

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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January 1, 2023

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

NEW YEAR'S DAY • OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS



¶ NEW YEAR'S DAY

Today is the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. **There are no Vespers or evening Mass.** The second collection for the support of our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion rail after all Masses. There are no Sunday Classes.

¶ THE HOLY NAME

Monday is the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Come to Mass to honor the Holy Name in a special way. Masses are at 8 & 11:25 AM and 5 PM.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
Blessing of Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh
5:00 PM Confessions
5:15 PM Novenas
5:30 PM Pontifical Mass

*Reception follows in Helfta Hall
NO All Night Adoration*

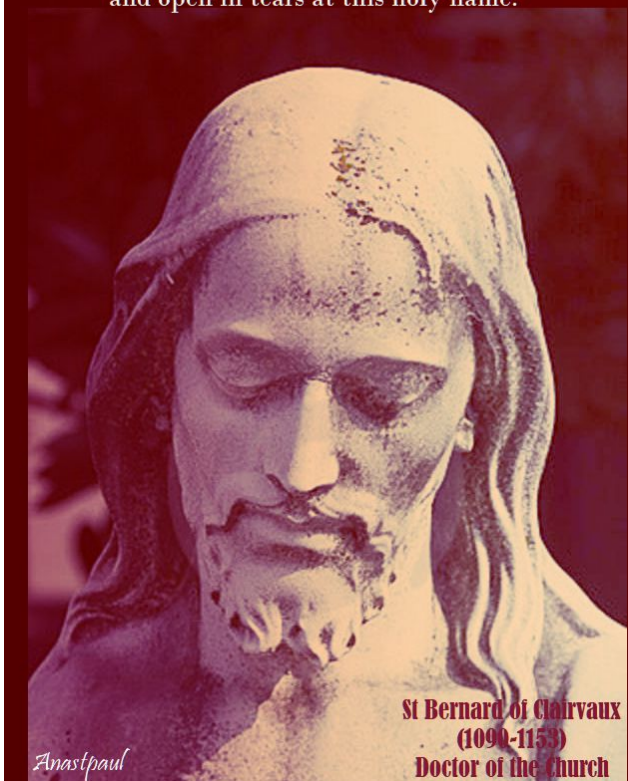
First Friday Intention: *In reparation to the Sacred Heart, for our young people.*

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass
8:10 AM Devotions & Benediction
8:30 AM Sermon & High Mass

First Saturday Intention: *Reparation for immodest fashions and sins of the flesh.*

“Are you troubled?
Think but of Jesus, speak but the name of Jesus,
the clouds disperse
and peace descends anew from heaven.
Have you fallen into sin? So that you fear death?
..invoke the name of Jesus
and you will soon feel life returning.
No obduracy of the soul, no weakness,
no coldness of heart can resist this holy name -
there is no heart which will not soften
and open in tears at this holy name.”



**St Bernard of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)
Doctor of the Church**

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Collection Report

Christmas Collection.....\$3,574.00
Sunday, December 25th.....\$9,372.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY

Catechism Classes resume at 10:40 AM next Sunday. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Holy Family, with a commemoration of the Epiphany. Preface of the Nativity.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Rick Woods, Ina Harpen, Mrs. Garcia, and all of our sick and shut-in.

Tumen Christi

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

**For the Omlor Family –
Living & Deceased
(Karla Lawrence)**



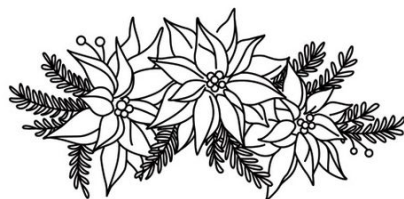
Please pray for the repose of the soul of †**Margaret Kinnett**, who died on Monday, December 26. Her funeral will be on Tuesday, January 2, at 11:25 AM. Burial and luncheon to follow. Please see the Calendar.



Congratulations to
Luke & Mary Lynne
Hogan on the baptism
of their daughter, Lily Genevieve, on Friday, December 30, 2022.

OUR ADOPTION AS SONS OF GOD

The Child that is born of Mary and is couched in the Crib at Bethlehem raises His feeble voice to the Eternal Father, and calls Him, My Father! He turns towards us, and calls us, My Brethren! We, consequently, when we speak to His Father, may call Him Our Father! This is the mystery of Adoption, revealed to us by the great event we are solemnizing. All things are changed, both in heaven and on earth. God has not only one Son, He has many Sons; henceforth, we stand before this our God, not merely creatures drawn out of nothing by His power, but Children that He fondly loves. Heaven is now not only the throne of His sovereign Majesty, it is become our inheritance, in which we are joint heirs with our Brother Jesus, the Son of Mary, Son of Eve, Son of Adam, according to His Human Nature, and (in the unity of Person) Son of God according to His Divine Nature. Let us turn our wondering and loving thoughts first to this sweet Babe that has brought us all these blessings, and then to the blessings themselves, to the dear inheritance made ours by Him. Let our mind be seized with astonishment at creatures having such a destiny! And then, let our heart pour out its thanks for the incomprehensible gift!



Poinsettia Memorials

Mr. Nelson Foucher
Mr. Denis Clappin
Mr. Frank Breitfeller
Mr. Donald Scanlon
Maureen Scanlon

Robert Parnell Jr.
Brian Parnell

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

Why do we call this New Year's Day?

Because the civil year begins on this day, as the ecclesiastical does on the First Sunday of Advent.

What ought we to do on this day?

We must dedicate the New Year to this service of God, in order that, assisted by His grace, we may both begin and end it to His honor, and our own sanctification.

Why do we wish each other a happy New Year?

To renew love and harmony, and to fulfill an obligation of charity by wishes for each other's happiness and prosperity.

What feast does the Church celebrate on this day?

The circumcision of Christ, at which He received the Name of Jesus. "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them that were under the law" (Gal. iv. 4, 5).



Sunday Seven: Seven Timely Resolves

1. *To love God with all your strength.*
2. *To avoid the smallest sin.*
3. *To make several acts of mortification at meals both in lessening the amount of food, and restraint in the manner of eating.*
4. *To accept every act of unkindness and ingratitude in the spirit of penance.*
5. *To be cheerful and generous in the fulfillment of every duty.*
6. *To spend one's days in continual gratitude to God.*
7. *To lovingly meditate before the crucifix, morning and evening.*

FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

I stand before a precipice, its depth as dark as night
 With Good upon the one hand, pulling with all his might.
 And down inside the inky depths, a shadow lies in wait
 He watches as I tread beside that dark abyss of fate.

The darkness seems to interest me; I pause to look below
 The shadow nods invitingly with things he seems to know.
 He stretches out a hand to me, and like a child, I reach
 But Goodness draws me back again, a prayer of faith to teach.

My heart is filled with hope and grace, and Goodness takes my hand
 To lead me on the pathway toward a love-and-light-filled land.
 Though if my Guardian ever leaves, my life is overcast
 I stray from the so-narrow path, and mourn the sins of past.

I turn once more to find the Good, and once again, I reach
 Good takes my hand and leads me on, a prayer of hope to teach.
 But there, deep in the dark, I see, lurking where no one should
 Evil smiles so enticingly, you'd think that he was Good.

Goodness loses hold of me; our fingers slip apart
 I've drifted from the path again, and wounded Good's good heart.
 And when I've wandered long and far, I start to lose my way
 I'm all alone in endless night, and I don't know how to pray.

Please, I whisper, eyes upraised, if anybody's there
 This is the only way I know to ask for help through prayer.
 And though I've hurt His Loving Heart, God leads the way to rest
 To teach a prayer of charity, of these by far the best.

— Anonymous

Well, here we are already one week into our Christmas celebration, and what a wonderful Christmas it has been! It is interesting how during the octaves of Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost no other feast days are observed, but during that of Christmas we honor so many saints—Saints Stephen, John, the Holy Innocents, St. Thomas à Becket, St. Sylvester. Why do we keep the feast of so many saints during the Christmas season? It is to show us how the Incarnate Word, who came to save mankind, desires to give mankind confidence by this familiarity. The Infant Jesus is surrounded by a choir of heroes who loved and served Him.

The feast days are not over yet! We have the Holy Name of Jesus and the Epiphany this week. Do come on those days! I hope that you will all make it to the Epiphany celebration on Friday. There is a High Mass and a parish dinner to follow. Oh—and don't forget that those who attend the High Mass that day are dispensed from the Friday abstinence.

Margaret Kinnett died on the feast of St. Stephen, which also happened to be her birthday—and let's hope that it was also her birthday into heaven. She was a very longtime parishioner and teacher at our school (the kids loved her!) and was always very active in our church. She will be missed. Her Requiem Mass is scheduled for this Tuesday at 11:25. Merciful Lord Jesus, grant her eternal rest.

January will continue to be a rather Gertrudian month, as we say. It will be quite busy with feast day observances, parish parties, Novenas, and for the clergy, some extra traveling. These busy times do come with their blessings, precious graces from the Infant Jesus for which we are so very thankful. **Fr. McKenna, Fr. Ercoli** and I will meet **Fr. Contreras** and some other priests of the Companions of Jesus and Mary in Mexico during mid-January. Fr. Ercoli has been acting as translator between myself and Fr. Contreras (I knew I should've paid more attention during Spanish classes!). It has been most helpful. The Companions of Jesus and Mary lost their bishop at roughly the same time we lost Bishop Dolan, and they like us have had to undergo many changes and make adjustments. Nicolas Benegas had already been ordained to the Subdiaconate. He is a very good seminarian who will make a fine priest who will continue to work under Fr. Contreras. I plan to ordain him a deacon on Saturday, January 14th. Then the Fathers and I will travel to perform Confirmations in two different chapels in Mexico.

Bishop da Silva says that he is still stuck at his seminary in Brazil because of the political instability there. The former president has not yet conceded defeat to the Communist dictator who ran against him in the last elections. His Excellency says that there is a good chance that this will lead to a police state or a civil war since the people of Brazil do not want to be overrun by the communists. Pray for Brazil, the last of the countries in South America to be free from the hammer and sickle. Despite the trials, the Bishop continues doing much good for souls.

There is much more news to give, but I will close by assuring you of my prayers for you and your intentions. May the Holy Child Jesus grant you all the graces you need for the new year!

– **Bishop McGuire**



*Be sure to mark your calendar for Twelfth Night,
**The Epiphany,
Friday, January 6th.***

After the 5:30 PM Pontifical Mass, you are invited to our parish Christmas party, which honors all of our church workers and volunteers. So many hours presented this past year like precious myrrh or fragrant frankincense. God reward the gold of your devotion!

MON 1/2/23 THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
 THE OCTAVE DAY OF ST. STEPHEN
THE INFANT OF PRAGUE
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
11:25 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Nina Krawczyk (*Krawczyk Family*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Gayle Fitzpatrick (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)



TUE 1/3/23 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN, APEV
ST. GENEVIEVE, V
7:00 AM Low Mass Aunt Sue, Ted & family (*The Prell Family*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Dorothy R. Kessler (*Marge*)
10:30 AM Visitation in Vestibule
11:25 AM Requiem High Mass †Margaret Kinnett followed by burial at Gate of Heaven
Luncheon in Helfta Hall
5:00 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Nina Krawczyk (*Krawczyk Family*)

WED 1/4/23 OCTAVE DAY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass †Paul Batkoski (*Marge*)
11:25 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Doris Ritze (*Mary Kunkel*)
5:10 PM Low Mass In Honor of Our Lady's Sorrows (*Collin Smith*)

THU 1/5/23 VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY • ST. TELESOPHUS, PM
7:00 AM Low Mass For our Nigerian priests & seminarians (*N. Andreotta*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Protection of the faithful throughout the chastisement (*Dan & Mary*)
11:25 AM High Mass Kathleen Boylson (*Sister Ulrica*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (*C. Simpson family*)

FRI 1/6/23 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD • FIRST FRIDAY
8:00 AM Low Mass 10th Anniversary †Ruth M. Hanna (*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass †Frank Youngworth (*Diane Puglielli*)
Benediction, Blessing of Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh
5:00 PM Confessions
5:15 PM Sacred Heart & Infant of Prague Novenas
5:30 PM Pontifical Mass For our church workers
Appreciation Dinner
No All Night Adoration

SAT 1/7/23 FIRST SATURDAY • WITHIN THE OCTAVE
7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass My son Jay Tseng – special intentions (*H.Y.*)
8:10 AM Alma, Benediction, Meditation
8:30 AM High Mass †Joseph Belansky (*Collin Smith*)

SUN 1/8/23 THE HOLY FAMILY
 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention

PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

O Almighty God, now that we have lived to see another year, we thank Thy goodness and Thy incomprehensible mercy, that, from the moment of our birth, we have escaped so many dangers which have threatened our health and life. Would that we had never abused the precious time of our life to sin! But, alas! it is done, and we therefore pray Thee, through Thy Son, and through the Precious Blood He this day shed in His circumcision, to look, not upon the multitude of our sins, but upon Thy infinite mercy; we promise to be henceforth pious, just, and virtuous; strengthen us in our weakness; increase in us faith, hope, and charity; keep us, by Thy powerful grace, from all sin, dangers, temptations, and adversities of soul and body; enable us, we beseech Thee, to offer up to Thee, from this day henceforth till the hour of our death, all our senses, thoughts, words, and deeds; to subject them all to Thy holy will; to oppose successfully every evil habit, and to practice every virtue. Grant, O Father, that we, living and dying in Thy only true faith, may enjoy in Thy kingdom, where one day is better than a thousand upon earth, an everlasting New Year of eternal happiness, and that we may praise Thee with all Thy angels and saints, forever and ever. Amen.



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FRI 1/6 5:30 PM PONTIFICAL: Posted in Sacristy
SAT 1/7 7:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor
8:10 AM BENEDICTION: Seminarian, Capetillos
8:30 AM HIGH: MC: Seminarian **ACS:** Capetillos
SUN 1/8 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: P. Omlor, D. Simpson **TH:** S. Richesson
ACS: D. Hudson, T. England **TORCH:** C. Van Der Putten, I. Smith, J. Hudson, M., N. & J. Kolenich
11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

9:00 AM High Mass Thank you Ladies (*Simpson family*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass James Kolenich (*Simpson family*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great