

# 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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## November 28, 2021

### ADVENT I

*ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ*



#### ¶ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM today. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

#### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass  
10:55 AM Confessions  
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction  
5:00 PM Exposition  
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions  
5:45 PM Low Mass & Devotions

#### *All Night Adoration*

**First Friday Reparation Intention:**  
*To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.*

#### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary & Confessions  
7:30 AM Rorate Mass, Devotions, Benediction & Meditation  
8:40 AM Low Mass

**First Saturday Intention:** *Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*



Today!

After Morning Masses in Helfta Hall

Shop for Ready Made Gifts

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You are our eternal salvation,  
The unfailing light of the world.  
Light everlasting,  
You are truly our redemption.  
Grieving that the human race  
was perishing  
through the tempter's power,  
without leaving the heights  
You came to the depths  
in Your loving kindness.  
Readily taking our humanity  
by Your gracious will,  
You saved all earthly creatures,  
long since lost,  
Restoring joy to the world.  
Redeem our souls  
and bodies, O Christ,  
and so possess us  
as Your shining dwellings.  
By Your first coming,  
make us righteous;  
At Your second coming,  
set us free:  
So that, when the world  
is filled with light  
and You judge all things,  
We may be clad in spotless robes  
and follow in Your steps, O King,  
Into the heavenly hall.  
Amen

#### A 10th Century Catholic Advent Prayer

*Unknown Author*



*Anaspaul/17*

#### ¶ RORATE MASSES

A special Advent observance features the short votive Mass of Our Lady, early morning Mass by candlelight as we await the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Come to the Rorate Mass on Saturday at 7:30 AM.

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT II

**St. Nicholas** will be visiting the children after all Masses next Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles will follow all Masses. The second collection will be taken up for our seminarians. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Advent Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Second Sunday of Advent. Second collect of St. Sabbas, third of Our Lady in Advent. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ordinations to the Diaconate:**  
**Epiphany, January 6, 2022**

#### NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

BEGINS NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

*(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)*

## Wedding & Banns

First time:

*Luke Hogan & Mary Lynne Rjopel*

## FR. MIGUEL PRO

In 1926 Mexico was passing through a period of violent anti-Catholic repression. As a Jesuit novice, Fr. Miguel Pro had fled the country in 1914. Now he returned in disguise; to be identified as a priest would mean instant arrest. His mission was simple: to serve the Catholic people, strengthen their faith, celebrate the Sacraments, and elude arrest as long as possible.

Making his way to the capital, Fr. Pro managed to evade several close calls. He spent his days hearing confessions, performing clandestine baptisms, and saying Mass. There were spies everywhere but also, it seemed, an inexhaustible supply of loyal Catholics prepared to undergo terrible risks to assist a priest on the run.

Eventually he was captured and charged with participation in a plot against the government. President Calles personally ordered his execution. On the morning of November 23, 1927, he was taken to the police firing range, where a crowd of reporters had been summoned. After praying, Pro stood and held out his arms in the form of a cross. As the firing squad took aim, he called out, "Viva Cristo Rey!"—Long live Christ the King!

The president had surely not reckoned on the power of martyrdom. Photographs of Fr. Pro's execution became holy cards, eagerly distributed among the faithful.

*"We ought to speak, shout out against injustices, with confidence and without fear. We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice."* — Fr. Miguel Pro



Collection Report

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> .....\$6,038.00

## LAST WORD ON CONFIDENCE

"Does our life become from day to day more painful, more oppressive, more replete with afflictions? Blessed be He a thousand times who desires it so. If life be harder, love makes it also stronger, and only this love, grounded on suffering, can carry the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. Love without egotism, without relying on self, but enkindling in the depth of the heart an ardent thirst to love and suffer for all those around us: a thirst that neither misfortune nor contempt can extinguish... I believe, O Lord; but strengthen my faith... Heart of Jesus, I love Thee; but increase my love. Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee; but give greater vigor to my confidence. Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to Thee; but so enclose it in Thee that it may never be separated from Thee. Heart of Jesus, I am all Thine; but take care of my promise so that I may be able to put it in practice even unto the complete sacrifice of my life."

— Fr. Miguel Pro

COLLECT OF THE SECOND  
SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen. (Say this prayer Saturday evening, as you light two purple candles on your Advent wreath.)



*After Thanksgiving Sale in the Bookstore! Items slashed with red through the price are 50% off. They are all over the store and some on the movable cart. Stop and shop today!*

## BE KIND

Be kind—for oh! a kind word spoken  
To those whose hearts are well-nigh  
broken

Shall never pass away.

That kind word is a secret treasure  
Whose recompense, beyond all  
measure,

Waits the great reckoning day.

Be kind, be kind unto thy brother,  
The love thou would'st have from  
another

Do thou thyself impart.

The kind deed wrought shall pass,  
oh! never,

Its blessed fruit remains forever  
Deep in the Sacred Heart.

Thy kindly word again shall greet  
thee,

When Jesus shall come forth to meet  
thee,

When thou His Face shalt see.

The Heart of Jesus has remembered:  
"The kindness," He will say, "thou'st  
rendered

Was rendered unto Me."

— Voice of the Sacred Heart

*A proud man is seldom a kind man.  
Humility makes us kind, and kindness makes us humble.*

## LORD!

"Plant in us an humble mind,  
Patient, pitiful, and kind;  
Meek and lowly let us be,  
Full of goodness, full of Thee."

*Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence, or learning; and these three last have never converted anyone unless they were kind also. In short, kindness makes us as Gods to each other. Yet while it lifts us so high, it sweetly keeps us low. For the continual sense which a kind heart has of its own need of kindness keeps it humble.* — Fr. Faber

St. Michael is back on his perch presiding over our church, very securely fixed in place. His heavy white coat glistens in the sun, and is more visible now at night. But it would still be great to get him a light. Many thanks to those who took care of him. He'll take care of you, and of us all here at St. Gertrude the Great, I pray.



We've been trying to say that short St. Michael prayer after most Masses, so greatly do we need the assistance of God's Champion. And angels come when they are invoked: "St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle, that we perish not in the fearful judgment." (300 days' indulgence)

Yesterday we concluded our 54-Day Rosary Novena, on the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Thank you for your devotion and persevering prayer. May our Advent be one of sober "rejoicing in hope" and calm prayer as we prepare for the coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the clouds of impending doom continue to gather, our Catholic homes must be inviolable sanctuaries where the Faith is loved and practiced. What a help is the Church year, with its charming customs which never grow old, and give the very best atmosphere in which children should grow up. Remember the Advent Wreath, the straw placed by the little ones in the crib for each prayer or sacrifice, and always a blessed candle for the family Rosary.

It seems such a quick turnaround when Thanksgiving leads directly to Advent Sunday. The Fall leaves and harvest themes give way to evergreens, the feasting to at least a little bit of fasting, from groaning plenty to purple and penance. Fix your Advent program now, what you will give up, and what you will do extra, like a little Lent. You won't regret it. Jesus is always on His way to us, either as the sweet little Child, the Savior on His clouds of glory, or Jesus Hostia in every Holy Mass. "Behold, He comes."

Make the most of First Friday and Saturday this week. Watch and pray with us during the quiet sacred hours of the night. It is our chance to catch up with Christ before the world does with all of its demands this December.

Blessed Advent!



— Bishop Dolan

## CATECHISM CORNER: WHAT EVERYONE MUST BELIEVE

We must believe the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity became man to make up for the injury to the infinite majesty of God by a finite creature; that Christ is truly God coequal and consubstantial with the Father by Whom He was eternally uttered and begotten; that He is also true Man having a true human nature consisting of a body and a human soul; that Christ is our prophet, priest and king, that is, teaches us, makes us holy, and rules us.



## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor December 2021

- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Doby Curran, David Swinney
- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
- 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
- 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Nick McClorey
- 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
- 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
- 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, Keith Elflein
- 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
- 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, Hunter Lumbatis
- 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, *Volunteer needed*
- 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

*If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

## ✠ CALENDAR

MON	11/29/21	VIGIL OF ST. ANDREW • ST. SATURNINUS, M
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Anne Marie Omlor</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †Mike Briggs ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	4:00 PM	<b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
TUE	11/30/21	ST. ANDREW, AP
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Isaac Smith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Damian & Theresa Arthur – 30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Bishop Dolan ( <i>N. Andreotta</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Anthony for the Holy Souls ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
WED	12/1/21	FIRST WEDNESDAY • FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Sodality of Charity Members ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Rita Boling ( <i>Keith Elflein</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society
	5:15 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Carol Niehaus</i> )
THU	12/2/21	FIRST THURSDAY • ST. BIBIANA, VM
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory ( <i>David Bayer</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> David Weber—conversion ( <i>Mrs. Julia Weber</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
FRI	12/3/21	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Bill & †Betty Hanna ( <i>Jim Soli</i> )
	10:55 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Virginia Ruegerner & Family ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ), <b>Benediction</b>
	5:00 PM	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> A smooth recovery for Leanne Arlinghaus ( <i>Ian &amp; Rosemary Ford</i> )
	6:30 PM	<b>First Friday Devotions, All Night Adoration</b>
SAT	12/4/21	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BPCD ST. BARBARA, VM
	7:05 AM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Rorate Mass</b> Happy Anniversary, Mom & Dad ( <i>Simpson kids</i> )
	8:15 AM	<b>Devotions, Benediction, First Saturday Meditation</b>
	8:40 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Elizabeth A. Prell – Happy Birthday! ( <i>Joseph &amp; Children</i> )
SUN	12/5/21	ADVENT II • LEGION OF DECENCY SUNDAY ☩ ST. SABBAS, AB • ST. NICHOLAS VISITS AFTER ALL MASSES
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention CB (K/V)
	9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Intentions of our fellow Catholics ( <i>Kolenich Family</i> )
	10:40 AM	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	11:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the repose of the soul of †Joseph Andreotta & for his family ( <i>The Puglielli Family</i> )
	4:45 PM	<b>Advent Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## THE CRY OF ADVENT

Holy Church cries out to Jesus, desiring that we join her in repeating the word proper to Advent—the plea of the exile—

“Come!” In heaven our song will express possession, felicity; from our lips and from our heart will break forth the “new canticle” of holy Scripture. But in our banishment, although once in a while that heavenly chant flashes like lightning at midnight, ordinarily we can intone only the word of hope and desire: “Come! Come!”

This is the word of exile. Let us not tire of repeating it. If we lie in darkness and in the shadows of death, let us cry out to Him: “Come!” And He will come with His grace to purify us and lift us up. If we sit in sadness and dejection, let us continue pleading: “Come! Come!” And He will come with His presence to scatter our sadness and with His help to strengthen our weakness. May the constant cry of hope and of desire never fail to rise from our heart; then each coming of Jesus will purify us, give us life, and make us happy by inflaming us with love. — *Archbishop Martinez*

## THE GREAT PROMISE TO ST. GERTRUDE

To him who ever thought with love of me  
Or ever did for my sake some good deed  
I will appear, looking such charity  
And kind compassion, at his life's last need  
That he will out of hand and heartily  
repent he sinned and all his sins be freed.

— *Gerard Manley Hopkins*

*Sister Mary Jeremy noted that Hopkins's poem is based on a passage in the Revelation of St. Gertrude:*

*Having heard a preacher declare that no person could be saved without the love of God, and that all must at least have so much of it as would lead them to repent and to abstain from sin, the saint began to think that many, when dying, seemed to repent more from the fear of hell than from the love of God. Our Lord replied: "When I behold anyone in his agony who has thought of Me with pleasure, or who has performed any works deserving of reward, I appear to him at the moment of death with a countenance so full of love and mercy, that he repents from his inmost heart for having ever offended Me, and he is saved by this repentance."*

*That few readers of this poem have recognized it as a close paraphrase of St. Gertrude's lines is one of many evidences that her influence, though strong, has been, as was her cloistered life, hidden.*

## Servers

SUN 12/5	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HM:	CHAPLAINS: M. Simpson, Seminarian MC: T. Lawrence TH: Na. McClorey ACS: C. Arlinghaus, T. England
	TORCH:	J. Stewart, J., B. & Minor McGinnis
	11:30 AM LOW:	A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:	G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW:	Seminarian