

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 20, 2022

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SOLEMNITY OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT
ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, C**



¶ PENTECOST XXIV

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM to-day. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Congratulations to Christian *Gregory*



Wright, who was Confirmed on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tomorrow is the Presentation of Our Lady. **Tuesday** is the feast of the patroness of music, St. Cecilia. On **Wednesday** we close the Octave and Novena of St. Gertrude. St. John of the Cross comes **Thursday**, Thanksgiving. **Friday** is the feast of the patroness of philosophers and young ladies looking for suitable husbands, St. Catherine. The abstinence is dispensed. Light your Advent wreath on **Saturday** night.

¶ THANKSGIVING

Join us for special holiday Masses, with prayers of thanks-giving, on Thursday, November 24, at 8:00 (with music) and 9:00 AM. Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks! Let's joyfully and thankfully stress the religious character of this holiday. The abstinence is traditionally dispensed the Friday after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken. Happy Thanksgiving!



Collection Report

Sunday, November 13th.....\$8,137.39



Lumen Christi

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

For the intentions of my priests & parish
(Margaret Sutton)

¶ PREPARE FOR ADVENT!

Advent items are on display on the movable stand outside the bookstore. Find Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles to help mark the days to Christmas.

Check out the *History of St. Gertrude in Pictures* book on display as well. A great gift idea.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT I

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new liturgical year. **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **7:25 AM**, and the **Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **8:55 AM**. Sunday Classes will be at **10:40 AM**. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* First Sunday of Advent. Second collect of Our Lady in Advent, third for the Church. Trinity Preface.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
(Recite on Saturday evening, Nov. 26)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.



Let us pray. O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

ON ST. GERTRUDE



One little peculiarity or mannerism of hers has come down to us. She had a habit, perhaps a result of her love of the exact truth, of saying in reply to a question, "God knows." Fearing lest this constant repetition of God's Name might be an irreverence, she prayed that she might be cured of the habit and never pronounce the Name of God in vain. Nothing could be more consoling than the answer she received: "Why would you deprive Me of this honor," said Our Lord, "and lose the reward you gain each time that, recognizing this fault, or some other, you make a resolution to avoid it in future? When, for love of Me, My servants strive to overcome their faults, they show Me as much loyalty and honor as a soldier gives to his commanding officer when he fights bravely in battle and conquers the enemy by his courage and the strength of his arm."

PRAYERS OF ST. GERTRUDE

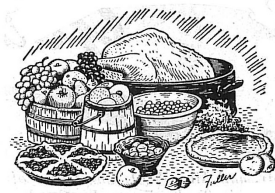
Hail, sacred Heart, dropping like the honeycomb, treasure-house of the Blessed Trinity, broken for us on the cross. Hail, thrice-holy Soul of Jesus Christ, sorrowful for us even unto death. Hail, most precious Blood, flowing so lavishly from the wounds of Jesus. Hail, adorable Wounds of my Savior, tokens of His love and price of our redemption, inflicted on Jesus in His Passion, and now radiant as stars in the highest heaven.

Oh, write my name in these Thy Wounds, good Jesus, and hide me therein from the face of the tempter. And by the many wounds and merits of all Thy sacred Limbs, vouchsafe to my soul at its departure hence that innocence, which Thou hast acquired for Thy Church by their anguish and passion.



ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

O most compassionate Jesus, have mercy on the souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thee our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their groanings, look with pity on the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by the virtue of Thy Passion release them from the pains due unto their sins. O most pitiful Jesus, let Thy precious Blood reach down into Purgatory, and refresh and revive the captive souls which suffer there. Stretch forth unto them Thy strong right hand, and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.



A PLAYFUL RETURN

The high school tennis courts were laid out next to the rectory of St. Andrew's Church. Exuberant youngsters occasionally whammed a ball over the fence onto the trim lawns of the rectory. The courts had been in use only a few weeks when a player, chasing a stray ball, came face to face with a large "No Trespassing" sign on the rectory's front lawn.

The sign came down overnight, however, when the tennis club erected its own sign directly opposite. Their sign read, "Forgive Us Our Trespasses."

THE LADY AUTUMN

The Lady Autumn dons her dress
Unfurling silks hued red and gold
The other seasons linger near
To glimpse this lady's colors bold.

Whilst swathed in fragrant smoky scent
The perfume of her burning boughs
Gives the air rem'niscent thoughts
And peaceful calm to every brow.

There in her orchards proof is found
That other colors too, wears she
When wandering between the trees
Found russet, beige, and burgundy.

And, minions of their mistress' whims,
The dew and leaves and breezes come
They bless the humming honeybees
And sparkle 'neath the sleepy sun.

The Lady Autumn's promised hope
She shows with trem'lous morning light
That Winter has not yet his hold
And Summer has not left our sight.

And when in eve the Lady's Eye,
The Moon, asks of her starry kin
News of distant populace, or
Tales of where they've gone and been.

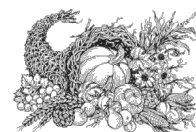
And Autumn thanks the toiling world
With fruits and foods from well-earned
lands;

Her gifts in colors green and gold
All thrive beneath the Lady's hands.

Lady Autumn, dressed and ready
Stands in noon's long shadows deep
A ball awaits; her carriage lingers
And soft brown leaves lay down in
sleep.

Lady Autumn bids farewell, and
Takes her leave, with no time lost
And with the morning sun I wake
To find the still earth kissed with frost.

But Lady Autumn's robe of scarlet
Rests beneath the silent tree
Time will come, the Lady breathes
When life inside the
earth springs free.



- Anon.

Wasn't Martinmas great?! It was really the highlight of the week. **Fr. Lehtoranta** carried out the Absolution of the Catafalque ceremony for our Veterans before the High Mass in honor of the veteran St. Martin of Tours. In the evening, after Rosary, Mass and Benediction, we had our first ever Martinmas Procession with homemade lanterns, beautiful hymns in honor of St. Martin. St. Martin (Matthew Giese), riding Thunder, a beautiful 21-year-old horse, led the way. A delicious meal was prepared by parishioners for afterwards, and so the celebration was complete! It does my heart good to see there is still much zeal for the old customs of Holy Mother Church. We mustn't let them die out.



St. Gertrude's Day was well kept, too, with High Mass, Solemn Vespers and Benediction. Mr. Lotarski put together a nice lunch for the students and parishioners. What's a feast day around St. Gertrude's without a nice meal shared with one another?! Christian Wright received the Sacrament of Confirmation at long last. It only took four tries. Each time we had scheduled Confirmation before that day, either Christian was sick or I was, and so his Confirmation had to be delayed. The Holy Ghost never gives up on a soul; He so desires to make the soul His own temple and to imprint His sacred character on it, making it forever His. Congratulations, Christian!

This weekend, Fr. Lehtoranta and I are holding down the fort, while the others are traveling: **Fr. Simpson** to St. Hugh for the solemnity of their patron, **Fr. McKenna** to St. Anthony's in Dallas, and **Fr. Brueggemann** to Sacred Heart in Boston.

Thanksgiving comes this Thursday. Enjoy your much-needed time off, but I hope you do come to one of the morning Masses. After all, the best thanksgiving for a Catholic is the Mass and a Holy Communion well made—for the word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving!"

– Bishop McGuire

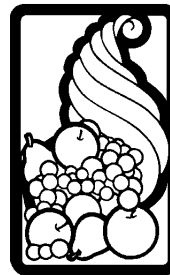


IN THANKSGIVING

For all those things which Thou hast given to us, O Christ, Thou requirest nothing of us but that we be saved. And giving us this very thing, Thou thankest the receivers. – *St. John Chrysostom*

My God, I give Thee thanks for what Thou givest, and for what Thou takest away. Thy will be done. – *The Raccolta*

Enable me, O my God, to return Thee thanks as I ought for all Thine inestimable blessings and favors. Thou hast thought of me and loved me from all eternity; Thou hast formed me out of nothing; Thou hast delivered up Thy beloved Son to the ignominious death of the Cross for my redemption; Thou hast made me a member of Thy holy Church; Thou hast preserved me from falling into the abyss of eternal misery when my sins had provoked Thee to punish me; and Thou hast graciously continued to spare me even though I have not ceased to offend Thee. What return can I make for Thine innumerable blessings, O my God, and particularly for the favors of this day? O all ye saints and angels, unite with me in praising the God of mercies Who is so bountiful to so unworthy a creature. – *The Holy Trinity Book of Prayers*

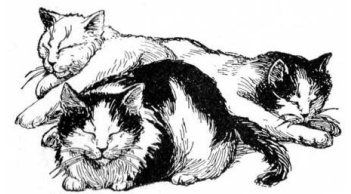


Whatever prayers I use that have been devised by men, I still cannot thank You with the gratitude that is due. I draw therefore from the infinite merits of the Mass, and offer You thanks in Your own words and from Your all-adequate Sacrifice.

THINK ABOUT IT!

Stalin one day was giving Mao Tse-tung instruction in practical Communism.

"Comrade," said Stalin, "how would you make a cat eat chili pepper?"



"There are two ways," answered Mao. "I could force it down him or I could stuff a fish with pepper and give the fish to the cat."

"Wrong," said Stalin. "It's not compatible with our ideology. The first method is coercion, the second, deception. You know we never coerce or deceive the people."

"Then how would you do it?" asked Mao.

"I would rub the pepper on the cat's tail," answered Stalin. "When it burns, the cat would turn around to lick its tail, thus eating the pepper voluntarily."

✠ CALENDAR

MON 11/21/22 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY
8:00 AM Low Mass †James A. Kern (*Mary McGuire*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

TUE 11/22/22 ST. CECILIA, VM
7:00 AM Low Mass Nicole McGinnis (*Eliseo Garcia*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls – Thank you (*Jim Soli*)
11:25 AM High Mass My son Jay – special intentions (*H.Y.*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

WED 11/23/22 ST. CLEMENT, PM • ST. FELICITY, M
7:00 AM Low Mass †Gloria Dailey – 5th anniversary 11/23
(Tom & Karen Simpson)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)
11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Bayer (*Kolenich Family*)
5:10 PM Low Mass Chad McGinnis

THU 11/24/22 THANKSGIVING DAY
 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD
 ST. CHRYSOGONUS, M
8:00 AM Low Mass with hymns The Arlinghaus Family –
 Thank you (*The Hudson Family*)
9:00 AM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

FRI 11/25/22 ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM
8:00 AM Low Mass †Gus Kurtz – Birthday Anniversary
(S. Kurtz)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 11/26/22 ST. SYLVESTER, AB
 ST. PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM
 ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, C
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Intentions of our fellow Catholics
(Kolenich Family)
8:10 AM Salve, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

SUN 11/27/22 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ☩
 OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
7:05 AM Rosary
7:25 AM Lighting of the Advent Wreath
7:30 AM Low Mass Tom Gardner (*Thomas Gardner*)
8:55 AM Procession & Blessing of the Advent Wreath
High Mass †Kyle McGuire (*McGuire Family*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Ernsa Frances*
Luzincourt)
4:45 PM Advent Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



NOVENA RECORD – IN THANKSGIVING: NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
41 ²⁰	42 ²¹	43 ²²	44 ²³	45 ²⁴	46 ²⁵	47 ²⁶
S	G	J	S	G	J	S
48 ²⁷	49 ²⁸	50 ²⁹	51 ³⁰	52 ¹	53 ²	54 ³
G	J	S	G	J	S	G



SUNDAY SEVEN:

Seven Reasons Why Our Gratitude to God Should Always Increase

1. Because He is always mindful of us.
2. Because the gifts of nature He has given us are limitless.
3. Because the supernatural gifts He has given us are so many.
4. Because He continues to bestow His graces.
5. Because of the perils from which He has saved us.
6. Because of the promises of heavenly gifts in the future.
7. Especially because He has given us the gift of Himself.

SAVED BY SWEETNESS

For one soul saved by scolding and fault-finding, ten are saved by sweetness. For one soul saved by fear of hell, ten are saved by the thought of the love of God. A gentle voice and a pleasant face make religion beautiful to the miserable and the sinful, whereas gloomy looks and a harsh or condescending manner make religion seem a thing to be avoided. Do you wish to draw souls to God? Then let your souls reflect His love. Be gentle, be sweet, be patient. Practical people may sometimes condemn you, but only thus can you imitate our Blessed Lord.

SERVERS

FRI 11/25 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo Bros.
SAT 11/26 7:30 AM LOW: Seminarian
8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Kolenichs
SUN 11/27 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, N. McClorey **TH:** A. McClorey
ACS: J. Kolenich, T. England **TORCH:** L. Rabjohns, M. & N. Kolenich, N., J. & D. Hudson
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian