



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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April 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY



¶ RESURRECTION SUNDAY

A blessed Easter! to all our parishioners, friends, family, visitors, and as well to the members of our Internet congregation around the world. You are all remembered in a special way in this day's Masses. Holy Mass is offered for all of the faithful today, and is also the first Mass of the Easter Novena. Easter Vespers are at 6:00 PM. Please note, there is *no 5:45 PM Mass today*.

¶ THE EASTER OCTAVE NOVENA

Intentions have come in to us from around the world for our Novena of High Masses. Monday and Tuesday (5 PM), are feasts of devotion. The Mass is sung at 8 AM on Wednesday and 5 PM on Thursday, and the regular Friday 5:45. We hope this gives everyone an opportunity to "head back to church" this week.

Careful! Return to "normal life" slowly after the heights of Holy Week. Taper off with a Mass or two this beautiful *Easter Week*. Don't let the lilies, and the quiet loveliness of the chanted Masses each day go to waste. Meet the Risen Lord in Galilee, as did the disciples. See you in church.

Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention
(Ana Rishel)



¶ FIRST COMMUNION TESTING

First Communion Testing is Saturday, **April 18**, at 9 AM. **PARENTS:** The registration form **MUST** be filled out and returned before the test, or your child **WILL NOT BE TESTED**. Contact the office for the form. (513) 645-4212

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LOW SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White,

or Low Sunday. Sunday classes for adults and children resume at 10:40 AM. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Low Sunday, Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.



¶ CATECHISM CORNER

The Seven Deadly Sins, and the Opposite Virtues

Pride	Humility
Covetousness	Liberality
Lust	Chastity
Anger	Meekness
Gluttony	Temperance
Envy	Brotherly love
Sloth	Diligence

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada; Cathy, the sister of Diane Puglielli; Dorothy Alban, Gina Schneider, Michael Mueller, Jan Curran, and all of our sick and shut-in: Henry Sieverding, Joan Fey, Theresa Couch, Joan Landry, Rick Woods, Pete Gebel, Ed Strauss, Gary Amyx, Paul Grau, and Janet Clementi.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 5th.....\$6,135.00
Second Collection.....\$776.00
Alter Christus.....\$122.00

OUR LORD'S "MY FATHER"

During the Last Supper Our Blessed Lord used the word "Father" forty-five times. Up until then, the world had only known the Supreme Being as God. He now emphasized that God is a *Father*, because of His intimate and paternal attitude toward men. He also intimated that now He, His Divine Son, had completed His temporal mission on earth, and His humanity was ready to receive celestial glory. When the Word became flesh, there was a descent, an emptying, and an enslavement. What He asked for was not the glory of His Divine nature, for that was never lost, but rather the glorification of something that He had not before He came into this world, namely, the glorification of the human nature which He took from Mary. His human nature had the right to glory because of its union with Himself. He afterward told His disciples on the way to Emmaus: *Was it not to be expected that the Christ should undergo these sufferings, and so enter into His Glory?* (Luke 24:26)

— Bishop Sheen



SERVERS

MON 4/13 5 PM: Seminarian, P. Omlor, M. & D. Simpson

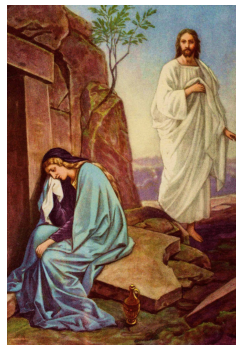
TUE 4/14 5 PM: Seminarian, P. Omlor, M. & D. Simpson

WED 4/15 8 AM: Seminarian

THU 4/16 5 PM: †Mr. VandeRyt's Months Mind. As many servers as possible should attend.

SUN 4/19 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM SOLEMN HIGH: MC: J. Lacy TH: D. Simpson ACs: M. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus
CROSS: T. Lawrence TORCH: J. Stewart, A. McClorey, T. & D. England
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Despite the miraculous apparition of angels sitting in the open tomb, "where the Body of Jesus had been," Mary Magdalene remains consumed by her grief. Two times she is asked—once by the angels, a second time by the Lord Himself—"why are you weeping?" She is stuck in her own fatalistic conclusion about what happened to Christ: "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid Him." It is from this *pessimism* that she—and we—must be converted. When she hears Jesus speak her name, "Mary," she recognizes Him. We are consoled by the truth that Jesus sees us, knows us, and loves us even when we feel far from Him or are troubled and discouraged. Christ's command to "touch Me not" means He desires greater intimacy than merely standing external to us. He wants us to "receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," Who will transform us into other Christs. This is why Jesus says, "I ascend to My Father and your Father." By baptism, we share the same Father.



THE AUTHORITY OF THE FATHER

"The coming of a world state is longed for, by all the worst and most distorted elements. This state, based on the principles of absolute equality of men and a community of possessions, would banish all national loyalties. In it no acknowledgement would be made of the authority of a father over his children, or of God over human society. If these ideas are put into practice, there will inevitably follow a reign of unheard-of terror."

— 1920 encyclical of Pope Benedict XV, *Bonum sane*



BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

Tiberias will yield no fish this night.
A full white moon is raised against
the dark,
But spirits sink as daybreak brings no
bite.
Our net hangs left and longing for a
start.

"Cast it to the right," a stranger
guides.
With sighs and gripes we heed the
voice from shore
To host a gasping heap that flips and
slides,
Our fourteen hands all grasping—
"It's the Lord!"

My cry sends Peter leaping toward
the Man
He'd recently abandoned and denied.
The massive catch he leaves to our
command.
Such weight won't tear the net yet
turns the tide.

One hundred-fifty-three we count
and pass,
Though boundless is the One Who
breaks our fast.

— Rita A. Simmonds



Blessed Easter to you all: our dear ones sheltering in place, our faithful here today and all week, sheltering in the shadow of His wings; our sick and shut-in, our guests and visitors (yes, we've been welcoming them all the way through), our "essential workers" (never more true than now) whether in kitchen, cleaning or sacristy, and of course our faithful servers and choir. I could almost include as well our Faithful Departed, hearing our prayers and helping us from Eternity, where troubles are no more. Happy Easter!



These lines are penned *in anticipation* of Easter and its happiness, on "Spy Wednesday." Sounds up to date, doesn't it, with people encouraged to snitch on neighbors? Well, nothing can touch the Paschal Peace of the heart set in Christ, which sometimes enjoys an anticipation of Heavenly bliss, and sometimes Gethsemane or Calvary. God's Holy Will be done. "I arose and am still with you."

Make a point to thank all of those who have helped to make Lent go on, quite as usual (it did!) and Holy Week, even more so. Great meals, beautiful devotions, great attendance! Palm Sunday with our young servers went off without a hitch with Heaven's help, and the magnificent presence of the mule, Dancer. The Mass is a mixture of solemn triumph, and deep sorrow, like these plague days, as well.

But make it a point, as you pray for mercy, to thank God for giving it to you. This is true anticipation, in the best sense of the word, like Easter joy on Holy Saturday. "Thank God ahead of time!" as **Fr. Solanus Casey**, OFM Cap, would say. Ask with so much confidence that you also say thanks.

Fr. Cekada is sounding—and feeling—more and more like his old self. The doctor says he has made great progress in his therapy. They are possibly keeping him for a few days longer this week, to continue the good work. While we are all eager for his return, I know that Father also most of all wants as much recovery as the good Lord wills. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Tonight, Easter night, Our Lord goes to visit His Apostles, hidden away with lock and bolt, for fear of the Jews. He does not forget them, but speaks to them kindly, dispels their fears, and proves His risen presence. Come, Lord Jesus.

God bless you this Easter and always.

— Bishop Dolan

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

The words of the Lord's Prayer are so familiar that the admonition, "we dare to say," seems routine. We say the prayer almost by rote. Familiarity may not always breed contempt, but it certainly breeds familiarity. We know the words, but how often do we think of their meaning? Do we ever think of them as words we *dare* to say?

There have been scores of commentaries written on the Lord's Prayer, stretching back to Tertullian in the early third century. All of the great theologians of the Church have commented on those words, a tradition that continues to this day. One comment by St. Thomas Aquinas has stuck in my mind. The Angelic Doctor said that the Lord's Prayer expresses our deepest desires. After the initial act of faith by which we call God "Our Father who art in heaven," the next petitions point not to the eternal now of God but to the future. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

All of these petitions concern our needs in the here and now. We yearn for God's reign not fully present; we hope for God's will to be done; we need bread just as we need forgiveness and protection from the evils that are in this world. In eternal life we will say, "Glory to God," but we will not say the Lord's Prayer, which is a prayer of longing and desire, a prayer of the pilgrim way, a statement of end times expectation. This is why Aquinas sees the Lord's Prayer as a prayer of desire. The greatest and most fulfilling desire is the desire for God, and the fulfillment of our just desires leads to God. In God, of course, is the kingdom, and God's will is done. We share in the Heavenly Banquet; and we live in the realm of forgiveness without fear of the Evil One.

To these petitions we add an "Amen." That simple word is an act of faith by which we say that it is our desire that all these things will come to pass and that the Father who is in heaven is the One before whose presence we seek to dwell forever.

— L. Cunningham



*Special Schedule: Please note times***MON 4/13/20 EASTER MONDAY**

8:00 AM Low Mass †Cheryl Maki (*Kent Maki*)
4:15 PM Vespers
5:00 PM High Mass Novena II

TUE 4/14/20 EASTER TUESDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Dad (*Theresa Simpson*)
 ☞ **11:25 AM Low Mass** Special Intention Deceased (*Jeanne Hille*)
4:15 PM Vespers
5:00 PM High Mass Novena III

WED 4/15/20 EASTER WEDNESDAY

☞ **7:00 AM Low Mass** The Steven Kustra Family (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
8:00 AM High Mass Novena IV
4:15 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intentions (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)

THU 4/16/20 EASTER THURSDAY

ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE, C

7:00 AM Low Mass Our Aunts & Uncles (*Kuebler/Volz*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Novena V
4:15 PM Vespers
5:00 PM High Mass †Richard VandeRyt – Month's Mind (*St. Gertrude Servers*)

FRI 4/17/20 EASTER FRIDAY

ST. ANICETUS, PM

8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Mom (*Theresa Simpson*)
11:25 AM Low Mass For Fr. Cekada (*The Omlor Family*)
4:45 PM Vespers
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM High Mass Novena VI
6:45 PM Novena & Benediction

SAT 4/18/20 EASTER SATURDAY

7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Gloria Dailey (*Rose Simpson Wellman*)
8:10 AM Regina Coeli & Sermon
8:25 AM High Mass Novena VII
9:00 AM First Communion Testing

SUN 4/19/20 LOW SUNDAY

7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
9:00 AM High Mass Novena VIII
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Rosemarie Zuccaro (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE BEAUTIFUL HANDS OF CHRIST

Christ welcomes the cross. He embraces it, He takes it into His arms, as a man takes that which he loves into his arms. He lays His beautiful hands on it tenderly, those strong hands of a carpenter that are so familiar with the touch of wood...
 – Caryll Houselander

At Emmaus

They knew Him when He broke the bread.
 Was't by the accompanying word He said
 Which faith, though faltering, understands
 Or wounded beauty of His hands?

– Charles L. O'Donnell



Hail, venerable Hands and Arms, stretched out for us upon the Cross.
 – St. Gertrude the Great

EGGS IN EASTERTIDE

From the earliest times the egg has been regarded as a symbol of life, hope, plenty, and immortality. It is a perfect emblem of the Resurrection—the shell representing the tomb from which Christ burst, as the little bird breaks the shell and comes forth living. Like the mustard seed, the egg suggests faith. Although we see outside only a hard shell, we are convinced that it contains the germ of life. In those things which God has revealed, though we are unable to see them with our corporeal eyes, faith should not be less undoubting. One would wonder at a person who should refuse to believe that a living thing could possibly issue from an egg. How, then, can it seem incredible that Christ arose from the tomb, or that the dead shall one day rise from their graves? The leafless trees, the barren earth, the leaden skies and silent streams are as little suggestive of the spring-time's transformation as is midnight darkness of the morning's glory.



The Christians of the first ages were accustomed to make gifts of eggs at Easter in honor of Our Lord's resurrection. They were first blessed in the Church, and often, as now, dyed red in remembrance of the Precious Blood shed for us, or decorated with Christian symbols.

There is a form in the Roman Ritual for the blessing of eggs, especially at Easter, which is probably unfamiliar to many. It may thus be translated:

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who created heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: We beseech Thee, O Lord, to bestow the grace of Thy blessing on these eggs, that they may be salutary food for the faithful, who with a thankful heart partake of them in memory of the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth eternally. Amen.





EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



Velma González Koeppel
Nathalie Andreotta

Katherine Huey Jones
Marian Huey Taylor

Clarence L. Taylor, III
Marian Huey Taylor

M. M. Kniskern
Jerry Burns

Ernest Nellenbach
Eva Nellenbach

Kathryn St. Denis
Eva Nellenbach

Lourdes Guardiano
Jason Guardiano

Juan Guardiano Sr.
Jason Guardiano

Rustico Paredes
Jason Guardiano

Apolonia Paredes
Jason Guardiano

Andrzej G. Pacholczyk
Nathaniel Arnold

Marjorie Sillett
Antony

†Waclaw & †Zuzanna Kuzik
Zenon Kuzik

Peter Gilmartin
Thomas Gilmartin

Mary Rose Gilmartin
Thomas Gilmartin

Joseph & Marianne Belansky
Collin Smith

Little Lucy & Little Michael
Annie

A.R., Ethel, & Maria
Annie

Timothy Hopkins



RESURRECTION

*To sleep within the narrow tomb
And molder in the songless gloom?*

*Surely this truth you comprehend
That bones and dust are not the end!*

*Only the flesh and baffled breath
Are subject to the power of death.*

*When roots are buried, stripped of pain,
Life hurries back to bloom again.*

*And so shall we, some valiant spring,
Through dank mold come adventuring.*

— Marguerite George



Sarah Ann Keith
Brent Keith

Alex Joseph Keith
Brent Keith

Ben & Alma Bruns
Christina Marie Bruns

Lawrence & Martha Eicher
Christina Marie Bruns

Lucinda Gross
Adam Barnett

Henry James (Jimmy) Connor
Irena Uderska

Jean de Mayol de Lupe
Irena Uderska

**Mama, Daddy, Walter,
& Michael**
Patsy Holmes

In thanksgiving for Mary Stokes
Patsy Holmes

Doris Bridges
Steven Bridges

John & Jane Donadio
Ruth & Bob Brockman
Rob & Jane Brockman

Helen & Michael Oleyar
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Oleyar

Ruth & James D. Hanna
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Oleyar

Kathleen Pedrick
Patrick Dunn

**Talmants, Handleys,
Evanichs & Makuhs**
Hermit Eric

Albert Portie
Cindy Portie

**Mr. & Mrs. John & Jean
Scanlon**
Maureen Scanlon

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tarulli
Maureen Scanlon

Denis Clappin
Maureen Scanlon

Frank J. Breitfeller
Maureen Scanlon

Donald Scanlon, Sr.
Maureen Scanlon

Richard E. Benedetto Family
Paul & Marguerite

Ralph, Patricia, Sharon Patton
Donna Patton

My Relatives
Annie

**Tom & Connie
Kamphaus**
Their children &
grandchildren





MaryAnn Carson Coyle

Kathleen Carson

Marian E. Carson

Kathleen Carson

Gertrude Gardner

Tom Gardner

Donald Gardner

Tom Gardner

Irene Lammi

Michael Garcia

Mary Gloria Butler

Christopher Browne

Eleanor Jeanne Dunagan

Christopher Browne

Jack S. Browne

Christopher Browne

Mary Elaine Browne

Christopher Browne

Joyce Furlong

Alice Parrish

Jim & Joan Furlong

Margaret Davey

Rebecca Stump

Ernie Stump

Rebecca Stump

Mrs. Patricia Muller

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Mr. James T. Lawrence

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lawrence

Sr. Maria Mechtilde, CMRI

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Stephanie Schroeder



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Jack & Ruth Milillo

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Brian Parnell

Rene (Hapon) Santos

Ben & Lu Trinidad

Stacey Elizabeth Stinson

Brent Keith

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Kenneth D. Linscott

Mary Beth Grumblatt

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Binzel

Mary Black

Ronald E. Kitchen

Marge Kitchen

John M. & Elizabeth Reis

Kathy Verity

Richard VandeRyt

Mr. & Mrs. Victor & Doloris Ritze

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Richard & Martha Brueggemann

Dan, Mary & family

Stanley & Wilma Schappacher

Dan, Mary & family

†**Mr. & Mrs. J. VanderPutten**

G. VanderPutten

†**Ryan Greenwell**

A. VanderPutten

Sr. Margaret McMahon

A. VanderPutten

†**Brian McMahon**

A. VanderPutten

Stanley & Wilma Schappacher

Patsy McConnell

Sister Gerard

Patsy McConnell

My Parents

Kirby Bischel

Richard & Elizabeth Smith

Joseph Prell & Family

Dad & Delores

Annie

Holy Souls

Annie

Joe & Terry Pointis

Sarah Burns

Melvin & Rita Prell

Joseph Prell & Family

Paul & My Loved Ones

L. Faith

Albert Kinnett

Margaret & A.D. Kinnett

Virgil McCormick

Margaret & A.D. Kinnett

My Parents

Joan Fey

Anne & Denis McMahon

McMahon Family

Brian McMahon

McMahon Family

Ryan Greenwell

Colleen Greenwell & McMahon Family

Margie Soli

Jim Soli

Deceased SGG Choir

Mike Briggs Family

Richard VandeRyt

Joseph

Marko & Zuccaro Families

Faithful Departed in Purgatorial Society

Dave & MaryAnn Marko

Our Parents

R. Uhlenbrock

Mary Rose & Jim Peter, Stella & Becky, Katie Bischak & Margaret Soli

Simpson Family

Parents & In Laws

Doloris Ritze

Edla Rozen

Judy Metz

