

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

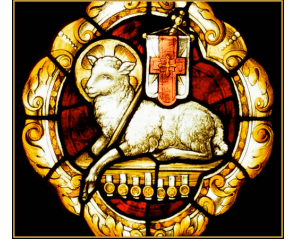
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

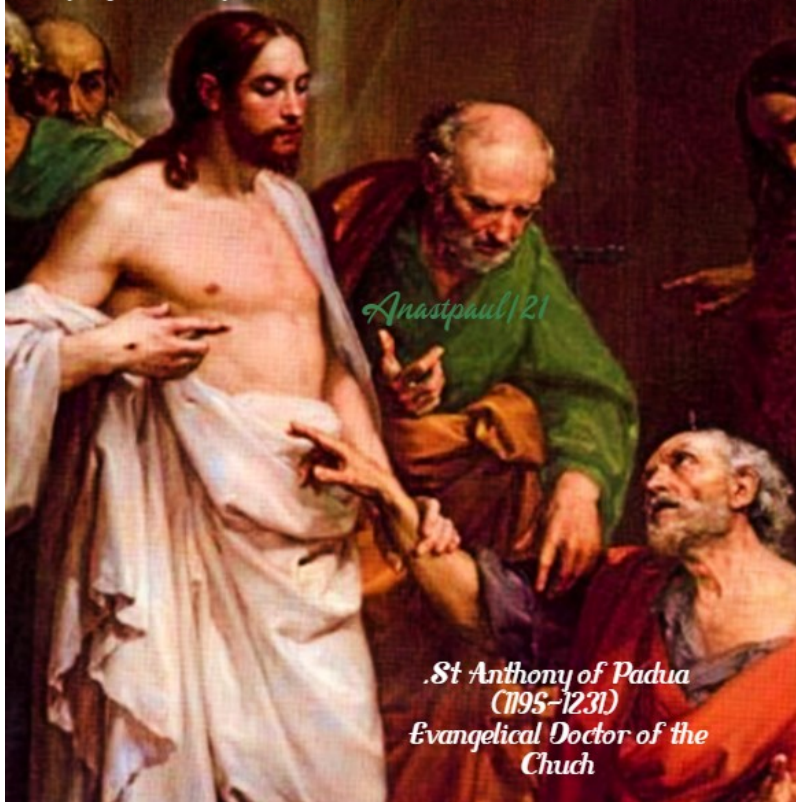
Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Charles McGuire
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna



April 11, 2021
LOW SUNDAY



" See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself."
I think there are four reasons why our Lord showed His side,
hands and feet to the Apostles.
First of all, to prove He was truly risen and remove from us,
any cause for doubt.
Secondly, so that the " dove " – that is to say, the Church or
the faithful soul – might make its nest in those wounds as in
" the crevice of the rock " (Sg 2:14) and find refuge there,
from the eye of the bird of prey.
Thirdly, to imprint, as an emblem, the marks of the Passion
in our hearts.
And in the fourth place, as a warning, asking us to show Him
pity and not pierce Him anew, with the nails of our sins.



*St Anthony of Padua
(1195-1231)
Evangelical Doctor of the
Church*

¶ SUNDAY IN WHITE

Today is the octave day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. The second collection for our Seminary is taken up at the Offertory, and the Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

The second week of Eastertide opens quietly with the Paschal Votive Mass of the Angels on **Monday**. St. Hermenegild is honored on **Tuesday**, the young married prince with a family who gave it all up rather than receive Holy Communion from a heretic bishop. He comes each April to confound the "Latin Mass Catholics" who receive their traditional sacraments (maybe valid, maybe not) from those in communion with the heretical One World Church. **Thursday** is the Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, April's devotion. The "hobo Saint" Benedict Joseph Labre, who so loved the Blessed Sacrament, is honored on **Friday**. Our Lady's **Saturday**, with sweet, quiet Holy Mass in her honor in the early morning, ends our week.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Second Sunday after Easter, Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.



THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2021

CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, May 20th.
CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22nd.
FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6th.

Wedding Banns

*Third time: Daniel Hille & Michelle Billeaud
Second time: Travis Otworth & Claire Gardner*

PASCHAL PEACE

Let your whole concern be to possess your soul in peace and serenity of heart. Do not be cast down by anything that happens, except your own sins and those of others and anything that might further be an occasion of sin to you. Let no accident trouble or disquiet you. Do not allow yourself to become angry at the faults of others. Cherish sentiments of sympathy and compassion for all, recognizing that you yourself would be much worse than they, did not Christ Jesus preserve you by His grace.

Furthermore, prepare yourself to suffer for the name of Jesus ignominy, adversity, and grief of all kinds. If the least desire or the slightest thought of self-importance rises within you, even under pretext of magnanimity, crush it on the spot with the staff of the cross, as the head of the infernal serpent. Call to mind the humility and the cruel Passion of the Savior Who, flying royal honors,



by everyone else.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

¶ IF YOU'RE HARD OF HEARING...

You'll have a hard time hearing the sermon in our church, due to the echo. But join the "audientes" who audit the sermon perfectly right under the pulpit. The other sweet spot for hearing everything is the vestibule, where knowledgeable babies decamp *right away* for sermon time every Sunday.

HIGH TRUTHS FOR LOW SUNDAY

*Thomas Lays Down the Law for the Lord
The Lamb Answers with Meekness*

Our Lord began with the endearing greeting, "Peace be to you!" With that, He turned and looked on Thomas, whom He had left a prey to doubt for eight days. Then He said to him: "Reach hither thy finger, and see My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Jesus thus offered Thomas the very test on which he was insisting. By so dealing with him Our Lord not only showed infinite forbearance, meekness and loving-kindness, He also revealed His omniscience by enumerating, one by one, the exact conditions set forth by the incredulous Apostle. The repentant disciple, ashamed that he had dared to lay down the law for Almighty God, and, as is thought likely, without touching the sacred Wounds, forthwith confessed with all the fervor of faith, "My Lord and my God!" His words were few indeed, but most expressive.

... "Be not incredulous, but believing." Notice once more how gentle is Our Lord's approach! We must here remember how shocked and disappointed Thomas had been by the death of Jesus on the Cross; and his insistence on having the testimony of his own senses, while imprudent and obstinate, is less pride than fear of a new shattering of his hopes. His dispositions cannot have been too bad, since Our Lord condescends to fulfill the conditions that St. Thomas laid down.

... St. Thomas, according to the Holy Fathers, saw but the *Humanity* of Jesus, and he at once confessed Him to be *God*. On the other hand, his incredulity became the occasion which called forth a *special beatitude* for all those of whom Our Lord spoke when, in His prayer for the disciples, He said: "Not for them only do I pray, but for them also who through their word shall believe in Me." For "blessed are they," Jesus now declared, "that have not seen and have believed."

IN TIME OF RESURRECTION

Though there are Judas hearts which scheme today
To barter Truth for silver in the palm;
And weak-willed Pilates giving mobs their way,
Still Christ goes marching on
through storm and calm.

Though coarse Barabbas still remains the choice
Of those whose malice knows no lesser balm
Than the extinction of that Holy Voice
Whose words come ringing down the centuries,
Still Eastertide returns, and we rejoice!

Though there are highpriests now whom it would please
To nail His Spirit to a narrow span
That they might triumph in their heresies:
Though haters plunge from plan to sordid plan,
Still Love survives, and Easter comes to man!

— Virginia Moran Evans



Holy Week is concluded, and Low Sunday usually merits its title. The solemnities are accomplished, the lilies are going quickly in the heat, our many guests and visitors are gone. "Now and again" parishioners have had their ticket punched. Sweet memories fade, but the graces are solid if we but hang on to them, as is the growth at St. Gertrude the Great, if our new members hang on to that holy "Faith which has overcome the world." Again this year our Holy Week attendance broke records. For awhile in the 80s, when we were the only "Latin Mass" in town, we had 450 or so for Easter, but Holy Week itself never drew the full church with which Almighty God was honored these days. Thanks be to God.

On that same historical note, St. Gertrude was not left long in undisturbed possession of the True Mass. Soon enough the Archdiocese sponsored one for those who would accept Vatican II, only ignore it. Pius X returned to town eventually for those who wanted Fr. Cekada's Cardboard Pope, and one foot in the New Church. Divisions and splits came in time, thorns with which we were crowned as well, signs of God's approval. But how curious that it took Covid, the Scamdemic, to push the solid growth of this last year. God's ways are not surely man's ways.

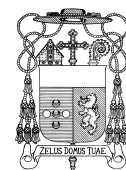
Every Easter Octave I contemplate with wonder what happened exactly one week before. The final preparations Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday's first Tenebrae, with its so moving Miserere, the haunting finale each night of "the wake of Jesus Christ." The exquisite Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet which conclude the First Nocturn have that same quality of sorrow turned into sublime beauty.

Holy Thursday's Pontifical began with glorious organ and the solemn vesting of the bishop, and ended by bits, confusedly, after Our Lord's Burial in the Sepulchre. The murmured Vespers and slow stripping of the altars proceeded as some began their visits to the Repository. Others checked on lunch. Soon we were set up for the Maundy, the Foot Washing. It's hard to get the feet just right to render them kissable. Humble work.

I had some questions about the Tre Ore, so I hope to do an explanation later. What a fine Easter Vigil, and only four and a half hours! What an *elegant* and abundant Easter luncheon. Our ladies outdid themselves in content and presentation. I'm sure the Easter Egg Hunt was as cute and charming as ever. I got talking to one of our guests, a visiting professor from Urbana, Illinois, and missed it.

Easter Sunday was, well...Easter. A parishioner stopped me to say that the High Mass was the most magnificent she had ever attended. I concur. Deo gratias, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The only thing missing were the eggs this Easter. We had some nice devilled ones (odd title!) but nary a one of the dyed Easter eggs in my line of vision. Covid shortages? Still, it was a wondrous Easter.



Fr. McGuire, after all his exertions, had the energy to get out Holy Saturday afternoon (**Fr. McKenna** was in the confessional) and buy some green beans and sweet potatoes to complement our unusually tender gift of ham for our Easter dinner, and we all had the energy to eat it, and some Italian cake, before collapsing. Vespers concluded our day. Freddy came by to help sing, visiting **Mr. Thomas Ojeka** played a bit on the organ, and two faithful women represented the rest at the now glorious sepulchre. Many, many confessions all week long.

Meanwhile, occultists masquerading as Traditional Catholics are active even within Sedevacantist circles. Acknowledging the Modernist Novus Ordo hierarchy for the wolves in sheep's clothing that they are isn't enough, there are other deceivers in disguise who are just as, if not even more, dangerous. Some of these occultists in Catholic garb are more obvious to us, yet most of these Neognostics who walk amongst us are exceedingly clever and insidious...and not so easy to spot. True Restoration has recently published two articles (and a supplementary translation) that explain the essential nature of these occultist-gnostics, how to recognize them, and most importantly how to best guard against their evil influence. I highly recommend "*Observations on the Influence of the Occult in Traditional Catholic Discourse – Simplified overview*" for a general introduction; and for an issue more pertinent to the Sedevacantist scene that further explains their modus operandi, "*What is Perennialism and Why we Should Know About it?*" is a must-read.

I hope you had a blessed Easter, and all the Fathers thank you for all you did and gave, including lovely cards and, of course, the food! Easter is nice because we get to show our Faith by eating.

– Bishop Dolan

St. Augustine, in one of his sermons, compares the father of a family to a bishop, because he watches over the home, and watches as one who bears responsibility. "Each and every one of you," says St. Augustine to the fathers of his flock, "has in his home the bishop's office, to see to it that neither his wife nor his son nor his daughter nor his servant fall away from the truth; for they are bought at a dear price."

CATECHISM CORNER

We must reverence the name of God and His truth by a religious observance of all lawful oaths and vows, and by carefully avoiding all false, rash, or unjust oaths, and blasphemies.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/12/21	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Adam Young (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>)
	11:25 AM	Votive High Mass of the Angels Novena IX
TUE	4/13/21	ST. HERMENEGILD, M
	7:00 AM	Low Mass In reparation to the Holy Face (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Ronald A. Lotarski (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Fr. Cekada (<i>Wayne Wirfs & Dennis VanderVieren</i>)
WED	4/14/21	ST. JUSTIN, M • SS. TIBURTUS & COMPANIONS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †James Dillhoff (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †John Michael Kolb (<i>Patricia Kolb</i>)
	5:15 PM	Low Mass In honor of St. Catherine of Alexandria for a special intention (<i>P. T. & A.M. Omlor</i>)
THU	4/15/21	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Jose Abella – 11 th Anniversary Feb. 21 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great – Thank you (<i>Linda Maki</i>)
	11:25 AM	Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament †Kent Maki (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>)
FRI	4/16/21	FERIAL DAY • ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Dr. Gary Seward (<i>Lee & Dianne Payne</i>)
	11:06 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass of St. Benedict Joseph Labre Happy Birthday, Thomas (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	4/17/21	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • ST. ANICETUS, PM
		<i>THE HOLY SEPULCHER</i>
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mrs. RoseMarie Zuccaro (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	10:00 AM	Solemn High Nuptial Mass Joseph Simpson & Sarah Burns
SUN	4/18/21	EASTER II
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Frank Beckerich (<i>Lou Beckerich</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass The singers and servers for our wedding (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Simpson</i>)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Joe Montello (<i>Paul & Karen Puglielli</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Collection Report

Sunday, April 4 th	\$4,854.00
Easter Collection.....	\$6,923.00
Alter Christus Confraternity.....	\$116.00

Lumen Christi

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

The health/safety of President & First Lady Melania Trump & Family (*Maureen Scanlon*)



Easter Flower Memorials

PATRICK HENRY OMLOR (*Jeanne Omlor*)

DUANE BRODMAN (*Rose Wright*)

OUR LATE FAMILY MEMBERS (*The Grafts*)

HUBERT RENAULT (*Sebastien Marie Renault*)

MR. & MRS. CJ SPELLISCY (*Claude R. Spelliscy*)

EVERYONE (*Patrick James Curry*)

RYSZARD SMUTEK, MARIANNA PULA, WIKTORIA PULA (*Dorian & Family*)

THE LOVED ONES OF THE CONSTANTINO & TRINIDAD FAMILIES (*Dan & Annaliza Constantino*)



Servers

SUN 4/18	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: C. Richesson, M. Simpson TH: D. Simpson ACs: P. Omlor, J. Stewart MC: J. Lacy TORCH: S. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, B. & C. McGinnis
	11:30 AM LOW: Na. & A. McClorey
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

