

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



**January 22, 2023**  
**EPIPHANY III • CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE**  
**Ss. VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM**



## ¶ EPIPHANY III



Today we close the Twelve Sundays to Our Mother of Good Counsel, and continue the Chair of Unity Octave.

Today's Chair of Unity intention is "for the conversion of America." Pray especially today for our country. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, St. Francis de Sales. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** St. Francis de Sales, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Epiphany IV. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ OUR SICK

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

## Collection Report

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,914.00

## ¶ PARISH REGISTRATION

Cards are available in the vestibule, just inside the main doors, for parish registration. If you are new to the parish, or if your contact information has changed, please fill one out and return it in the collection basket, bookstore, or office.

## ¶ UPCOMING

**Sodality Meetings:** Jan. 28 & Feb. 11

**February 2:** Candlemas. Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass at **5:30 PM**, followed by our **Winter Soup Supper**.

**February 3:** St. Blaise Blessing of Throats, First Friday & All Night Adoration

## CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE PRAYER

For the conversion of this soul, Lord, I trust more in Thy grace than in any argument, example, or prayer of mine. When I have done all I can towards helping another in the discovery of peace and truth there is still the comforting knowledge that, when my effort has come to nothing, Thy grace is the only effective factor in the story of every conversion. Lord, bring Thy grace to bear upon this soul, and may the conversion which is brought about give satisfaction to Thy Sacred Heart.

## THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2023

Please note these important dates:

**FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING:**  
Saturday, April 22nd.

**\*\*Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed before the test. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NECESSARY FORM. \*\***

**CONFIRMANDS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Thursday, May 25th

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 27th.

**FIRST COMMUNION:**  
Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11th.

## THE VALUE OF THE SACRAMENT

*“Trust in Him and He will lift thee to thy feet again; go straight on thy way, and fix in Him thy hope.” – Eccus. 2. 6.*

Jesus, when He first said: “Thy sins are forgiven thee,” introduced His forgiveness with the words: “Be of good heart, son.” It is as if He would say: “Don’t be downhearted because of sin. Don’t give up because of sin. Bad as sin is, it is never so bad but that it can be forgiven. Desperate as may be the state of the sinner, it is never so desperate but, if he will let Me, I can still call him son.” The words themselves are proofs enough that Jesus Christ our Lord has the sinner more in mind than the sin or sins which he has committed. He has come into the world, not to judge the world, but that the world may be saved through Him; and He comes to the sinner, not to judge the sinner, no matter who he may be, but that through Him the sinner may be saved. He asks him only to be of good heart; He asks him to come to Him; He asks him to look up, not to lose courage, to be faithful against all odds, and in the end all will be right. Though of ourselves we can do nothing, we can do all things in Him Who strengthens us; if we will be faithful to Him, by clinging to Him whatever may happen, He will be faithful to us.

“Be of good heart, son.” It may seem hard at times to give God all that He asks of us. It may seem hard to keep His commandments. Our own human nature may be against us; passion may rage in such a way as to seem irresistible. Our circumstances and our surroundings may be such as to draw us all the other way, and we may think ourselves unable to fight against them... Nevertheless, in spite of all this, in spite of everything, the words of Jesus continue to ring out: “Son, be of good heart.” No matter who we are, or what we have done, or what we fear we may do, He continues to cry: “Come to Me, all you that are burdened, and I will refresh you.”

If the life of Jesus means anything, it surely means this. His Name was called Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. He was sent, not so much for the just, but rather to call sinners to repentance. He was sent for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and He accepted no title more willingly than that of being the “friend of publicans and sinners.” If we would but recognize this more, then we would have more courage, both to fight the evil that drags us down, and to be faithful to Him Who is the best friend we have or shall ever have. No matter what may come, no matter what we have against ourselves, we can always, if we will, hear His encouragement and receive His friendly help: “Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee.”

– *Abp. Goodier, S.J., “The Life that is Light”*

## ST. BERNARD’S ADVICE

*A young man became discouraged at the fact that, every time he went to confession, he had the same sin to confess. He decided not to go to confession any more. And yet he feared the consequences of such an action. In his distress he went to St. Bernard and told him his problem.*

*“You yourself are responsible for your condition,” replied St. Bernard. “You do not use the proper means to keep out of these sins. Resolve to abstain from falling into these sins for three days in honor of the passion and death of Our Lord, for when you keep before your mind the sufferings and death of Jesus, you will certainly not fall. Then come back to me.”*

*After three days the young man returned, very much relieved. “Now go again and resolve to avoid sin for three days in honor of Our Blessed Lady, and at the end of three days come back again.”*

*The young man promised and again returned with good news. St. Bernard then advised him to follow the same method constantly, each third day changing his intention in honor of his guardian angel or some saint, and to go to confession and Communion frequently. Following this advice the youth never committed serious sin again.*



## HOPE

A little while we labor,  
Eternal the repose;  
A little while the trials  
That with this life will close;

And then unending gladness,  
And an unfading crown,  
A day on whose calm beauty  
The sun goes never down.

A little while in exile,  
With no abiding place,  
And then the Home eternal  
Unveiled the Bridegroom’s Face.

Is any cross too heavy  
Or any task too hard  
That Jesus lays upon thee,  
And Jesus will reward?

One night the shadows linger,  
And then the morning breaks,  
And God’s own Hand the burden  
From weary shoulders takes;

And thou shalt see His glory,  
And hear His words—“Well  
done!”

The strife for ever over,  
The battle fought and won.



I want to thank each and every one of you for the prayers you said for a safe and successful visit to Mexico last week. Things could not have gone better, in my opinion. Thanks, too, to **Fr. Lehtoranta** and the young Padres for taking care of things while the McFathers were away.

Our trip started out in a small chapel in Colima, Mexico, about an hour from the Pacific Ocean. Colima is a nice town which is home to two beautiful volcanoes, one of which is still active. It is in an area full of natural beauty, very rustic desert with plenty of cacti. They grow their own coffee beans so the coffee is always fresh. **Fr. Contreras** was kind enough to take us to see the Cathedral of Colima. We arrived at a time when the Cathedral had lost their "bishop" and the people were awaiting a new one. When I arrived, many of the people were asking hopefully if I were the new bishop. Well, I guess I missed my opportunity to take one of our Cathedrals back! Seriously, though, the Cathedral is filled with its own sad but edifying history. Colima is a town where the Christeros were active. In fact, the Communists would line up the Christeros along the wall of the cathedral and shoot them. The bullet holes were visible until the Novus Ordo decided to cover them up so that no one could see them any longer. Just like the Communists, the Novus Ordo tries its best to erase history. Inside the Cathedral, however, are the relics of a Christero priest who did not take up arms with the other Christeros, but who was shot and killed after the Communists found him saying Mass when it was forbidden to do so.

As nice as it was to see those things, the highlight of the trip was the diaconal ordination of **Rev. Mr. Nicolaus Benegas** of Argentina. The ceremonies were performed very well thanks to **Fr. McKenna**, who ran the practices and was MC for the Mass (I guess that would make him a MC-Father, for real). Rev. Mr. Benegas will be ordained to the priesthood in the Fall if all goes according to plan. Some sixty Confirmations were done in Colima, as well. When all was finished in Colima we went to Guadalajara to do another thirty Confirmations.

Fr. Lehtoranta's Sodality of Charity meets again this Saturday for another fun and edifying day. It is always nice to see the girls of the parish having a good time, but even better to see them doing their little acts of charity helping with some of the work around the church. I do feel sorry for those children who grow up without much contact with the daily life of the

church. They do miss out on a lot. Parents, bring your children to something other than the minimum Sunday obligation. You will not regret it, but on the contrary it will be a blessing to you and your children.

In any case, I must sign off for now. See you in church!



– Bishop McGuire

#### A MOTHER'S PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I present to Thee this day the dearest treasures I possess, I offer Thee the hearts of these tender little ones. Make their hearts meek and humble like Thine own. Remember that, whilst on earth, it was Thy delight to caress and embrace such as these. Placing Thy pure hands upon them, Thou didst say: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and hinder them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven, and their angels always behold the Face of My Father." Look, I beseech, O Divine and Loving Heart, upon the innocence of these children, and mercifully deign to bless them. Grant them sobriety, wisdom, knowledge, piety, and Thy holy fear. Grant them grace to grow up in the observance of Thy Holy Commandments. Purify their lives, adorn them with chastity, and crown them with good works. Bestow upon them prosperity, peace, safety and an inflamed charity. Preserve them from all dangers, and from the deceit of the devil. Defend them always with Thy powerful protection, and in the end conduct them safely to the joys of Paradise. Admit them now into the sanctuary of Thy tender and loving Heart, both for time and eternity. Sweetest Heart of Jesus, I claim them no longer as my own. They belong wholly to Thee. Do with them as Thou wilt, and may the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost descend upon them, and remain with them forever. Amen.



<b>MON</b>	<b>1/23/23</b>	<b>ST. RAYMOND PENNAFORT, C</b> ST. EMERENTIANA, VM • <i>ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: Return to the Sacraments of fallen-away Catholics <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Bishop Dolan ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>1/24/23</b>	<b>ST. TIMOTHY, BPM</b> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The conversion of the Jews <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> For all who have prayed for me ( <i>Hunter Lumbatis</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Thanksgiving for recovery of Robin Corbin Brown's health ( <i>Marlene R. Corbin</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Bishop da Silva ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>1/25/23</b>	<b>CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AP</b> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Fr. Cekada ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> The Murray Family ( <i>Teresa &amp; John Boyd</i> ) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> "Thou knowest, Oh Lord!" ( <i>Arlinghaus family</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>1/26/23</b>	<b>ST. POLYCARP, BPM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Fr. Nkamuke ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan ( <i>Hunter Lumbatis</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Poor Souls ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>1/27/23</b>	<b>ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt ( <i>M.E.G.</i> ) <b>11:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Wolfgang Mozart ( <i>The Elflein Family</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena V</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Intentions of James Kolenich ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>1/28/23</b>	<b>ST. PETER NOLASCO, C</b> ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME) <b>7:10 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt ( <i>M.E.G.</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Alma, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM High Mass</b> Fr. Ojeka ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> ) <b>Sodality of Charity Meeting</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>1/29/23</b>	<b>ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD • EPIPHANY IV</b> <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> My godchildren ( <i>John Brueggemann</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Stephen & Angelica Lawrence – marriage blessings ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> ) <b>10:40 AM Catechism Classes</b> <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Fr. Okerulu ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> ) <b>4:45 PM Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE VOICE OF LIFE

I'm very much alive here within the womb  
Yes, a tiny living being within a little room.

Won't you give me a chance,  
Even as was given to you.  
Won't you let me have my glance  
To see everything as you do.

Today a tiny little being, which tomorrow is unfurled.

Mother, mother, let me call you that  
Oh, how blessed to be a mother,  
To bring a soul into the world.

I am a tiny baby now,  
Tiny hands and tiny feet, but how I long to live!  
O hail to you who live, Listen, I have much to give.

Just be patient, mother dear; A short time and I'll be here.

All your blessings of motherhood will increase,  
As you look upon God's great masterpiece.  
– Sister Mary Gerard Vincent

PRAYER IN REPARATION FOR THE CRIME OF ABORTION



O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to thee today as the one who said "fiat" to the life of God within thee. "Thou wilt conceive and bear a Son," the angel told thee. Despite the surprise and

the uncertainty about how this could be, thou didst say: "Let it be done to me according to thy word."

O holy Mother of God, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid of their high vocation. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "fiat"—let it be done—and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with thee, "Be it done unto me according to thy word." Likewise, may they experience the help and support of thy loving people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.

Servers

<b>FRI 1/27</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Capetillos
<b>SAT 1/28</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Seminarian <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> M. Simpson, Brueggemanns
<b>SUN 1/29</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH:</b> MC: P. Omlor TH: S. Richesson ACS: C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart MITRE: D. Simpson CROZIER: D. Hudson TORCH: I. Smith, A. & B. Constantino, C. Van Der Putten, J. & N. Hudson <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> N. & A. McClorey <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, Seminarian <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Seminarian