

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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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, *Chap. to Oblates & School* • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



January 15, 2023

EPIPHANY II

ST. PAUL, FIRST HERMIT • ST. MAURUS, AB

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR



¶ EPIPHANY II

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. **There are no Vespers.**

¶ CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

Our annual devotion for the conversion of different non-Catholic groups begins this Wednesday after the 11:25 AM Mass. Please join us in fervent prayer!

Pope St. Pius X sanctioned and blessed the Chair of Unity Octave. His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV, extended its observance to the Universal Church, highly enriching it with indulgences.

The Chair of Unity Octave has accomplished an immense good in awakening Catholics to a mission consciousness, and to the need of interesting themselves in the conversion of those without the fold. When the enemies of Christ seem to be triumphing as never before, how great is our obligation to pour forth fervent prayer for the millions who wander in darkness. Let's make this year's Octave a week of grace!

An indulgence of 300 days during the octave of prayers for the unity of the Church from the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome (Jan. 18) to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25). A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of the exercise.

¶ UPCOMING

Sodality Meetings: Jan. 28 & Feb. 11

Collection Report

Sunday, January 8th\$7,415.00

Thank you for your generosity.



Tumen Christi

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

**Rest in peace – Bumgarner family
faithful departed
(James Kolenich)**

OFFICIAL CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE PRAYER

Antiphon: That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

V. I say unto thee that thou art Peter.
R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will. Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY III

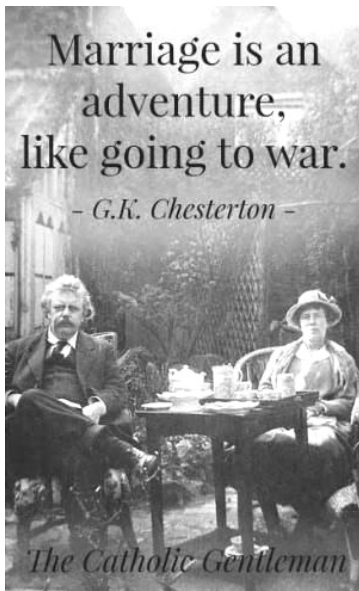
Next Sunday we close the Twelve Sundays to Our Mother of Good Counsel, and continue the Chair of Unity Octave. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Epiphany III, second collect of Ss. Vincent & Anastasius, third of Our Lady in Christmastide (*Deus qui salutis*). Trinity Preface.

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE

Albert Daniel Kinnett invites you to view The Song of Bernadette on Saturday, January 21, at 2:00 PM.

Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library, Wyoming Branch: 500 Springfield Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45215



TALK IT OUT

There would be little conflict in marriage arising from misunderstanding if spouses talked with each other gently but honestly. You cannot understand, let alone accept, what you do not know. And since husbands and wives are *not* mind readers, understanding can only begin in conversation. John Warren Hill, Presiding Justice of the New York Domestic Relations Court, has expressed it this way: “If you have a real or imaginary grievance, complaint, or suspicion against your mate, *talk it out*. If you are becoming more and more irritated by a persistent action or habit, *talk it out*.” Most of the time talking will remove the grievance and where it does not, the satisfaction of getting the complaint off your chest will be its own reward.

Often one may see a married couple go through a meal in a public restaurant with hardly a word to each other. They are not angry. They simply find it difficult to make conversation. Not all couples are so mute in each other’s presence, but many husbands and wives, particularly after the children are born, get out of the habit of exchanging pleasantries and confidences. When differences of opinion or resentments crop up, the tendency then is to bottle them

within, except insofar as the local bartender and Mother are allowed to become confidants. And yet how can two people be one in mind and heart if they are not each the other’s best confidant? The wife before whom the husband stands revealed loves him the more. The husband to whom the wife goes for attention or direction is magnified thereby, even when she is complaining about him.

Early in marriage a young couple should learn the art of communication. Learn to tell your mate all about your defeats as well as your victories. Usually your spouse will not be offended even by criticism—that is tactful, especially when it is not petty nagging. It is better for the husband to indicate to his wife that he is displeased with her housekeeping or her cooking than to bear the wrongs impatiently. If the other realizes that love, not ridicule, motivates the criticism, there will perhaps be wounded pride, but no real anger.

– *The Catholic Marriage Manual*



Servers

- FRI 1/20** 5:45 PM **LOW:** Simpsons
- SAT 1/21** 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemanns
8:20 AM **HIGH:** P. Omlor, Kolenichs
- SUN 1/22** 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **HIGH: MC:** C. Richesson, M. Simpson **CROSS:** J. Kolenich **TH:** C. Arlinghaus
ACS: D. Hudson, D. Simpson **TORCH:** L. Rabjohns, B. & A. Constantino, J. Stewart, N. & J. Kolenich
11:30 AM **LOW:** Capetillos
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:**
G. Miller, Seminarian
5:45 PM **LOW:** Seminarian



THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn’t have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
“Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered.

He answered, “You didn’t ask.”

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak.
I wondered why God didn’t show me.
He said, “But you didn’t seek.”

I tried to come into God’s presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
“My child, you didn’t knock.”

I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

– *Author unknown*



This note is being written a bit early this week, but by the time you read it I will be in Mexico with **Fr. McKenna** and will have already ordained **Rev. Mr. Nicolás Benegas** to the diaconate. Rev. Mr. Benegas hails from Argentina and will work with the Companions of Jesus and Mary. I hope to ordain him to the sacred priesthood later this year on a day still to be determined. This ordination brings joy to us all as it shows that we will have good priests for future generations. It is not easy to be a priest in these days of apostasy and of general chaos and confusion in the Church and in the world. He must be prayerful in a world that doesn't allow for much quiet time; he must be chaste in a world that is shameless; he must be filled with a supernatural faith in a world that is more materialistic than it ever has been. It takes a great deal of sacrifice to turn one's back on a world that holds out so many pleasures. May our young men realize now more than ever that there is nothing that will bring them lasting satisfaction in this world. The world is deceitful because it is under the influence of the prince of lies against whom the priest must always wage war—a war that has eternal consequences. If the devil never rests in his pursuit of souls, then the priest must be more vigilant in prayer for souls. What a daunting task, especially because of the fewness of priests. Pray for your priests, pray for Rev. Mr. Benegas and pray that more young men follow their vocation to the priesthood. As Fr. Cekada always told the seminarians, “The priesthood is the greatest job in the world.” I second that statement.

Today, however, we are reminded in the Gospel of another vocation—Matrimony. We have had many of our younger folk enter this state of life recently and there is much hope that they will raise good Catholic children. This, too, is an important calling from God. The State, the world and the devil have all conspired against the family unit by taking the mother out of the home and diminishing the father's authority. The result is that the children are exposed to and more often than not adopt the spirit of the age, a true atheism in theory and in practice. Parents must remember that it is their duty to raise their children to be future saints in heaven. Children must always have a guiding hand pushing them heavenward. Compromise with the world, which has become more and more openly anti-Christ, cannot be. The world's grasp on children is much too strong. Spouses, it is not too late to begin pushing each other into a sort of spiritual competition, in which you push each other by example to

become holier. Parents, it is never too late to begin teaching your children the path to heaven. Start with routinely explaining to them the catechism, telling them about the saints, and instilling in their hearts a true love of prayer. Yes, that is a good place to start! Above all, remember that you have the sacramental graces to accomplish this great task of getting the whole family to heaven. Have confidence in our Infant Savior!

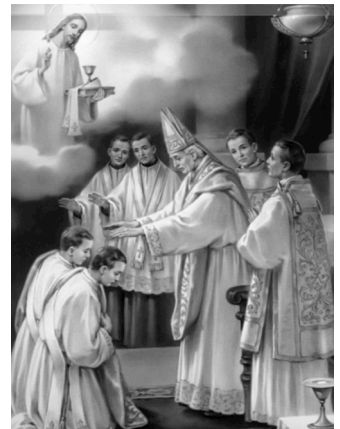
Well, I guess I had to get that sermon off my chest since I have not been able to preach to you the last two Sundays! Now I feel much better. I look forward to seeing you again and telling you more about the trip to Mexico. In the meantime, know that my prayers are with each and every one of you.

– Bishop McGuire

A PRAYER FOR OUR REV. MR. BENEGAS

Dear Mother, the Deacon baptizes, preaches, ministers at the holy altar. Thou wast God's worthy instrument in bringing the precious light of sanctifying grace to the Baptist even before he saw the light of day, and he became “great before the Lord” and converted “many of the children of Israel to the Lord;” thou hadst much to do with bringing the Gospel to men, and thou didst preach it in so many ways. In fact, thou, so to speak, didst dictate part of it to St. Luke who, thanks to thee, hast given us the sublime chapters of the Divine Infancy. And I wonder how large a part thou didst play in the remote preparation of the most divine of the Gospels, the one left us by him who “took you to his own?” Thou didst assist the Sovereign Priest on Calvary in the act of His supreme sacrifice, and with what courage and magnanimity! “Stabat autem juxta crucem Jesu Mater ejus” has been called the most poignant line in all literature. Thy sons, dear Mother, want to be worthy of thee. Pray that they be ever faithful to their sacred duties and to the practice of the virtues demanded by their exalted office—begetting new men in Christ Jesus through the Sacrament of Baptism, preaching that men may have life and have it more abundantly, thoroughly devoted to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and giving to souls the Food that enables them to grow up in thy Divine Son, preparing them to see Him face to face at last.

– *Unto the Altar of God*



✠ CALENDAR

MON	1/16/23	ST. MARCELLUS I, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>JKO</i>) (from 1/11)
TUE	1/17/23	ST. ANTHONY, AB • OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Andrew Prell (<i>Mom & Dad</i>) (from 1/12) 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of the Infant of Prague for †Janice West (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>) (from 1/9)
WED	1/18/23	ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ROME • ST. PRISCA, VM OPENING OF THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The return of all the other sheep to the one fold of St. Peter, the one Shepherd 8:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Joan Fey (<i>Capetillo Family</i>) (from 1/13) Opening of the Chair of Unity Octave 5:10 PM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Alter Christus</i>)
THU	1/19/23	ST. MARIUS & COMP, MM • ST. CANUTE, KING, M CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The return of Oriental schismatics (the Orthodox) to the Apostolic See of Rome 7:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Gayle Fitzpatrick (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) (rescheduled) 11:25 AM High Mass †Ann M. Marko – 50 th anniversary (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Ruby Schultz (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
FRI	1/20/23	SS. FABIAN, P & SEBASTIAN, MM <i>ST. HENRY OF UPPSALA</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The conversion of Anglicans and Episcopalians throughout the world 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. McKenna (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 11:05 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Souls entrusted to my care (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena IV 5:45 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Apollonia for the Holy Souls (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	1/21/23	ST. AGNES, VM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: That Protestants throughout the world might find their way back to Holy Church 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Fr. Brueggemann (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 8:10 AM Alma, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Eldred Leslie – 14 th anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>)
SUN	1/22/23	EPIPHANY III • SS. VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: For the conversion of America 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Fr. Simpson (<i>Alter Christus</i>) Closing of the 12 Sundays to Our Mother of Good Counsel

ALWAYS GOOD ADVICE

First keep yourself in peace, and then shall you be able to bring others to peace.

The peaceable man does more good than one who is very learned.

The passionate man turns even good to evil, but the good peaceable man turns all things to good.

He that is in perfect peace suspects no man. But he that is discontented and troubled is agitated by various suspicions; he neither has rest himself, nor suffers others to rest.

Many a time he says what he ought not to say, and leaves undone what it were better for him to do.

He considers what others ought to do, and neglects what he is bound to do himself.

Therefore, be zealous first of all regarding yourself, and then you may justly exercise zeal towards your neighbor also.

See how far you are as yet from true charity and humility; for he that has these cannot feel anger or indignation against anyone but himself.

– *The Imitation of Christ*



A PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

O Almighty God! Whose wise and amiable providence watches over every human event, deign to be my light and my counsel in all my undertakings, particularly in the choice of a state of life. I know that on this important step my sanctification and salvation may in a great measure depend. I know that I am incapable of discerning what may be best for me; therefore I cast myself into Thy arms, beseeching Thee, my God, Who hast sent me into this world only to love and serve Thee, to direct by Thy grace every moment and action of my life to the glorious end of my creation. I renounce most sincerely every other wish, than to fulfill Thy designs on my soul, whatever they may be; and I beseech Thee to give me the grace, by imbibing the true spirit of a Christian, to qualify myself for any state of life to which Thy adorable providence may call me. O my God! whenever it may become my duty to make a choice, do Thou be my light and counsel, and mercifully deign to make the way known to me wherein I should walk, for I have lifted up my soul to Thee. Preserve me from listening to the suggestions of my own self-love, or worldly prudence, in prejudice to Thy holy inspirations. Let Thy good Spirit lead me into the right way, and let Thy adorable providence place me, not where I may naturally feel inclined to go, but where all things may be most conducive to Thy glory and to the good of my soul. Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, Seat of Wisdom, Help of Christians, pray for me.

– *My Prayer Book*

10:40 AM Catechism Classes

11:05 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (*M.E.G.*)

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great