

# 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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**February 3, 2019**  
**EPIPHANY IV**  
**ST. BLAISE, BPM**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**



¶ **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. The Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise's feast will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. The Blessing of Religious Articles will take place next Sunday.

¶ **ALTER CHRISTUS**  
The "Little Church" is in the vestibule to receive your alms for priests. God reward your generosity.

*"Fly from bad companions as from the bite of a poisonous snake."* — St. John Bosco

¶ **NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY V**  
The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. No Vespers.  
📖 **Set Your Missal:** Epiphany V, with second collect of St. Scholastica. Trinity Preface.

*"Act today in such a way, that you need not blush tomorrow."* — St. John Bosco

¶ **UPCOMING**  
**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Altar Boy Day, beginning with Mass at 8:20 AM and closing at 2:30 PM.  
**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Children's Lenten Day of Recollection, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:** St. Patrick's Day Program after the 11:30 AM Mass, Music for the Heart and Spirit.

## *Lumen Christi*

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

**For all our clergy**  
(Rebecca Stump)



*"We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good, we go to become good."*  
— St. John Bosco

## ¶ **YOUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for Richard Smith, who is in hospice; Damian Gardner, Rick Woods, Viola Ripperger, Mark Barrett, Sean Murray, the repose of the soul of †Rachel Hable; and to St. Anthony that Helen Tchosik can be found.

*"Ask the Blessed Virgin for the grace to receive Communion frequently and worthily... Try to imagine that the Blessed Virgin, herself, will give you the Sacred Host. No one would dare strike at the Heart of Jesus while He is in Mary's hands."*

— St. John Bosco

## Collection Report

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> ..... \$4,644.00

## THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2019

**Please note these important dates:**

**FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING:**  
**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.** (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 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Vigil of Pentecost, **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Pentecost Sunday, **June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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.



### CHRISTIAN CHEERFULNESS

(Concluded)

It is a pernicious mistake, then, to identify spirituality with sadness; to associate unusual virtue with abnormal gloom; to consider holiness incompatible with a cheery word, a merry smile, a ringing laugh. As a matter of fact, our seasons of depression, down-heartedness, and melancholy form the very harvest-time of the devil. At such periods he reaps by the dozen lapses and errors from which a cheerful bearing would have saved us. Sorrow for sin committed either by ourselves or by others is, of course, always in order; but there is no reason why it should not coexist with interior peace,—nay, if the sorrow be genuine, it invariably increases the true gladness of the heart.

(*This is very much the teaching of St. John Bosco.*)

Doing his whole duty as best he can, the fervent Christian has good reason for experiencing that tranquility of which cheerfulness is merely the external expression. In the permanence of that tranquility—in its being an abiding state, not a mere temporary condition—consists the chief joy over the possibly higher occasional spirits of the worldly devotee. To Christian cheerfulness there is no reaction; whereas, as Thackeray testifies, “without preaching, the truth may surely be borne in mind that the bustle and triumph, laughter and gaiety exhibited by Vanity Fair in public, do not always pursue the performer into private life, and that dreary depression of spirits and dismal repentance often overcome him.”

*“Do not try to excuse your faults,  
try to correct them.”*

— St. John Bosco

### A PRAYER DURING THE STORM

Finally, the last advice that I give you is to have often—and very often—recourse to God with an entire confidence. Tell Him with the Apostles, above all at the time of temptation: *Lord, save us, we perish.*

Ah! Lord, I am lost, if You do not come to my aid. I am, by Your grace, full of good resolutions and of good desires; but I am beset by enemies who have no less desire to ruin me than I have to save myself, and who make all their efforts to take from me the treasure that I just received. I have given up sin, it is true; but still are left to me some passions, an extremely spoiled nature, a great inclination to vice, fortified by long habits.

*We perish.* Alas! I feel already that this first fervor slackens, that this great intention, which seemed to make me invincible, loses every day something of its fervor; I feel this mortal weakness return. If You do not support me, O my God, I cannot promise You an hour of steadfastness. The first temptation is going to overcome me. I will escape You, Lord; You will ruin me without fail, if You do not have Your eye on me unceasingly, if Your hand abandons me only one moment to myself: *Lord, save us, we perish.*

Preserve Your work, O my God, the work of Your infinite mercy. Make—for after all You can do it—make that I, having served You continuously here below, can love You eternally in heaven. *So be it.*

— Bl. Claude la Columbière



### LOT'S WIFE

*Lot's wife looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt. — Gen. 19:26*



I wonder what it was in particular  
That Lot's wife missed  
To the extent  
That she looked back longingly  
Toward the burning city,  
Contrary to the direction  
Of the angel?  
Was it the life  
Of relative ease,  
The little, comfortable house,  
Her daughters betrothed,  
The family's future  
Relatively secure?  
Sure, it was a corrupt environment,  
But isn't corruption, after all,  
The perennial condition  
Of most of mankind?  
One adjusts to it,  
Doesn't one?  
And *her* family, God  
Knows, knew  
Better. But better  
To adapt, and learn  
To live with one's neighbors  
As best you can,  
Even if they offend  
Your moral sensibility.  
Don't bother them,  
And hopefully—most probably—  
They'll leave you alone  
To pursue your life  
In your own way.

And, in fact,  
Life in Sodom  
Wasn't all that bad,  
Once you got the hang of it.

— Jared Barkan

On First Friday cold—really, for us, just average January cold—we usually get some zero days—so what was all the fuss about?—but the cold gave way to picturesque snow. Spring was scheduled for yesterday. I hope it made it. Weather causes such travel delays! And I hope you made it too, to First Saturday and Candlemas and some good winter soup. Thanks to all who came and helped, especially for the Mass, the meal, and packing most of Christmas away.

Puccini didn't seem to mind the Polar Vortex one bit. Tough kitty, he made a point to stay out in it rather longer than usual. It only sharpened his appetite. **Fr. McKenna** was trudging around North Dakota regardless of the negative readings, safely swathed in his "Bismarck Burka." (#@frcekada) He did get back two days late, because the airplane antifreeze froze. Father helped as subdeacon yesterday, and is already travelling in Texas today.

Some of our Catholics, like my cats, also seemed to be thriving in the cold. What great Mass attendance all week long! It was as though you viewed the vortex as a personal challenge, and rose to the polar occasion. May you do as well in Spring! Our tough school children braved a "partial shut down," not of government but the heat, last week. We could have used some of Washington's hot air. But we hope to have a new H/Vac unit in place this week.

Short February began Friday. It is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and the "earthly Trinity," the Holy Family. It is the month of blessings. Today we beg St. Blaise to bless our throats, and keep all of the upper respiratory in good working order, including our voice. St. Blaise is invoked also for a good confession, as well as for confessing our Catholic Faith before men.

Later in February we will ask Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> to bless our sick, and of Sorrows for the same grace as we begin her Friday evening novena on February 15<sup>th</sup>. February is the month of novenas, and for a while we'll be praying three at our Friday evening Holy Hour. But you won't even get in on one, unless you come.

This Wednesday I'm leaving for a week in sunny Brazil, just north of Sao Paolo, to visit our priests and seminarians there, and to administer Confirmation. Please pray for a safe and profitable trip?

It's a late Easter this year, so we have a little "church downtime" this month. But let's look lively in the matter of catechism, both attending on Sunday and studying this good book during the week. The Faith does not pass itself on! You do, by God's help. Much of January was a loss, let's make February a real gain. It starts with Sunday Mass. Oh, and don't forget a fun and instructive Altar Boys Day on February 23<sup>rd</sup>!

May the Holy Family make your family holy.

— Bishop Dolan



**What evolutionists expect us to believe.** This finding, if accurate, means either (1) that two gorillas graduated from gorilla-hood into humanity *at exactly the same time and in exactly the same place*, so close in time and place that they were able to reproduce, or (2) that after some horrific catastrophic event, these two individuals managed to survive, alone on the entire planet, *in exactly the same place*.

Already evolution has required that we believe that none of the life forms on this planet was either designed or created by anyone, but that they all came from a body of water that was struck by lightning and/or cosmic rays. Gradually they made their way up the evolutionary ladder, after billions of years, and this through a series of mutations which are caused by radiation and cosmic rays. The whole earth, therefore, including all that inhabits it, is the result not of design, but chance.

Those who hold to evolution ridicule the account in Genesis about the creation and fall of man. Too fantastic to believe. Yet they are not abashed to require of us to believe in the infinitesimally tiny chance of the earth's evolving, together with its living contents, by hazard and mutation. It is an act of faith which is too absurd for me to make.

Does it not make much more sense, even apart from religion, to say that the structure of the human body, for example, which is so astonishing in its complexity, efficiency, and beauty of engineering, was in fact designed by a very intelligent being? Would we not say this about the Golden Gate Bridge?

In fact, the design of all plant and animal life cries out for this same designer.

The finding, as well, shows that 90% of *all animal species* on earth "come from parents that all began giving birth at roughly the same time, less than a quarter-million years ago," as the article said.

Evolution would demand that *each one* of the innumerable species of animals existing today—when we think of the insects, for example—all *at the same time and in exactly the same place* found mates and reproduced successfully so as to make a separate species. This supposedly happened after a catastrophic event that wiped out everything *except* these animal couples who managed to survive and reproduce.

So in addition to the leap of faith we must make to accept that the order and design of animal life happened by chance, against virtually infinite odds, we are now required to add onto this evolutionary *Credo* the fact that 90% of animal species were wiped out by some unknown and mysterious calamity, but that, *by chance*, these animal species survived and reproduced because the last male and female happened to find each other and fall in love.

This is incredibly absurd.

— Bishop Sanborn  
To be continued

## ✠ CALENDAR

## ✠ MY CREED

MON	2/4/19	ST. ANDREW CORSINI, BPC
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> In thanksgiving for a successful surgery ( <i>Christopher Browne</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Spiritual Peace ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
TUE	2/5/19	OCTAVE DAY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ST. AGATHA, VM ST. PHILIP OF JESUS, M
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the conversion of Mary Kate Strasser ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wm. H. Young III</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Francis de Sales for Norman West ( <i>Kathleen Mary West</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Billy Young ( <i>Your parents</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> My Mother & Father ( <i>Justin Soeder</i> )
WED	2/6/19	ST. TITUS, BPC ST. DOROTHY, VM
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our siblings ( <i>Kuebler/Volz</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Martina for the repose of the soul of †Janice West ( <i>Kathleen Mary West</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Temporal Aid ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention – Family ( <i>LM</i> )
THU	2/7/19	FIRST THURSDAY ST. ROMUALD, AB
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mr. Tobias Bayer ( <i>Justin Soeder</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> The Holy Souls ( <i>The Arlinghaus Family</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Temporal Aid ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
FRI	2/8/19	ST. JOHN OF MATHA, C
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	11:05 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Anthony Brueggemann ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:35 PM	<b>Infant of Prague Novena VII</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Thomas J. Simpson ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
SAT	2/9/19	ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD ST. APOLLONIA, VM
	7:15 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Mary MacDonald – 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary January 30 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	8:05 AM	<b>Ave Regina &amp; Sermon</b>
	8:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Bishop Joseph Selway – Thank You ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
SUN	2/10/19	EPIPHANY V ST. SCHOLASTICA, V
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Dolores Maki ( <i>Kent Maki</i> )
	9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	<b>Sunday Classes</b>
	11:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> In thanksgiving ( <i>Dennis &amp; Jeanne Hille</i> )
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>B &amp; B Uhlenbrock</i> )

### *Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum et vivificantem.*

I equally believe *in* the Holy Ghost, that is to say, by faith I go towards the Holy Ghost, I adhere to the Holy Ghost. And who is the Holy Ghost? *Dominum*. He is the Lord, He is the Master, just as the other two Divine Persons are. But what is He furthermore? *Vivificantem*, He gives life. In the same way as our soul gives life to our body, so does the Holy Spirit who animates her by the sanctifying grace which He pours into her, and thus does He sustain her, make her act, vivify her, and make her grow in love. In like manner also, in the Church, it is the Holy Ghost who maintains all; it is He who makes all these her members, so diverse in nation, language, and customs, to live all of the same life, belonging, as they do, to the one same Body, of which Jesus Christ is the Head.

In fact, all have the same faith, all draw the same graces from the same Sacraments, and all are animated by the same hopes, and are in expectation of the realization of these same; in a word, the Holy Ghost sustains all.



– Dom Gueranger

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS: NOT SO BAD?

What about the venerable history of public school hostility toward God and Church? This is a continued reality that has lost little momentum in the grand scheme of the system. Examples still abound of cases in which a family's legitimate rights regarding faith and religion are being trampled upon. The extent to which science is being exalted in practically idolatrous fashion will take your breath away. Faith and Church fall by the wayside in the public school system, while the dubious claims of some corners of the "scientific community" are there to fill the vacuum and must not be questioned, according to those who fanatically uphold these agenda-driven "truths" with the cultish fervor of zealots.

– *Get Out Now: The Compelling Case Against Public Schools*

### Servers

SUN 2/10	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: MC:	P. Omlor TH: C. Richesson ACs: C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson TORCH: D. Simpson, J. Stewart, T. England, S. Richesson
	11:30 AM LOW:	P. & Na. McClorey
	5:45 PM LOW:	G. Miller