lurks concealed in my heart; the spirit of error, spirit of knavery,

spirit of idolatry and all covetousness; the sprit of lying and of all uncleanness prompted by the devil. Make me a true sheep of Thy holy fold, a worthy hymn of Thy Church, a consecrated vessel, a child of light, an inheritor of Thy kingdom. May I live according to Thy commandments, keeping the seal of baptism unbroken and its white garment unstained. So may I come to enjoy the bliss of the saints in Thy kingdom, through the grace and pity and love of Thy onlybegotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, good, life-giving Spirit, now and ever, world without end. Amen.

-St. Gertrude the Great

RIALTO NATURE NOTES DECEMBER 23

Coming over for Vespers, I thought the grounds were a temporary aviary. Some robins had installed themselves in the branches where the starlings bed down, their dark red vests still visible in the dusk. Meanwhile starlings soaring above had a near collision with V formation geese, who of course politely honked. Puccini watched in wonder. I wondered where was the air traffic controller, perhaps furloughed by the "government shutdown?" The cat, oblivious to the games government vultures play, rolled on the ground to have his head rubbed, as is his wont. It was a moment.

Later that evening, returning to the episcopal palace, the bedded birds stirred, giving me something between an honor guard and the sensation of running the gauntlet. As I ascended the hill, hundreds of wings rustled, and then calmed as I passed. It always makes me think of the six winged seraphs before the Throne, and the mustard seed mattresses, where the birds nest in the branches thereof.

Later still the first full moon of Winter came with a rare corona or halo, reddish to the eye. It is caused by the reflection of ice particles, and is quite impressive, looking like a painting on the canvas of the sky. Of course God is the master artist, the true chiaroscuro Caravaggio. It seems to portend something, and folklore says a lunar halo is the precursor of impending unsettled weather.

After Christmas the birds decamped. Maybe they know something we don't. Last week's Spring weather revitalized the cats, but the birds have flown the coop.

- Bishop Dolan



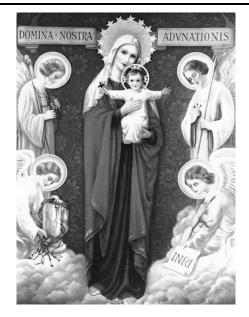
OUR LADY AND UNITY: Thoughts for the Chair of Unity Octave

When...we give to our Blessed Mother the title of Our Lady of the Atonement we mean Our Lady of Unity. As she sits enthroned, as the Great Wonder of heaven, wearing a crown of twelve stars, clothed with the sun, the moon her footstool, she represents to the universe the highest possible approach of a creature to intimate and exalted union with God. She is at one and the same time the most perfect and most beloved Daughter of God the Father; she is Mother of God the Son; and she is Spouse of God the Holy Ghost.

But Our Lady of Atonement is not alone the Mother of God, she is also the New Eve, the Mother of Redeemed Mankind; she is the center of that Family Unity which Christ willed and prayed might flourish among the Sons and Daughters of the Atonement. As the mother is the center of the home, binding the love of her husband and her children, so Our Lady of Unity cooperates with the Holy Ghost and the Sacred Heart of Jesus to bring about that blissful state of Unity which will constitute the joy of heaven and towards which the souls of men approximate on earth in the measure and degree that they correspond to the vocation that God has imposed upon His elect children and which St. Paul expresses in his letter to the Romans when he says "Ye are called to be saints."

When therefore we address the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of the Atonement we think of her as the connecting link between ourselves and God and while we gaze fondly upon her as our Mother we should try to correspond with the work of the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier in our mind, heart, and soul to make us like unto her as children resemble par-

ents.



Unceasing prayer for the return to the Church of all who are estranged from it, is not only an exhortation to the faithful, but an obligation imposed upon them,—an obligation which the Church Unity Octave, from the Feast of St. Peter's Chair on the 18th to that of the Conversion of St. Paul on the 25th, offers a most appropriate occasion for fulfilling. As a folder issued by the Central Office of the Octave exhorts: "Let us, then, devoutly pray for the conversion of the 'other sheep,' for the glory and exaltation of our Holy Mother the Church, and for the coming of the day when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the Kingdom of Jesus Christ."



When thou prayest, look not how much thou sayest, but how well, that the love of thy heart be aye upward, and thy thought on that thou says as much as thou may.

- Richard Rolle

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY

On November 24th, Fox News carried an article which says that scientists in the U.S. and Switzerland have discovered that "all humans alive today are the offspring of a common father and mother."

"Mark Stoeckle at Rockefeller University and David Thaler at the University of Basel" the article said, "reached this striking conclusion after analyzing the DNA 'bar code' of five million animals from 100,000 different species. The bar codes are snippets of DNA that reside outside the nuclei of living cells—so-called mitochondrial DNA, which mothers pass down from generation to generation."

They added that the evidence shows that this original couple existed a mere 100,000 to 200,000 years ago, which is a very short time, apparently, in the evolutionary clock. They attribute this "Adam and Eve" phenomenon to some catastrophic event in which everyone perished except these two people.

They also concluded that about 90% of all animal species alive today descend from the same parents giving birth at roughly the same time.

- Bishop Sanborn To be continued

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD

It is regrettable that the great mass of the faithful attach so little meaning to the liturgy of the Mass. How few, for example, consider the importance of the beautiful oftrepeated conclusion: "Through Christ our Lord." With God, however, these words have the same weighty significance as the signature of the sovereign ruler has with a minor civil authority.

"Through Christ our Lord" is the Divine seal impressed upon the humble petition of man. And immediately the poor, wretched human petition becomes a Divine mandate. This power lies within the Name of Jesus. If the endorsement of this Name is lacking to our supplication, our supplication is without worth.

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SAT 1/19/	19 Our Lady's Saturday • Resumed Mass of Sunday	
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7:15 A	M Confessions	
	M Low Mass Our Children, Godchildren &	
	Grandchildren (Mike & Lexi Briggs)	
8:05 A		
8:20 A	M High Mass Charles Simpson & Family – Blessed	
	Christmas (Dad & Karen)	
SUN 1/20/	19 EPIPHANY II • CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE	
	Ss. Fabian, P & Sebastian, Mm • St. Henry of Uppsala	
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5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

MY CREED

Et ascendit in calum. He ascended into Heaven. The Word of God, coming down on earth to be made man, quitted not His Father's Bosom. In this place, it is said that He ascended into Heaven, meaning that His Humanity actually went up thither, and that there It was enthroned for eternity.

Sedet ad dexteram Patris. He is seated at the Right Hand of the Father, as Master and Lord. Indeed, He was always there according to His Divine Nature, but it behooved Him to be there also according to His Human Nature, and this is what is expressed by these words. In fact, this was a necessity, because the Human Nature being united to the Divine Nature in one and the same Person, which is the Person of God the Son, it can in all truth be said: the Lord is seated at the Right Hand of the Father. David foretold this, saying: Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis (Ps. cix. 1). This is a proof of the intimate union which exists of the Divine Nature with the Human, in the Person of Our Lord. For this reason, the Psalm cix. is essentially the Psalm of the Ascension, because that was truly the moment when the Lord, the Father, said to the Lord, the Son: Sit Thou at My Right Hand: Sede a dextris meis.

- Dom Gueranger

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: NOT SO BAD?

In the effort to accommodate an ever-widening liberal cultural agenda that is robbing our kids of the integrity of their intellects and wills, public schools of every kind across our nation are willingly sacrificing our children on the altar of evil agendas that should be denounced rather than protected.

Take for example the headlong rush into madness that is "gender ideology,"...this diabolical re-imaging of the human person, exposing the "new normal" that John can be "Jane" if he wants to, and teachers, students, and parents ALL must bow to John's expression of "who SHE really is." That which would have been roundly rejected as unthinkably foolish only a generation ago is now viewed as a new and unavoidable "LGBT Gospel" that no one in public schools can opt out from accepting as gospel truth.

- Get Out Now: The Compelling Case Against Public Schools

Servers

SUN 1/20
7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lacy TH: P. McClorey ACs: C. Richesson, Na. McClorey TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, J. Stewart, T. England
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller