



# 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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**March 8, 2020**  
**LENT II**  
**ST. JOHN OF GOD**



## ¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Bring the children to their **Lenten Day of Recollection** this **Wednesday, March 11**. The day begins at 9:00 AM and closes at 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know if your children will be attending.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Mary McGuire, Pete Gebel, Paul Grau, and Maria Dutcher.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Lent III, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third for the Living & the Dead. Preface of Lent.

☞ *The Infinite Goodness of God never leaves us in ignorance as to what is best for us. The Will of God is absolutely best for us. Wherever we are, or whatsoever we desire, there is nothing so important or so precious as God's Holy Will.* ☞



## *Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection March 13th*

**5:45 PM:** Low Mass

**6:45 PM:** Lenten Supper:  
Vegetarian Chili, cornbread, egg  
salad, cheese & crackers, garden  
salad, and fruit.

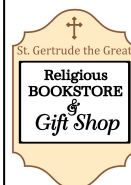
**7:30 PM:** Stations of the Cross,  
Sorrowful Mother Novena,  
Blessing of the Sick,  
Benediction

**8:30 PM (approx.):** Distribution  
of Holy Communion

## ¶ CATECHISM CORNER

*The Corporal Works of Mercy:*

To feed the hungry,  
To give drink to the thirsty,  
To clothe the naked,  
To ransom the captive,  
To harbor the harborless,  
To visit the sick,  
To bury the dead.



**Combat rosaries** are back in stock! Polished silver, copper, and popular gunmetal finishes are available on this pull chain rosary. This is a replica of the

WWI standard issue, made to last, set of beads. Comes with a nice leather pouch for caring in your pocket. Perfect Confirmation gift for a new soldier of Christ.

*The Manual of the Holy Face* is on order. The Bishop recommends this book with devotions to the Holy Face. Stop in the bookstore and check if they are in stock.

**Sacred Head and Sorrowful Mother** prints are on display. Warm your Lenten devotions and your heart with these moving pictures. The Sisters have made these prints available to us in beautiful excellent form. Support them while enhancing your home.

**Burning incense** is gaining popularity. Have the wonderful aroma of church in your own home. Look for many varieties of incense, burners, charcoal, tongs, and spoons. We even have packages of sand if you want to use your own dish at home.

Keep eye out for ideas for everyone. **New children's DVDs** and Guardian Angel pillowcases are on display. Spread devotion with a truly Catholic gift.

## ¶ UPCOMING

**Altar Boys Day:** Saturday, March 28th.

### Collection Report

Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$4,101.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,317.00
Alter Christus.....	\$35.00

## DOING THE WILL OF GOD

Of all the signs of a person's knowledge and wisdom, none is proof of greater wisdom than that one does not cling to his own opinion: *Lean not upon your own prudence* (Prov 3:5). For those who cling to their own judgment so as to mistrust others and trust in themselves alone, invariably prove themselves fools and are judged as such: *You see those who are wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for fools than for them* (Prov 26:12). But if a person distrusts his own judgment, that is a proof of his humility, which is why it is said, *Where humility is, there also is wisdom* (Prov 11:2), whereas the proud are too self-confident.

Accordingly, we learn from the Holy Spirit (by His gift of knowledge) to do not our own but God's will, and by virtue of this gift we pray to God that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is in this that the gift of knowledge is proved, so that when we say to God, *Thy will be done*, it is as when a sick man consults a physician. He takes the medicine not precisely because he wills it himself, but because it is the will of the physician. If he took what he willed himself, he would be a fool.

Hence we should ask nothing of God but that His will be done in our regard—in other words, that His will be fulfilled in us. For one's heart is right when it agrees with the Divine Will. Christ did this: *I came down from heaven to do not My own will, but the will of Him that send Me* (Jn 6:38).... For that reason He taught us to ask and pray, *Thy will be done*.

— St. Thomas Aquinas



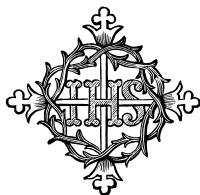
*"Don't get upset with your imperfections. It's a great mistake, because it leads nowhere—to get angry because you are angry, upset at being upset, depressed at being depressed, disappointed because you are disappointed. So don't fool yourself. Simply surrender to the Power of God's Love, which is always greater than our weakness."*

— St. Francis de Sales

## LET THY WILL BE MINE

Most kind Jesus, grant me Thy grace, I pray, let it dwell in me, work in me, and abide in me to the end. Grant me always to will and desire whatever is most pleasing and acceptable to Thee. Let Thy will be mine, and let my will ever follow and be conformed wholly to Thine own. Let me ever will and not will in union with Thyself, and be unable to will otherwise than Thou dost will or dost not will. Grant that I may die to all things in this world, and for Thy sake love to be despised and unknown. Grant me, above all else, to rest in Thee, that my heart may find its peace in Thee alone, for Thou art the heart's true peace, its sole abiding place, and outside of Thee, all is hard and restless. Amen.

— Thomas à Kempis



*May the most just, the most high and the most lovable will of God be in all things done, praised and evermore exalted.*

*An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if the daily devout recitation of this ejaculation is continued for a month. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death, to be gained by those who have often recited it during life and who, after confession and Communion or at least an act of contrition, shall invoke the Name of Jesus, orally if possible, or at least in their heart, and accept death from the hand of the Lord with resignation as being the wages of sin (S.C. Ind., May 19, 1818; S.P. Ap., Dec. 9, 1932).*

## THY KINGDOM COME

The Lord's Prayer  
Flows from facile worshippers  
Like TV voices  
Recounting the worries of the world  
And the wonders of anti-perspirants.

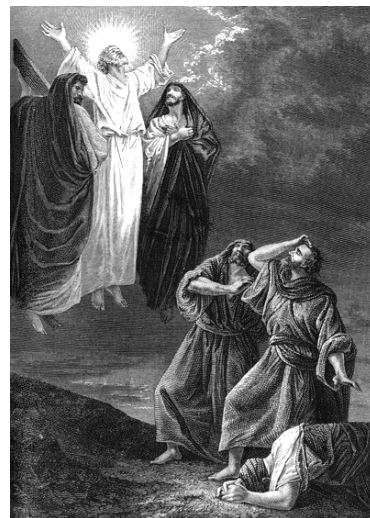
Lacking a congregation,  
Since all are  
Praying to themselves  
Or to impress the rest,  
God seldom has a thing to do  
Or anyone to listen to.

Quietly He waits  
To catch a man  
Who wants to find  
But has not found  
The meaning of  
'Thy will be done.'  
One such is worth  
A thousand dissembling  
'Thine be the glories'  
To an idol god.

Patiently God listens  
For a troubled saint  
With nothing  
But a sense of sin  
To lean heavily  
On his pew  
Praying 'Lord, have mercy!'  
And yearning  
For the Kingdom  
That is yet to come.

— Elmer F. Suderman

*Somewhat sharp, but makes a point.*



How is your Lent going so far? Fast tempo, I'll bet. The Russian Orthodox convert, Catherine de Hueck, wrote in last Sunday's meditation that Lent *slowly* unfolds its music. But all of a sudden, we're at the final verse. One of the Fathers noted that Thursday would be only a month until Palm Sunday! But make each day count in some way, and you'll be ready for the Holy Week countdown to Easter.



I thought the first Ember Day of Spring, Wednesday, would cinch the end of Winter, but it came back a bit Friday, like the Tempter who never easily gives up. But Christ in us wins the victory (St. Felicity says), as inevitably as the warm sunny weather will return.

It's time again for the very best gift you can give your children: one weekday at church to pray and be instructed and to be fed by Our Lord Himself, maybe to help them save their soul. Please let us know they'll be coming, and pray that not a one misses. "If you knew the Gift of God..." Pray too for our young families to be regular in their duties of Sunday Mass and catechism for the children.

Sunday's short Stations started well, with a good crowd. We had a wonderful first Friday Evening of Recollection, with the Way of the Cross and more. The Lenten dinner was so good there were no leftovers. Clean plate club!

**Fr. Cekada's** march towards recovery from stroke is a bit like the weather these days, firmly, surprisingly even, he is moving forward to Spring. How happy we were to see him at the High Mass last Sunday. How happy he was to make it. The therapists, and my own eyes, report good progress. God hears our prayers. So pray.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** is in Milwaukee today, and **Fr. McKenna** finishing up a long and punishing mission run in Dallas. But we'll all be here for the children on Wednesday, and hope *your* children will be as well. Surprise the Lord this week by coming to an extra Mass "just because." If you read, quietly and well, your Lenten book, you'll *want* to.

May the Holy Face of Jesus shine upon you!

— Bishop Dolan

### THE ADORABLE FACE OF JESUS

Our Blessed Lord Himself is the Teacher of Devotion to His Adorable Face. He is the world's first photographer. Long before men had any idea that a camera and a lens could be made to take pictures, Our Blessed Lord photographed Himself, on a sensitive plate—a towel held by Veronica. (Friday is the feast of the Holy Shroud.)

### ORGAN DONATION

On the question of organ donations, we are only allowed to donate eyes, or one of our two kidneys. Why? Because these may be removed without causing death. The other organs are useless if removed from a dead body. Therefore the 'donor' is kept alive until the organ is removed. But this causes the death of the donor. It is vivisection, the cutting up of a living person so as to remove an essential organ, which induces death.

The theory of 'brain death' was made up in recent years, contrary both to science and theology, in order to justify vivisection, which has become a big business. Essentially someone is killed in order to transplant an organ. But is he not going to die anyway? Perhaps, but we may not do evil so that good may come of it. Have nothing to do with this big business.

Man is not the master of life and death, God is. Death is not the supreme evil, sin is.

— Bishop Dolan



### THE SEVEN PETITIONS OF LIFE

(CONTINUED)

The phrase "*Hallowed be Thy name*" acknowledges the true shape of things and recognizes the grandeur of God in Himself, apart from His creation. We give Him glory, not because He needs this tribute from our littleness, but because we need to acknowledge Him for our own perfection, and because man, as lord of creation, may fittingly speak for all the things that God has made.

In "*Thy Kingdom come*," the mind turns from eternity to time, to a prayer for grace enough to make our every act a service of this King. For "the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking this or that; it means rightness of heart, finding our peace and our joy in the Holy Spirit."

"*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven*" is a plea that lesser wills shall be ignored, so that God's peace may prevail in us. There are many wills we can obey: our selfish will, which destroys our neighbor's rights and our own peace of soul; the dictator's will, which crushes individuality; the will of public opinion, which sends us through life with no more stability than a cork on the ocean; or, finally, the will of God, which ushers in the perfection of peace. (To be continued)

— Bishop Sheen

## ✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/9/20	ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W <i>ST. DOMINIC SAVIO</i>	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Henry Sieverding ( <i>Mike Sieverding</i> )	
	11:25 AM	High Mass William H. Young IV ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/10/20	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Maria Hernandez Alejos ( <i>Mike Sieverding</i> )	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention for Deceased ( <i>Doloris Ritze</i> )	
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Donald Pfannenstiel ( <i>Christopher Browne</i> )	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass For the repose of the soul of †Kathy Smith ( <i>A.M. Omlor</i> )	
WED	3/11/20	CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Edward J. Andreski ( <i>Mark Cash</i> )	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving & continued petition for relief for Australia fires ( <i>TRCS</i> )	
	9:00 AM	Opening Talk for Children's Day	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Purgatorial Society	
	2:45 PM	Stations & Benediction	
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Mom & Dad (Thank you!) ( <i>Renee Arlinghaus</i> )	
THU	3/12/20	ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> )	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory – In Thanksgiving ( <i>Judy</i> )	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Fr. Cekada ( <i>William Herman</i> )	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	3/13/20	FERIAL DAY – FAST • THE HOLY SHROUD	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention VandeRyt Family ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> )	
	11:06 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Bishop Selway – Consecration Anniversary ( <i>Frederick Johns</i> )	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Special Intentions ( <i>P.T. &amp; A.M. Omlor</i> )	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
SAT	3/14/20	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada ( <i>Denise Riggs</i> )	
	8:20 AM	Ave & Sermon	
	8:30 AM	(approx.) High Mass For my family & friends & their intentions ( <i>JC Simpson</i> )	
SUN	3/15/20	LENT III • ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUR, C	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Connie J. Batkoski (d. 1/30/19) ( <i>Marge Batkoski Kitchen</i> )	

## CHILDREN'S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION



Wednesday, March 11

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

*This special Lenten recollection day is intended for **all children**, ages 6 through 17, and will include Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and age-appropriate spiritual talks. Your children should come **dressed in church clothes**, and should bring their **prayer book and rosary**. As usual we are offering a **free hot lunch** for the children.*

**9:00 AM Opening Talk**

**11:25 AM High Mass, followed by lunch**

**2:45 PM Stations of the Cross, Benediction**

*Parents! Grandparents! Godparents! Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day.*

**Please call St. Gertrude the Great School (513-645-4216) by Monday to let us know if your children will attend.**

### Servers

SUN 3/15 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: T. Lawrence ACs: C. & S. Richesson TORCH: J. & N. Kolenich, C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart  
11:15 AM STATIONS: MC: D. Simpson CROSS: C. Arlinghaus ACs: T. & D. England  
11:30 AM Low: A. McClorey, A.D. Kinnett  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

**9:00 AM High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

**10:40 AM Catechism Classes**

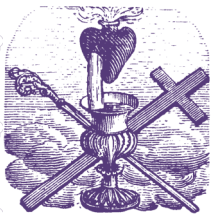
**11:15 AM Short Stations**

**11:30 AM Low Mass** Nicholas Puglielli (*Mom & Dad*)

**4:45 PM Vespers with Benediction**

**5:45 PM Low Mass** Blessings on our decision to move to West Chester (*William Herman*)





## MONDAY IN LENT II

"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." After having asked God our Father to give us the Kingdom of Heaven, the ever-

lasting Kingdom which is meant for our inheritance, we beg Him to give us grace that we may submit our will to His during the wearisome delay in obtaining the Kingdom which we are waiting to possess. The heir to a throne exiled from his country and imprisoned in a dungeon is impatient to be set free, that he may mount the throne which is set up for him in his palace; he greatly needs patience and resignation to brook the slightest delay. Such is our own case. We some day are to be happy in our Kingdom. The happiness is deferred, and much do we need patience and conformity to the will of God: "*Thy will be done.*"

## TUESDAY IN LENT II

We ask moreover that God's will may be done, in order that by doing it we may merit this kingdom.



God does many things by His supreme will; but He wishes many other things that depend on our free will and which He commands us to do; He wishes us to accomplish many things which He counsels us to do for our perfection. To God's absolute will should we submit with resignation; we must do with loyal compliance what He commands; devote ourselves heartily to what He counsels and fulfill in all respects His holy will: "*Thy will be done.*"

## Act of Spiritual Communion

*Thy will be done:* And what else is Thy will but our sanctification, especially now that we are about to draw near to this most holy Sacrament?

## WEDNESDAY IN LENT II



God Almighty teaches us by a beautiful illustration how we ought to fulfill His holy will:

"*on earth as it is in heaven*"—as the angels and saints do His will in heaven; they carry it out in all particulars lovingly and without self-seeking of any kind. Let us accomplish this holy will as they do in heaven, earnestly and lovingly and without reference to our own interests: "*Thy will be done.*"

## Act of Spiritual Communion

Thou dost will that we should eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, seeing that we cannot otherwise have life in us. But who that knows his own weakness and sickness could presume to do this, had Thou not with Thy Son so lovingly and so condescendingly willed and commanded it?

## THURSDAY IN LENT II

"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Surely this will be one of the extraordinary joys of heaven, that there all will be perfectly attuned to the most perfect and all-holy will which is rightness and goodness itself, the infinite perfection of rightly ordered love. What an Eden earth would still be if men even



remotely approximated this ideal; if they could at least be brought to *believe* that God's will is best on earth as well as in heaven. We may scarcely hope that the golden age will dawn on earth when here, too, all will do God's will as it is done in heaven. But it would be a new and a very wonderful earth indeed, if only men in general strove to make God's will, His Law of Love replace the reign of greed, God's Law of Purity replace the reign of lust, God's Law of Truth replace the reign of the father of lies. What a world it would be, indeed! Sorrow there would be, and sickness and death; it would still be an exile, but even the exile would be a wonderful foretaste of Home.

## FRIDAY IN LENT II

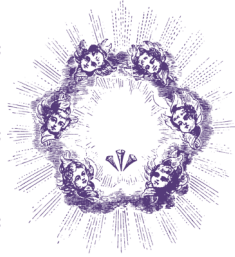
### THE HOLY SHROUD

But God will not—in this world!—enforce His will violently. At times a soul-stirring visitation, to remind men anew, lest they forget or think God has forgotten, that God is still "the Lord." But always will He jealously respect the liberty He bestowed when He made man in His own image. God's weapons will ever be Truth and Love—Truth that once became Man and dwelt among us, so that all who would could know; Love that still continuously pours Itself out into the sanctuary of men's souls, if only they be of good will. For the Spirit who is Truth and Love will be with us all days. Ah, if only the all-good will of God could "conquer the whole world and all enemies," and reign! Strange, that to do so, He has chosen to depend so largely on our will and



desire, that “Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

## SATURDAY IN LENT II



In those words, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” we ask God to help us and to help all men to do the will of God in all things, just as it is done in heaven. Only God has the

supreme right to be obeyed in all things. What the Almighty wants is our first and final law.

God has an absolute right to rule over us because He created us, He redeemed us, He provides for us. By the will of God, we mean whatever pleases Him, whatever He wishes and desires, whatever He has determined, planned and declared. When we pray, “Thy will be done,” we ask God first to make His plan known to us, and then to give us the grace and strength to carry it out.

God’s will is not to be confused with that of an earthly dictator, nor of an unfeeling and unmerciful overlord. Rather, as a loving Father He wills what is best for us. Many have the mistaken idea that God wants to hinder our happiness. Someone has said in this vein: “Everything pleasant in life is either fattening or forbidden.” On the contrary, God demands and God forbids because things must harmonize with His holiness, which again is for our own good.

A lady who had an only child told her neighbor: “I don’t dare pray, ‘Thy will be done,’ because I am afraid God will take away my little boy, or will send me some

misfortune.” To this the neighbor replied: “Suppose your child would come to you and say, ‘Mother, I want to do just what you wish today.’ Would you say to yourself, or to anyone else, ‘Now is my chance to make him do all the disagreeable and difficult things I want done. Now is my chance to take advantage of his willingness to please me, by cutting down on his pleasures and keeping him at hard work?’”

“No, no,” exclaimed the mother, “I would rather give him the best day I could possibly plan. I would allow him more liberties and pleasures than usual, just because he was so willing.”

“Well,” said the neighbor, “do you think God is less just and less loving than you are?”

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The Ten Commandments tell us what God wants and what God does not want. They form the ten-point plan of the All-knowing God. They are the blueprint for a better life and a better world. Forget that plan, lose sight of it, neglect it, or spurn it, and the individual suffers, society suffers. History teaches us that lesson, a lesson some people refuse to learn. As Christ told the rich young man: “If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” (Matt. 19:17)

As you pray those words, “Thy will be done,” ask God to help you know His law and keep His law. Ask that every human being know His law and that every man, woman, and child keep His commandments, by the help of His grace.

# LENT 2020

## THE OUR FATHER



## THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

### *How to Meditate:*

Say a little prayer to the Holy Ghost to start. Read over the text slowly. Pause, reread it prayerfully. Sit quietly with it. Pray in your own words. Conclude with the Our Father.

### *Act of Spiritual Communion*

For the Will of Thy Son is one with Thy Will, and His power one with Thine. Wherefore since Thou dost will it thus, be that done which Thou will, and as Thou will. And truly Thou dost will us to be holy, seeing that Thy Son, to whom we are about to draw near, is holy, yea, the Holy of holies. But who can make us holy, save Thou alone? Give us, then, what Thou dost command; grant that we may not handle holy things but holily, and with religious awe; wherefore, as in heaven Thy saints feed to the full on this living Bread in its very reality, with pure hearts and glowing desire, so may we on earth eat it, wrapped and veiled beneath the sacramental species, with great desire and pure affection, until, together with Thine elect, we feast on it, in its true form and very substance, and are satisfied with the fullness of Thine house.