



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

May 19, 2019

EASTER IV

**ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC
ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM**



¶ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers, but May Devotions and Benediction are at 5:15 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Another Requiem is sung on **Tuesday** for the Purgatorial Society. **Wednesday** we fête one of our sanctuary saints, the “impossible” St. Rita of Cascia. Mary Help of Christians reminds us of our dear Australians on **Friday**. **Every Day** there’s a beautiful, quiet early spring morning Mass or two. **Friday** evening the Legacy singers make a joyful noise unto the Lord. There’s also the regular 5:00 PM on Tuesday, keeping the spot warm for St. Anthony, who arrives next month.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Parents, grandparents and just about everyone is cordially invited to the daily **May Devotions at 3:08 PM**—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady. Join us on school days.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER V

Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter V, with collects of St. Philip Neri and St. Eleutherius. Preface of Easter.



¶ A LITTLE BIT...

...of gardening help would be so appreciated right about now. Some simple steps...light weeding, overturn the soil, and plant some Easter lilies? *All* help is welcome. Reward is greater than you realize. Name your hours, or hour! Speak to Bishop Dolan or Janet the Sacristan. God bless you.

¶ CONFIRMATIONS

The sacrament of Confirmation will be solemnly administered on Saturday, June 8th. Anyone, child or adult, who wishes to receive the sacrament, should contact the church office at (513) 645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org for the necessary form. If you’re new and were confirmed in the Novus Ordo (since 1971), you *really* should receive a conditional Confirmation.

Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

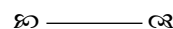
Please pray for Paul Olszewski, Diana Mayer, and Doby Curran, who is having serious surgery on Tuesday.

¶ WE GET LETTERS

A priest in Europe shares this correspondence from a faithful, who has just discovered St. Gertrude the Great.

“Happy to hear the Apostolate is fruitful. Amazing, really, that that little church in an almost unheard-of state in the US can do such great things! Beautiful sermons, music, wise words on YouTube, supporting priests around the world.

“One of them said there are still hundreds of Masses being said daily. Amazing! And it is all becoming clearer now why the evil powers will do anything to prevent the (True) Mass. Or us believing that they are valid. The article ‘Cracks in the Masonry’ on your site helped me to see that.”



“Your Excellency, Reverend Fathers, Altar Servers, Choir Members, and Organists,

“Thank you so much for the beautiful Masses, inspired sermons, stirring devotions, and magnificent ceremonies you generously share with your internet family throughout the year, but most especially during this past Lenten season, holy week, and Easter week.

“It’s heartbreaking not to be able to regularly attend such beloved religious events as often as they are offered, but your charity in sharing them through St. Gertrude the Great simulcasts is deeply appreciated.

“God bless you.”

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 YAG: July 12-14 yagincincy.org
Girls’ Camp: July 17-19
Boys’ Camp: July 22-24

Collection Report

Sunday, May 12th\$4,149.00
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. NONNA & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN THE ELDER

The daughter of Christian parents, Nonna entered into a “mixed marriage” with Gregory, a government official and a member of a Jewish-pagan sect, the Hupsistarians.

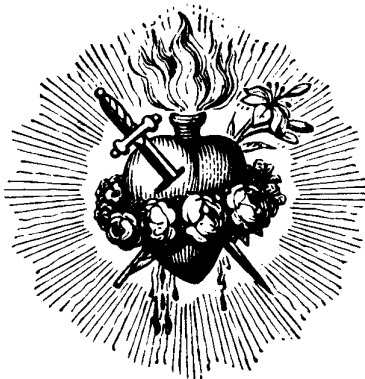
They raised three children; all are venerated as saints. The eldest, Gorgonia, grew to be a devout wife and mother. The youngest, Caesarius, became an eminent physician to the emperor. In later life, he renounced his high office and embraced holy poverty. But it was the middle child and elder son, Gregory, who attained the greatest fame. Before his birth, Nonna had prayed for a son and promised to consecrate him to God. Afterward, she brought him to the church and touched his little hands to the sacred books. In time, Gregory became a scholar, contemplative, priest, and bishop. He is revered as a Doctor of the Church.

For many years, Nonna sought to convert her husband Gregory through prayer, fasting, and argument. At long last, when he was about fifty, Gregory embraced the Faith. Only about four years after that, he was made Bishop of Nazianzus, Cappadocia (modern Turkey). His extremely long reign was marred for a time by a slide into the Arian heresy. The younger Gregory came home to guide his father back to the truth. Gregory humbly accepted the help. He died in 374.

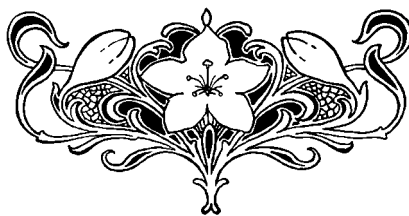
Loving Father, through the intercession of Saints Nonna and Gregory, open the hearts and minds of parents to the Gospel preached by their children.



*Yes, Mary's month has come again,
The merry month of May;
And sufferers forget their pain,
And sorrows flee away,
And joys return, the hearts whose
moan
Was desolate erewhile
Are blithe and gay, once more they
own
The charm of Mary's smile.*



*The Son our Brother is, and we,
Whatever may betide,
A Mother, Mary, have in thee,
A guardian and a guide;
Thy smiles a tale of gladness tell
No words can ever say;
If but, like thee, we love Him well,
The year will all be May.*



A MAY MORNING OFFERING

O Mary, I give you my heart.
Grant me to be always yours.
Jesus and Mary,
be ever my friends
and, for love of You,
grant me to die a thousand deaths
rather than to have the misfortune
of committing a single mortal sin.
Amen.

— St. Dominic Savio

THE GAME OF BACKSLIDING

The robins
rival
the starlings
for my seeds:
beans,
carrots,
peppers, melons,
radishes, pickles,
broccoli, and corn.

This morning
a quite contrary cat
fearlessly chooses
my garden—
how does it grow?—
to trampoline
in my tomatoes,
roll out the onions,
drag a dead rat
through the new strawberries.

I grin a wry
and guilty grimace
at the way
I too daily
sport with, spoil
the fragile shoots
of my May sowings,
his seeds of Christlike life.

Nevertheless,
I shoo the cat.

— Merle Meeter



PRAYER OF RESOLUTION

O my God: Henceforth I resolve to strive earnestly to be patient and gentle, and not to allow the waters of contradiction to extinguish the fire of that charity which I owe to my neighbor.

— St. Francis de Sales

May Crowning Sunday dawned cold and wet. Attendance was down, especially for the High Mass and Procession. I think probably the days when the second Sunday of May would see a full church are gone now. For such a holiday, the family and social activities pretty much outdraw the Blessed Mother. Oh, and the organ died, with a great energy surge, but just as our procession was leaving the church, so nobody noticed.

But the rain stopped. The scene from my perspective that overcast morning was sweet. The cloister rang with the bright birdsong of nesting Robins. The charming little children, some led by the hand of a sister, all of them variously intent and devout and proud to honor Our Lady, captured our hearts. The measured and orderly procession, singing the dear hymns of devotion, returned to the brightly lit sanctuary, one great May Altar of white roses and blue. The charming children presented their flowers, a little First Communicant to-be crowned Our Lady, and we all renewed our consecration. A good crowd came at the end of the day, for Benediction and Mass. Monday the man came and repaired the organ. Mother's Day, 2019.

The next day's second procession could have seemed penitential, I grant you. But didn't Our Lady of Fatima ask for sacrifices? We haven't had so many at the Mass which always precedes the procession, and at its Communion Rail, in many a year. Another beautiful sight. Thus encouraged, we headed out in the Irish "soft rain," beads in hand. **Fr. Cekada** was able to join us, and suggested a faster more rhythmic pace as being less fatiguing. I don't know about that, but it was a fine procession, with its full biblical forty. *De Maria numquaam satis*. Of Mary, there is never enough.

The next day was busy with preparations for **Fr. Collins'** Requiem. Divine Office booklets and handsome holy cards were printed, the complicated Pontifical rubrics decoded and rehearsed. Nine of us, eight priests and a bishop, met first to chant the Divine Office. Then came the Solemn Pontifical Requiem, ably sung as always by our school choir, the sermon and the Absolution with candle bearing clergy at the catafalque. Afterwards we went to lunch, toasted the memory of our departed brother, and renewed or made acquaintance, and passed an agreeable afternoon with some of our fellow priests. Thank you all for your prayers and assistance.

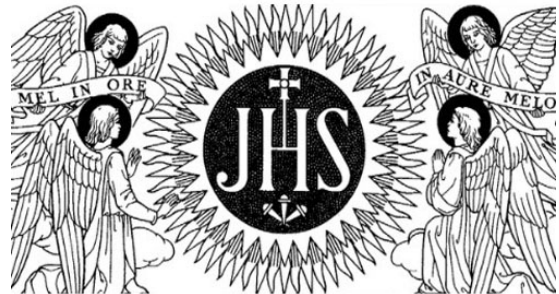
This weekend **Fr. McKenna** and I traveled to

Dallas, Texas for Saturday Confirmation at St. Anthony of Padua chapel. Today I am flying on to Pensacola, Florida to Confirm again, this time at **Fr. Francis Miller's** mission. Full details next week. Fr. McKenna has another mission week, and Fr. Cekada a seminary teaching week in Florida. Storms were predicted. We were praying for good weather.

This is a good week to make that extra Mass you promised some time ago, even just to join the children some afternoon for the sweet short May Devotions service a little after 3 PM.

May God's Mother be your own.

– Bishop Dolan



"THE LOST CATHOLIC"

PART ONE

by Bishop Goodier

Introduction. No one who has once realized what it is to be a Catholic can feel anything but sadness for one who has lost the Catholic faith, who once was a Catholic and is now a Catholic no more, no matter what may have been the reason.

It is sad enough to know so many who, through no fault of their own, have not the Catholic faith, whose forefathers lost it for them and deprived them of their inheritance, who do not know and have never known, all that it means.

But one who has once known it and has lost it, who has been argued or cajoled out of it, whose life has led him to drop it, who has been careless and let it go, who has surrendered it for something else, those who know and love such a one, know also that he has lost, thrown away, something for which nothing else can compensate, something more dear than life itself.

Let, then, such a one not be surprised if those who love him are troubled and sad about him; they cannot help it. They long to give him back what he has lost, they spare no pains that he may be as he was before, they look on that reward as worth all the labor and suffering it may entail.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/20/19	ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>MEG</i>)
	3:08 PM	May Devotions
TUE	5/21/19	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Alfred P. Martin 8 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	3:08 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Doby Curran – Surgery
WED	5/22/19	FERIAL DAY • ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Thelma Macke Sieverding (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Gracie Shipley – Conversion (<i>Janine Oleyar</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass of St. Rita of Cascia For all of our hopeless intentions (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
	3:08 PM	May Devotions
THU	5/23/19	FERIAL DAY • ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Jay T. (H.Y.)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass The Kimpel Children (<i>Keith & Linda Kimpel & family</i>)
	11:25 AM	Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament Chad McGinnis (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
	3:08 PM	May Devotions
FRI	5/24/19	FERIAL DAY • OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass of Mary, Help of Christians In Honor of Our Lady Help of Christians for the Australian Missions (<i>TRCS</i>)
	3:08 PM	May Devotions
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass In Honor of Our Lady of the Way for the Bellavias (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
SAT	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
	5/25/19	ST. GREGORY VII, PC • ST. URBAN I, PM
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	High Mass †Jerry Rimmel, †David Heckencamp, †Steve McDonald (<i>Bob & Bridget Mueller</i>)
	8:10 AM	Regina Coeli & May Devotions
	8:25 AM	Low Mass Marianne Mikesell – Happy Birthday (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
SUN	5/26/19	EASTER V ST. PHILIP NERI, C • ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Kent Maki (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</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 Special Intention (D.S.) (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Conversion of sinners (<i>Mark Cash</i>)

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HARD WORDS

No one is perfect who amid his neighbor's evil things is not patient; for he who does not bear others' evil with composure is by his impatience witness to himself that he is very far removed from the plenitude of goodness. He refuses to be Abel whom the malice of Cain does not exercise. Thus in the threshing of the floor the grains are pressed under the chaff, thus the flowers come forth between thorns, and the rose that smells grows along with the thorn that pricks.

– St. Gregory the Great

COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads, and all anxious imaginations.

– St. Francis de Sales

Servers

SUN 5/26 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: C. Richesson ACs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TORCH: J. Stewart, T. England, C. Arlinghaus, Na. McClorey
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, N. Kolenich
4:45 VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller