



# 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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May 15, 2022

EASTER IV

ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C • ST. DYMPHNA, VM

## ¶ EASTER IV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. There are no Catechism Classes. Come back to church for **May Devotions**, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers.

## ¶ MAY ALTARS

At this mid-point in the month of May, every Catholic home should by now have a beautiful May altar. As a focal point for prayers, it may revive the rosary (surely, at least one or two decades?) and with prayers, Our Lady may revive your family!

"In that most holy home at Nazareth, do you think that Our Lady had to ask for anything twice? If we want in any way to be like Jesus, we must do what His Mother asks. If we do not, can we expect things to go right? We cannot with impunity disobey the Mother of God. She knows better than we the dangers of this spiritual warfare. She sees more clearly than we do the dangers that beset us. She warns us: **'You must say your rosary every day.'** And if Our Lady comes to Fatima and tells us, not just once but six times, that we must say the rosary every day, do we disregard that warning? If we do, we have only ourselves to blame when we find that our children have lapsed from the faith."

— "Our Glorious Faith and How to Lose it"  
Fr. Hugh Thwaites, S.J.



Episcopal Consecration

of the

Reverend Charles J. McGuire

by the

Most Reverend Rodrigo da Silva

Wednesday, the Eighteenth of May

Ten o'clock in the morning

Feast of St. Venantius, Martyr

Reception to follow at St. Gertrude the  
Great Church

Please RSVP for the reception if you plan to  
attend. Call or email the office.



## ¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Please check the Calendar for the daily May Devotions—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER V

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Come back to church for **May Devotions**, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter V, second collect of Our Lady and the Saints, third for the Church. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**May Crowning Procession:** May 29

**Confirmations:** Vigil of Pentecost,  
Saturday, June 4

**First Communions:** Pentecost, June 5

**Young Ladies' Vocation Weekend:**  
June 24-26

**YAG:** July 8-10, [yagincincy.org](http://yagincincy.org) for info

**Girls Camp:** July 12-14

**Boys Camp:** July 26-28

## ¶ DRESS CODE

**Ladies:** Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. *No pants or shorts.* **Skirts must come to BELOW the knees—not above, not at them.**

**Men & Boys:** Please wear a shirt and tie, with either a suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or sports logo jackets.

## Collection Report

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,534.00

## MATERNAL TENDERNESS

If we are prepared to allow God to speak to us of His transcendence, we then understand His infinite impatience to give us all things as quickly as possible, so as to bring us to total happiness without delay. We shall begin to suspect that He is not to blame for the delay we suffer, in the same way that He cannot be blamed for hell. When there is no answer to our most praiseworthy prayers, we may be sure that it is not God's fault but our own. Perhaps because our hope is so feeble, we resign ourselves to delay too easily, and we insult God by imagining that He does not love us, at least with that extraordinary love whose transcendence we fail to recognize.

Our lack of desire, our want of intelligence, even perhaps our laziness—all these we are pleased to call “patience,” because we object to being upset by too violent a love, too swift a response. Alternately—and sometimes concurrently—we are horribly impatient, demanding instant response, not because we are hard pressed by charity but because we want to make an end to this painful state of desire, to the torments that love of God imposes. The fault is all on our side. Where we are patient or impatient, it amounts to the same thing. We are trying to protect ourselves from the fire that Jesus Christ came to cast upon the earth.

Our most fervent prayers oscillate between laziness and revolt, between hot and cold, without finding the right tone, the infinitely soft and powerful note that brought down the walls of Jericho with a single blast. God waits in infinite desire to hear this note from us. He cares for us with a maternal tenderness, the visible expression of which He has placed in the hands of the Blessed Virgin, that little by little, through the clumsy repetition of our stumbling prayers, we might learn the incredible whisperings of the Holy Spirit. — *Fr. M.D. Moliné, O.P.*



## THE ROSARY

In its present form, the rosary was made known to the world by St. Dominic at the time of the struggles with the Albigensians, that social way of such ill-omen for the Church. The rosary was then of more avail than armed forces against the power of Satan; it is now the Church's last resource. It would seem that the ancient forms of social prayer being no longer relished by the people, the Holy Spirit has willed by this easy and ready summary of the liturgy to maintain, in the isolated devotion of these unhappy times, the essential of that life of prayer, faith, and Christian virtue, which the public celebration of the Divine Office formerly kept up among the nations. Before the thirteenth century, popular piety was already familiar with what was called the psalter of the laity, that is, the angelical salutation repeated one hundred and fifty times; it was the distribution of these Hail Marys into decades, each devoted to the consideration of a particular mystery, that constituted the rosary. Such was the divine expedient, simple as the Eternal Wisdom that conceived it, and far-reaching in its effects; for while it led wandering man to the Queen of Mercy, it obviated ignorance which is the food of heresy, and taught him to find once more ‘the paths consecrated by the Blood of the Man-God, and by the tears of His Mother.’

— “*The Liturgical Year*,” Dom Gueranger

## OUR LADY OF THE MAY

*O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the  
May!  
Thou gavest us the World's one Light of  
Light:  
Under the stars, amid the snows, He lay;  
while angels through the Galilean\* night  
sang glory and sang peace:  
Nor doth their singing cease,  
For thou their Queen and He their King  
sit crowned  
Above the stars, above the bitter snows;  
They chant to thee the Lily, Him the  
Rose,  
With white Saints kneeling round.  
Gone is cold night: thine now are spring  
and day:  
Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!*

— Lionel Johnson

\*Evidently the Judean night was meant.



## OUR LADY OF GREAT CONSOLATION

*She stands secure above the world's unrest  
To plead with God the sorrows of our  
race;  
A mother's smile relights her thoughtful  
face  
As each lone soul creeps sadly to her  
breast.  
Within her arms (O arms so softly pressed  
About her Babel!) each one may find a  
place  
Who yearns for love and that all-sacred  
grace  
With which at last earth's weary ones are  
blest.*

*Each one to her can falter out the tale  
Of tasks attempted, how results would  
fail  
The soul's ideal and the heart's desire;  
And when, at last, the childish murmurs  
cease,  
With soothing glance she gives the griever  
peace  
And strength to brave the daytime's  
purging fire.*

— Howard V. Sutherland

Okay, first things first...cat news! It seems I would really be shirking my duty if I didn't give you periodic updates on the cats. I can't remember their names, so I just refer to them as "fat cat" and "black cat." As with all felines they seem to have adapted to their new way of life at the rectory. Oh, believe me, they get plenty to eat and plenty of attention. They wouldn't tolerate it any other way. Actually, they're pretty fun little critters and like to play around a lot. Black cat likes to take me on little hunting expeditions outside—for him everything's a game. Fat cat, who's usually more serious, has also become much more playful... They aren't sure what to think about all the new priests visiting the rectory these days, so they retreat into another room until all is clear.

What a wonderfully grace-filled day we had this past Wednesday as our four deacons were ordained priests forever! **Fathers Thielen, Ercoli, Ahern, and Lavery** came back to see the ordination. The ceremonies were run smoothly by all of our MCs, the choir and schola sang beautifully. Joe Bayer and **Fr. Brueggemann** installed a camera high up in one of the sanctuary windows to film the ordinations from a different angle. Most importantly, we now have four new priests who will help in the missions, absolve you from sin and offer the Sacrifice of Propitiation on altars here and abroad. Deo gratias! We have but one more big ceremony before **Bishop da Silva** departs. He has been quite busy since he arrived to do Bishop Dolan's funeral Mass. This last ceremony is the episcopal consecration which will take place on Wednesday morning.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** took the high schoolers on a trip to Pennsylvania, leaving last Thursday after the priests' first Masses and a school day. Father wasn't here for the Rosary Procession; instead he did a procession with the high schoolers and parents in Pennsylvania. Now that's how to use the imagination!

In any case, stay close to Our Lady—especially in this month of May. She's the surest way to the Sacred Heart. Always ask, "Mother, what am I to do?"

— **Fr. McGuire**

### "CATCH OF THE DAY"

(First published in 2009)

Dear Readers,

I would like to share with you a fishing story worthy of St. Peter himself. Among the chapels of which I have pastoral care is Our Lady of the Snows, in northern Lower Michigan. This part of Michigan presents many opportunities for outdoor recreation, particularly fishing. One of our parishioners, Mr. Joe Warsecke, occasionally likes to wet a hook, but his neighbor, Doug Miller, is a truly avid fisherman. In late winter, Mr. Miller enjoys pursuing steelhead in the Sturgeon River, about fifteen miles north of Our Lady of the Snows Chapel. Now bear in mind that Mr. Miller does not attend Our Lady of the Snows, and that he and Mr.

Warsecke live about thirty miles north of the Chapel. In February, our neighbors were chatting, and Mr. Warsecke asked Mr. Miller if he would try to catch a steelhead for him. That gave Mr. Miller a perfect excuse to take advantage of a fine sunny day. He headed to a pool on that Sturgeon River, near the community of Wolverine, Michigan. As he began to cast his line from the snow-covered bank, he noticed something shiny in the shallow water near the pool. It looked like a fishing box. Mr. Miller moved closer, and managed to snag the box with his hook. He then worked it closer to shore, and got it in his hand net. Upon opening the box, he discovered that it contained, not tackle or bait, but, as he described it, "a gold cup and a little gold plate." Something seemed a little "fishy" about this catch, so he contacted the local police, who then turned the box and contents over to a detective at the local Michigan State Police post.

Mr. Miller returned home, and a few days later, his neighbor dropped by to inquire about his success with the steelhead. Sorry, no steelhead yet, but he described what he had "caught." Mr. Warsecke promptly called me with a message to call him back. When I returned the call, he asked me, "Father, are you sitting down?" then relayed what he had heard. We discussed the matter briefly, then I called the detective Trooper Taplan at the Cheboygan, Michigan State Police post. I described for him, with as much detail as I could, the chalice and paten (and the box in which they were kept) that had disappeared from Our Lady of the Snows Chapel shortly before Christmas. Based on my description, he assured me that it was indeed our chalice! I also provided him with the case number for the report made at the Sheriff's Office in Gaylord, back in December. We then made arrangements for the return of the chalice, with paten and case, once he had completed his report.



Our chalice came back to Our Lady of the Snows on Laetare Sunday, March 22, 2009. This is a simple chalice, yet it is sacred because of its consecration and intimate connection to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It also dates back to Our Lady of the Way Mission, before we had the church building. Hence, it has a special connection to the preservation of the Faith in Northern Michigan. We will now treasure and guard it—all the more—because of its marvelous return. Indeed, it will be used with special gratitude during the sacred ceremonies of Holy Week.

Are there any spiritual lessons to be drawn here? Most certainly! The first is that of God's loving Providence, and our consequent debt of gratitude. The second is the need to persevere in the integrity of the Faith, despite the discouragements that we must face. The third is that we need to pray for the light both to desire, and to pray for, the right things. The fourth is an admonition to go after the "big fish"—the conversion of the one who stole the chalice.

— Rev. Fr. Daniel Ahern, May 2009

Dear Readers,

The above article was especially interesting to me, since I had founded Our Lady of the Way Mission (then in Alpena, Michigan) one fine day in May; many, many moons ago with a group of devout local Catholics. My dear friends Chuck and Val Bellavia now of Troy, Michigan were the first coordinators. Our Lady takes care of her own! — Bishop Dolan, 2009



**MON 5/16/22 ST. UBALDUS, BpC**  
*ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M • ST. BRENDAN, C*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Isaac Smith (*Collin Smith*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Bishop Dolan (*Irena Uderska*)  
**3:10 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Conversion of a special intention (*Cora Arlinghaus*)

**TUE 5/17/22 ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Special Intention (*Anne Marie Omlor*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Mary MacDonald – 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary 1/30 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**11:25 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society  
**3:10 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Ralph Otis (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)

**WED 5/18/22 ST. VENANTIUS, M • ST. ERIC, KING OF SWEDEN**  
**9:40 AM May Devotions**  
**10:00 AM Pontifical High Mass of Episcopal Consecration** Bishop Charles J. McGuire  
**Reception follows in Helfta Hall**

**THU 5/19/22 ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC**  
*ST. PRUDENTIANA, CM*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Kyle McGuire – repose of soul (*Marguerite Benedetto*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Theresa Simpson – happy birthday & special intention (*Joseph & Sarah Simpson*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)  
**3:10 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Bishop Dolan – Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord (*Joyce Disher*)

**FRI 5/20/22 ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Special intention RH (K/V)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Intentions of Fr. Alexander Kryssov (*James Kolenich*)  
**11:06 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Rosemarie D. Zuccaro – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)  
**3:10 PM May Devotions**  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** My Children, Godchildren & Grandchildren (*Lexi Briggs*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**

**SAT 5/21/22 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**  
**7:15 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Peter Brueggemann – Thank you! (*Aunt Regina & Uncle Ken*)  
**8:10 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon**  
**8:20 AM High Mass** Grandpa & Mémère – Thank you! (*Cecilia Simpson*)  
**Sodality of Charity Meeting**

**SUN 5/22/22 EASTER V • ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W**  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Doris Ritze (*Maria Kunkel*)

## THE SEVEN JOYS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding in the Temple
6. The Resurrection
7. The Assumption



## FROM ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Here St. Robert Bellarmine inspires readers with a reflection on verse one of Psalm 91, “he who dwells in the shelter of the Most High:”

Notice that what is said is not “he who trusts”...but “he who dwells.” This is to convince us that we are not to fly to the divine protection as men do to a tree or a doorway when it rains, but rather as little boys who rush to their father’s arms when anything frightens them. They know that they have mother and father there who would gladly give their hearts’ blood to protect them.

But people who seek refuge from rain under a tree have a good look around first. It is only when no better shelter is available that they run willy-nilly to the tree. Why is it that some men implore divine assistance without receiving it, and seem to put their trust in God without being protected by Him? The reason is that they do not really dwell in the aid of the Most High, nor take shelter under the providence of God as in their Father’s house. They rather make sporadic dashes to it in time of trouble, as they do to a tree when there is a sudden shower. It is therefore very necessary for us to get into the way of always and instinctively turning to God.



## Servers

**FRI 5/20 5:45 PM LOW:** Simpson Bros.  
**SAT 5/21 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.  
**8:20 AM HIGH:** P. Omlor & Kolenichs  
**SUN 5/22 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.  
**9:00 AM SOL.HIGH:** MCs: M. Simpson, N. McClorey **TH:** T. Lawrence **ACs:** C. Arlinghaus, N. Kolenich **TORCH:** J. Stewart, 2 Kolenichs, 1 McGinnis  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Capetillo Bros.  
**4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller  
**5:45 PM LOW:** A Capetillo

**9:00 AM First Solemn High Mass of Fr. Okerulu**  
 Celebrant’s Intention

**11:05 AM Rosary**

**10:40 AM Catechism Classes**

**11:30 AM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

**4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction**

**5:45 PM Low Mass** For my children (*Nicole McGinnis*)