

# 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



## February 12, 2023 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS

### ¶ SEXAGESIMA



The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail today. Come back to Helfta Hall for the **St. Valentine's Day**

**Bake Sale!** Enjoy some sweets before Lent. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



### ¶ THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** is the feast of St. Valentine. The **Sorrowful Mother Novena** continues on **Friday** after the evening Mass. Please call or email the office with the first names of those who are sick, so they may be remembered in the Novena.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: QUINQUAGESIMA – HOLY FACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday we begin the Triduum to the Holy Face. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Quinquagesima, second collect of Our Lady & the Saints. Trinity Preface.

#### Collection Report

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,831.00  
Second Collection.....\$2,895.00  
Alter Christus.....\$165.00

Thank you for your generosity.



### Lumen Christi

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

**Conversions to the faith**  
(Thomas Gardner)



### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Ash Wednesday:** February 22, a day of ashes and Holy Masses to start Lent.
- **The first Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection:** February 24, 5:45 PM Mass followed by supper and Stations.
- **Children's Lenten Day of Recollection:** Wednesday, March 8.
- **St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor:** Monday, March 20.
- **The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Saturday, March 25.
- **Girls Camp:** June 27-29
- **Boys Camp:** July 25-27
- **YAG 2023:** July 7-9

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Marlys Arlinghaus, Erika McKnight, and the repose of the soul of †Fr. Guépin from France.

### THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2023

**First Confessions & Testing:** Saturday, April 22. **\*\*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 25

**Confirmations:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 27

**First Communion:** Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11



THE EPISTLE

St. Paul here gives us an astonishing object lesson in what marvelous fruit the seed of grace can produce in really good soil. Not that such a harvest of apostolic work is easy. Just read the hair-raising recital of the hardships he bore. Nor does God's grace grow without such handicaps as should be expected in this world. That "sting" is taken by some to mean the opposition offered him by the obstructionists of his own race. Men like these are never lacking when there is good to be done. What is probably most important, the soil of Paul's soul had been enriched by a depth of spiritual experience such as is given to very few, even of the saints. Why does he tell us of that ecstasy utterly beyond our hopes to duplicate? This Epistle, read as it is in the Mass, has a special lesson for us. St. Paul "heard mysteries which man is not allowed to utter," is he not telling us here that we, too, in this very Sacrifice, are about to be in the presence of the greatest Mystery ever known on this earth, the Redeeming Act? This spiritual experience of ours can deepen and enrich the soil of our own souls and thus help us to yield a more fruitful harvest from the Seed of the Eucharist to be sown in us today.

- Companion to the Missal  
Sr. M. Cecilia, O.S.B.



LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS

**Volunteer cooks needed for Lenten Friday night suppers!**

Potlucks can be nice, but the last few years we have had one or two persons pick a Friday in Lent and cook a meal for anyone attending the Lenten evening of recollection. You can enjoy the rest of the Lenten Fridays without worrying about what to eat!

If you are new to SGG, Mass is at 5:45, with dinner, Stations of the Cross and sermon following.

Volunteers will be cooking meatless for about 50 people. Your meal cost can be reimbursed; just turn in your receipts to the office. No dessert, but fruit may be provided. Drinks are usually water, tea, coffee, or maybe fruit juice. Each party signing up will pick the Friday that works for them, provide the set up, meal, and clean up. Paper products are supplied and located in the movable counter. Have a friend to help? A partner really lightens the load. It is suggested that one person make the main dish, the other partner provides drinks, bread, sides, and fruit.

March 10, 17, 24, and 31 are available. (The Lenten fast is dispensed on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, and dessert is welcome!) Team up and take your pick. Please let us know your date and menu so we can keep everything in order. Sign up on the Lotsa Helping Hands website, or contact the office with your date and menu.

Let's plan ahead for a great Lent!

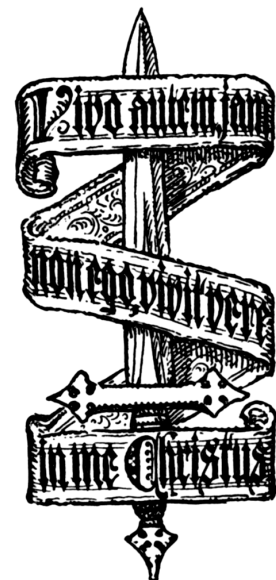
SAINT PAUL

When I was Saul, and walked among  
the blazing rocks,  
My road was quiet as a trap.  
I feared what Word would split high  
noon with light;  
And lock my sight, and drive me mad.  
And thus I saw the Voice that struck  
me dead!  
Tie up my life and wind me in my  
sheets of fear  
And lay my reason in a three days  
sepulcher,  
Till Jesus shows me Easter in a dream.

When I was Saul, and sat among the  
cloaks,  
My eyes were stones. I saw no sight of  
heaven  
Open to take the spirit of the twisting  
Stephen.  
When I was Saul, and sat among the  
rocks,  
I locked my eyes, my mind I made a  
tomb,  
Sealed with what boulders rolled  
across my reason!

O Jesus, show me Easter in a dream!  
O Cross Damascus, where poor  
Ananias in some other room,  
(Who knows my locks, to let me out!)  
Waits for Your word to take his keys,  
and come.

- Thomas Merton



## ✠ NOTE FROM FATHER ✠

Dear Faithful,

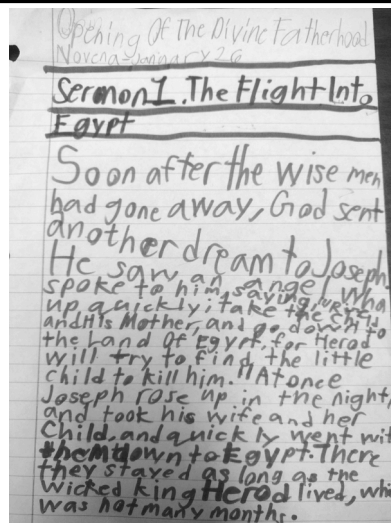
Well, **Bp. Charles McGuire** has departed for his second international trip in as many months...this time he headed across the pond on Thursday to the country of France. He will first go to give the Sacrament of Confirmation in **Fr. Roger's** church in Rennes and later travel across the country to Chambéry to confirm the faithful at the chapel there too. It has been a number of years since Bp. Dolan had visited these chapels, obviously with a large portion of that absence being due to the difficulty of traveling, especially internationally, over the last few years... So, doubtless, both the faithful and the clergy will be very glad to see Bp. McGuire arrive.

Sadly, the Bishop's trip to France will not be entirely a celebratory one. We found out the evening before he was to fly out, February 7th, that **Fr. Philippe Guépin** had passed away suddenly. Fr. Guépin had been ordained in 1977 with the SSPX, leaving a few years later, as he refused to recognize John Paul II as a true Vicar of Christ, and worked all his life to promote the True Faith and provide the faithful with the true sacraments. The news of his death came in early enough that Bp. McGuire was able to offer a Requiem Mass that very evening. The next day, **Fr. Lehtoranta** celebrated a Requiem High Mass with absolution with the school kids too. When the Bishop finally does arrive in Rennes, he will meet **Frs. Hecquard** and Roger and travel to Nantes, where they will visit and pray with the body of Fr. Guépin, as well as extend their condolences and prayers to **Fr. Henry Chapot de la Chanonie**, who lived and worked with Fr. Guépin over the last couple of years. Please keep Fr. Guépin's soul in your prayers, as well as his young assistant, Fr. de la Chanonie, who not only mourns the loss of his mentor, but now finds his own responsibilities suddenly increased.

Here at St. Gertrude's, Fr. Lehtoranta, **Fr. Simpson**, and myself hold down the fort until Bp. McGuire returns on Thursday evening. Meanwhile, **Fr. Brueggemann** left for St. Hugh's in Milwaukee Saturday, directly after the morning's Solemn High Mass and covers the weekend there.

With my prayers,

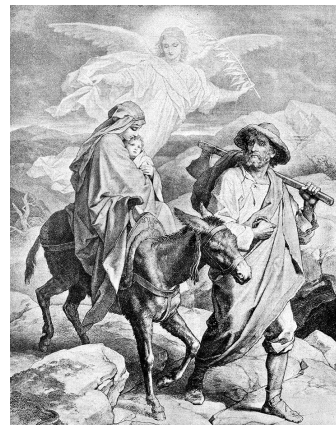
**Fr. McKenna**



### *Opening of the Divine Fatherhood Novena – January 26* **SERMON 1. THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**

Soon after the wise men had gone away, God sent another dream to Joseph. He saw an angel who spoke to him, saying, "Rise up quickly; take the Child and His Mother, and go down to the land of Egypt, for Herod will try to find the little Child to kill Him." At once Joseph rose up in the night, and took his wife and her Child, and quickly went with them down to Egypt. There they stayed as long as the wicked king Herod lived, which was not many months.

*– Written by one of our school children*



### **PRAYER TO ST. PAUL**

O glorious St. Paul, who, from being a persecutor of the Christian name, didst become its most zealous Apostle, and who, to carry the knowledge of Jesus, our divine Savior, to the uttermost parts of the earth, didst joyfully suffer prison, scourgings, stonings, shipwreck and all manner of persecutions, and who didst finish thy course by shedding the last drop of thy blood: obtain for us the grace to accept, as favors bestowed by the mercy of God, the infirmities, sufferings and misfortunes of this life, that we may not grow slack in our service of God by reason of these vicissitudes of our exile, but that we may the rather show ourselves ever more devoted. Amen.





# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>2/13/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Fr. Cekada ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Bishop Dolan ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>2/14/23</b>	<b>ST. VALENTINE, PRM</b> <i>COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION</i> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Estrella I. Simpson – 11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary <i>2/14 (Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i> <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> James D. Hanna Jr. – Happy Birthday <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bill Oleyar)</i> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/15/23</b>	<b>SS. FAUSTINUS &amp; JOVITA, MM</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Joseph Andreotta Birthday <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> For those who prayed for my mother and family during her final illness ( <i>Alexander Krawczyk</i> ) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> The Lawrence Family ( <i>The Hudson Family</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>2/16/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt ( <i>M.E.G.</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Luke Hogan</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>2/17/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY • THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Our beloved departed family & friends <i>(Dan &amp; Rose Wright)</i> <b>11:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Repose of the soul of my mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng ( <i>H.Y.</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VIII</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of my uncle †Bi Zein Cheng ( <i>H.Y.</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena III, Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/18/23</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • ST. SIMEON, BPM</b> <i>ST. BERNADETTE, V</i> <b>7:10 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Marianne Belansky ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Ave Regina, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM High Mass</b> Holy Souls ( <i>Kolenich family</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/19/23</b>	<b>QUINQUAGESIMA</b> <i>TRIDUUM TO THE HOLY FACE</i> <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> For the Poor Souls – asking their prayers for a special intention ( <i>TRCS</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Picard ( <i>Jacinta &amp; Theresa</i> ) <b>10:40 AM Catechism Classes</b> <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday Karen – Nov. 8 ( <i>Tom Simpson</i> ) <b>4:45 PM Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## A GREAT DEAL TO DO

An old man once complained that he felt very weary.

“I don’t understand what tires you so,” said one of his young friends. “You have hardly anything in the world to do but to sit down quietly and wait for night to come.”

“That is where you are mistaken,” answered the old man. “I have a great deal to do each day. I have two falcons to tame, two hares to keep from running away, two hawks to manage, a serpent to guard, a lion to chain, and a sick man to tend and wait upon.”

“You are joking,” said his friend.

“No, I am not joking: I am telling the very sober truth. The two falcons are my eyes, which I must carefully guard, lest they see things hurtful to my soul; the two hares, my feet, which I must hold back, lest they run in sinful paths; the two hawks are my hands, which must be trained to work, to provide for the necessities of life; the serpent is my tongue which must be guarded against every moment; the lion my heart which I must restrain, so that pride, envy, anger, and other evil passions, may not take possession of it; the sick man, my body, which needs constant care, because I have grown so old and feeble. So, you see, I am a very busy man, after all.”

## PRAYER TO ST. VALENTINE

O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



## Servers

<b>FRI 2/17</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Brueggemanns
<b>SAT 2/18</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> P. Omlor <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, Kolenichs
<b>SUN 2/19</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:</b> C. Richesson, D. Simpson <b>TH:</b> T. Lawrence <b>ACS:</b> S. Richesson, Seminarian <b>TORCH:</b> L. Rabjohns, N. Hudson, M., N. & J. Kolenich, J. Stewart <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Capetillos <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, Seminarian <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Seminarian