



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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

February 10, 2019 EPIPHANY V ST. SCHOLASTICA, V

¶ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$178.00 was received this month for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTUAGESIMA

Next Sunday we continue the triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. The Blessing of the Sick will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Septuagesima, with second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ UPCOMING

Saturday, February 23rd: Altar Boy Day, beginning with Mass at 8:20 AM and closing at 2:30 PM.

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

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

†Richard Smith, who died on Monday, February 4th. His Requiem Mass was Friday, February 8th.



Many live as if they had no souls. In their traffic of this life they scheme as if they were to live forever. In their preparation for death they trifle as if there were no life beyond the grave.

– Cardinal Manning

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Rick Woods, Viola Ripperger, Lindsey McKenna, Anita Nelson, Patrick Bonace, Rose Radford, and the repose of the souls of †Diane Stanislawski and †Mary Anne Young, as well as for all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

If I offer you money, you do not say to me, "I will come tomorrow." No: you accept it at once. No one delays, no one makes excuses. The salvation of the soul is offered, and no one hurries himself.

– St. Ambrose

Servers

SUN 2/17

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson

TH: P. McClorey ACS: Na. McClorey, D.

Simpson TORCH: A. McClorey, J. Stewart, T.

England, C. Arlinghaus

11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller

5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

¶ ATTENTION READERS!

The parish library will be opening soon. Young ladies of St. Gertrude's are organizing the shelves of books located in the school hallway. They plan to have an active library and are looking for donations of children's Catholic books. Other appropriate religious books will be accepted as well. If your bookshelves at home are overflowing, consider making your titles available to everyone in the parish. We have many thick books on the shelves and would like to cater to young adults and children with your donations.

The Little Flower Library will bring good titles into your grasp once again. Pick up your Lenten reading starting Sunday, March 3rd just in time for Ash Wednesday. Rentals are free and good for one month. Directions for checkout will be posted in the self serve shelves in the school hallway.

"Dear Bishop Dolan,

"Enclosed are my usual contributions of \$50, each for 1-13 and 1-20-19 delayed by the snow & ice for each respective date. An additional \$100 is enclosed for those that forgot or were unable to send anything."

Collection Report

Sunday, February 3rd.....\$3,959.00

Second Collection.....\$1,208.00

There is a beautiful precept which he who has received an injury, or thinks he has, would for his own sake do well to follow: "Excuse half, and forgive the rest."

THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT AND OUR LADY

Sometimes pride is amazed that there is no show of virtue for our pains; a vulgarity of vanity demands the forced, showy bloom of hot-house virtues, instead of being content to wait for the natural, ordered flowering of Christ's humility. Or we become anxious, like children who dig up the seed to see if it is growing, and alas we tend not only to scratch and dig in our own patch of dirt but in our neighbor's too. We are astonished at our failings, scandalized at his, particularly in his conduct to us.

Sometimes criticism of our neighbor, our imposition on him of our own standard or ideal, which may not be God's standard and ideal for him, starts him turning and sifting and worrying his own poor little plot of dust; disturbing, perhaps destroying the first delicate thrust of supernatural life growing quietly in it.

We forget that Christ chooses to become man, not to be come angel, not to descend from the clouds, blazing in His glory to live among us—but to grow hidden in heavy clay, out of sight, assimilating our humanity to His, willing to pierce our clay with the little green spear of His love at the appointed hour, to break forth, not from the stars, but from the humanity that is dust and dirt.

How much more often we would behold the glory of the Word made flesh if during this time of growing we forbore to comment on one another's peculiarities and shortcomings, and instead treated one another with the courtesy that we would have shown Our Lady, had we been with her during the months before Christ's Birth. It is to her that we must turn...to learn the lessons of acceptance and gentleness. Acceptance of God's mysterious ways with us, of His timing and His law, and the lesson of gentleness, the bringing courtesy to Christ, small and secret and silent in one another's hearts.

—Caryll Houselander

ON EVOLUTION

Why evolution makes no sense.

Common sense, what in philosophy we call the first principles of reason, knows that *from nothing, nothing comes*. It is impossible, in other words, that being comes from nothing. This same common sense tells us that the cause of anything must have a perfection more than the effect has it. For example, a young pine tree cannot reproduce itself, since it does not yet have the perfection of its nature. When it achieves maturity, it is able to produce pinecones and reproduce the species. So the nature of *pine* must be more perfect in the mature tree than in the seedling which it reproduces. This is true of all living things. Reproduction occurs when the nature achieves perfection. In children, for example, the nature is not yet perfect, and unable, therefore, to reproduce. In old age, the nature is declining, and unable to reproduce.

Evolution requires that something higher comes from something lower. The gorilla becomes a man. They attribute this to mutations caused by cosmic rays. While it is true that *accidental* mutations may occur within a species (change in color, for example), it is impossible that a higher species evolve from a lower one, since this would mean that something more is produced from something less, or that something comes from nothing.

—Bishop Sanborn
To be continued



SCHOLASTICA'S FAITH

Brother, will you stay?

Your careless laugh as you say nay,
Provokes my soul beyond endurance.
Thus I shall beseech my Lord in prayer

To grant me, as He loves me, His
mandate
Thwarting your plans to leave me on
this night.

I feel my days slipping through my
fingers
Shimmering down like silk cloth to
the floor.

Knowing we have numbered days,
And no more than these, I can see my
end.

Brother—stay, you will.

I am not fearful of the days to come
When God will show me joy I've never
known.

But this day's blessings surely are not
bound
To end so soon. So I have begged the
Lord

To keep you here, just one more night.
He will not say me nay and let you go.

Your countenance, so dear to me
Will never grace my eyes again, as
now.

God knows I will pass soon, forever
from this place
And needs must tuck your smile next
to my heart

Once more, so I can hold it in the
dreams

So few, left to me in my own bed.

Brother, shall we pray?

You see now how the Lord wills us to
bide?

He'll soon be pleased to bless your eyes
With grace to spy the blessed angels
Lifting me to Him. But here and now,
Such rains will come (you'll see that,
too)

That you will stay with me to pass the
storm

Until the rainbow greets the sun at
dawn.

—Susan Fox

Sumptuous is the adjective of choice today for First Saturday's Candlemas celebration, but for Sunday as well. The Pontifical High Mass was so well sung and served, with its little procession honoring Jesus' first little procession (just Jesus, Mary and Joseph) as Light of the World into His Father's temple. So many of you braved the thick fog to attend, laden even with choice winter soups to share at lunch afterwards. By then the sun had come out and melted the snow while you all so quickly and efficiently took down and stored our beautiful Christmas decorations. Thank you for everything!

But Sunday got in on "sumptuous" too. (I wonder if it is the beautiful creamy white Persian rug which graced the sanctuary? A generous soul donated this authentic oriental which we were trying out for Easter.) It was "only" a Green Sunday, after Epiphany, but every Sunday at St. Gertrude is a little Easter. We were solemnizing St. Francis de Sales, and honoring St. Blaise, too. **Fr. Cekada** was sick with a cold, but he was mightily proud of his choir which did such yeoman service two days in a row. **Fr. Lehtoranta** and I divided the Masses and throats between us, and seemed to do pretty well. Throat blessing Sunday is always a favorite of mine. The attendance mostly returned, it was a fine Spring morning. The pagan Superbowl mania of a few years ago seems to have subsided. Our Vespers crew expertly sang the Church's evening service in the traditionally empty church, but a good group of 5:45ers *did* come early so as to receive the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and stayed late for their throats. Who could ask for more? Well not to push the envelope...but I *could* ask for all of the catechism children to attend class for a change. Let's pray and work for that one. Only four months left.

We were praying for Richard Smith all weekend. Fr. Lehtoranta said the Prayers for the Dying with him Saturday, and remarked how alert he was. They had a good conversation (one always did) with him afterwards. But Monday just before Mass he breathed his last. I was able to offer Mass for him within the hour, a "Privileged Altar" Mass of a bishop, which bestows a Plenary Indulgence. He was certainly deserving!

Richard Smith is another remarkable old timer of St. Gertrude the Great. In the 80's he and Elizabeth and children used to drive up once a month from Tennessee. After they relocated here, Richard used to usher *all* the Sunday Masses. Elizabeth ran the gift shop in the undercroft of our first church, in Sharonville. Richard worked until just a few years ago. He

died at 92, full of years and wisdom, a great conversationalist, who simply kept going in his own kindly, quiet way. What a man. We shall not see his like again. May he now rest in peace.



We do hope to install a new heating/cooling unit for the school...*sometime*, as well at long last to get the same for All Saints hallway and the Gift Shop, and maybe one or two more things which need looking at. The large H/Vac unit in the parking lot is for Helfta Hall, awaiting a weather window when the crane wouldn't too much mess up the lawn, I am told.

Fr. McKenna observes his ordination anniversary tomorrow, Our Lady of Lourdes. His birthday was just last week. He returns from the Missions tomorrow. Fr. Cekada departs tomorrow for his seminary teaching week. I hope to return safely from Brazil on Wednesday. Remember *Saint* Valentine come Thursday. Saturday we bid adieu to the Alleluia until Holy Saturday. Oh, don't forget *Friday*. We make bold to add a third novena to the evening lineup: The Sorrowful Mother with Blessing of the Sick, in the countdown until her Passiontide feast day. But if you can't make it, we'll bless you next Sunday, after all Masses.

God bless you this Sunday, too?

— Bishop Dolan

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: NOT SO BAD?

...The public school system positions itself to empower children—and the system—to render the rights of parents almost irrelevant. The system creates alliances with the student against the parent—particularly in the realm of issues involving parental knowledge and consent regarding their own child's choices or thinking. Parents are truly powerless while having their rights and responsibilities toward their children usurped in ways that put the system—not the parent—in control of the values and concepts that will shape the child's thought and action.

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



SISTER SUNDAY IS SEVEN WEEKS AWAY!

Can you make, bake, or donate items to sell?

Do you have brilliant ideas or clever suggestions?

THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE!

START THINKING, START PLANNING,

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH THE SISTERS!

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MARCH 31, LAETARE SUNDAY

MON	2/11/19	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special intention in honor of the Infant of Prague (<i>Sarah Burns</i>)
TUE	2/12/19	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Henry de la Chanonie – health, vocation (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention – Conversion (<i>James Kolenich</i>)
WED	2/13/19	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. McGuire (<i>TRCS</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
THU	2/14/19	ST. VALENTINE, PRM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass In honor of St. Valentine for Special Intentions (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Estrella Simpson – 7 th Anniversary Feb. 14 th (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of St. Martina for †Janice West (<i>Anne Marie Omlor</i>) (from 1/30)
FRI	2/15/19	SS. FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass †John & †Virginia Reilly (<i>Anny Reilly</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena VIII
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Patrick, Anne Marie & Paddy Omlor (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)
	6:30 PM	Opening of the Sorrowful Mother Novena with Blessing of the Sick
	6:45 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	2/16/19	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Intentions of Tobias Bayer (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>)
	8:05 AM	Ave Regina & Triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette
	8:20 AM	High Mass Jennifer Wagner & John Richardson (<i>Jamie Wagner</i>)
SUN	2/17/19	SEPTUAGESIMA <i>THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT</i> BLESSING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES SECOND DAY OF TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. BERNADETTE
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Noah Antonio Kuebler (16 th Birthday) (<i>M & M</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Joan Fey – Merry Christmas! (<i>Love, Bobby & Aubrey</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Joshua & Elizabeth Gunsher & family (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)

Qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: this same Holy Ghost proceedeth from the Father and the Son. How could one suppose that the Father and the Son are not united? There needs must be a link uniting One to the Other. The Father and the Son are not merely in juxtaposition, but a Link unites Them, embraces Them, and this Link proceeds from Both of Them, forming but One with Them; and this Mutual Love is no other than the Holy Ghost.



At the Council of Nicæa, in drawing up the Symbol, the main attention of the Fathers was directed to what treated of Jesus Christ; at the Council of Constantinople, they resolved upon completing the Nicene Creed, by adding what regards the Holy Ghost, save the words *Filioque*; as they expressed it, the words simply stood *Qui ex Patre procedit*. The Fathers of this Council saw no necessity of saying more on the subject of the Procession, because the words of Our Lord, in the Gospel, leave no doubt on the matter. "I will send you the Spirit of Truth who proceedeth from the Father." *Ego mittam vobis a Patre Spiritum veritatis qui a Patre procedit.* (S. John, xv., 26): He is therefore, likewise the Principle of the Holy Ghost, as He sends Him. The Father sends the Son, and it is evident that the Son emanates from the Father, that He is begotten by Him; Our Lord here saying: "I will send you the Spirit," proves that He is Himself the Source of the Holy Ghost, as is the Father. And if Our Lord adds these words: *Qui ex Patre procedit*, He in no way means to say that the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father only; it is merely in order to give further expression to His own words, and to emphasize that not He alone sends this Divine Spirit, but that the Father, conjointly with the Son, sends Him.

The Greeks refused to admit this Truth and raised disputations on this passage, in order to overturn the Dogma of the Trinity. But we believe that the Trinity is linked in Its Three Persons, in this ineffable manner, namely, that the First Person begets the Second; the First and the Second are united to one another by the Third. If belief be refused in this Bond produced by the Father and the Son, and linking Them together, the Holy Ghost would be utterly isolated from the Son, the Trinity would be destroyed.

It was in Spain that the addition of the *Filioque* was first of all introduced into the Creed, in order to express with greater precision what the Fathers of Constantinople had declared; this change was begun in the eighth century; but the Roman Church did not adopt it till the eleventh. She knew that such a measure would provoke difficulties; but seeing the necessity, she decided upon it, and since then, this addition to the Symbol has become obligatory on the whole Church.

– Dom Gueranger