

# 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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## February 19, 2023 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY



### ¶ HOLY FACE SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

### ¶ THIS WEEK

**Monday** we continue our Holy Face Triduum. **Tuesday** we close our Triduum with the Feast of the Holy Face. Don't forget to feast a little for Mardi Gras. You will find the full **Ash Wednesday** schedule elsewhere in the bulletin. **Friday** is the first of our Lenten Evenings of Recollection, with Mass at 5:45, followed by a supper, Stations at 7:30, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, and Benediction. **Call or email the office with the names of those who are sick, to be remembered in the Novena.**



### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Pat Kolb, Dalia Gamboa, Bill Mies, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT I

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Don't miss the Lenten **Short Sunday Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** First Sunday of Lent, second collect of Our Lady & the Saints, third for the Living & the Dead. Preface of Lent.

### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Children's Lenten Day of Reflection:** Wednesday, March 8.
- **St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor:** Monday, March 20.
- **Feast of the Annunciation:** Saturday, March 25
- **Girls Camp:** June 27-29
- **Boys Camp:** July 25-27
- **YAG 2023:** July 7-9

### Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—February 24<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: Black beans & rice, cheesy potatoes, salad, bread and fruit.

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction

8:30 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion



### Collection Report

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.....\$5,822.00  
Bake Sale.....\$696.00

**Why is this Gospel read on this Sunday?**



The Church wishes to remind us of the painful passion and death of Jesus, and to move us by the contemplation of those mysteries to avoid and despise the wicked, heathenish amusements of carnival, sinful pleasures which she has always condemned, because they come from dark paganism, and, to avert the people from them...exhorted

them to have recourse at this time to the Sacraments and Penance and the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. A true Catholic will conform to the desire of his holy Church, considering the words which St. Augustine spoke to the faithful, "The heathens (as also the worldly people of our days) shout songs of love and merriment, but you should delight in the preaching of the word of God; they rush to the dramatic plays, but you should hasten to Church; they are intoxicated, but you should fast and be sober."

**LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS**

**Volunteer cooks still needed for Lenten Friday night suppers! March 10, 17, 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.

- 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 provides 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.

**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



**DEATH OF A PRIEST**

Oh! To think of him as Priest,  
One short season 'mid the vine,  
Where the workers prune and twine,  
Weep and sing.

It is well as priest and man,  
'Twas a guileless course he ran  
Who can say  
What sorrow, what deep dole,  
Lay in wait for the dear soul  
Passed away?

Fare thee well; God grant thee rest,  
And thy birthright 'mid the blest  
May He give:  
Thou didst speak His word, and break  
The Life-Bread immortals take—  
Thou shalt live.

— Rev. Dr. Howley (June 1886)  
(For †Fr. Guépin)



**MASS OF QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

As a prelude to Lent, Jesus announces, "We go up to Jerusalem," city of the Great Sacrifice. Yet, despite all His teaching that suffering is necessary as expiation for sin, His followers were blind, they "understood not." (Gospel.) Hence, He proceeds to strengthen their weakening faith by giving sight to a blind man because of his strong faith. If faith is necessary to understand the meaning of Lenten penance, how much more necessary is charity: charity for God, charity for neighbor (Epistle). "For where there is love, there is no labor." The Introit, Collect and Gradual inspire confidence in God as we are about to "go up" with Him. The Offertory expresses gratitude for faith and pleads for its increase. The Communion reflects on the charity of God as our model.

It is Wednesday as I write this note in the beautiful town of Annecy, France, which is nestled in the French Alps and was the home of the holy Doctor of the Church, St. Francis de Sales, to whom we are dedicating this Lenten season. Annecy is the place where the bishops of Geneva, only a 30-minute drive from here, had to reside during the persecution of the Catholics by the Calvinists. St. Francis here gained the support of the local rulers to be able to once more move the Episcopal See back to Geneva. That is quite an interesting story! Just across the street from my little flat is the church in which the great saint was ordained; a few blocks away is the church in which his mother prayed to have a child who would be consecrated to God in the religious life; it is here that St. Francis and St. Jane Frances de Chantal began the foundation of the Visitation Order; and one of the most edifying things that I found out is that the house in which he stayed while he wrote his deeply profound *Treatise on the Love of God* is just up the street. The relics of St. Francis and St. Jane are both kept in the church of the Visitation overlooking the city.

As Catholic a history as this place has, it is a far distant history. Annecy, as the rest of Europe, has become a shameless place. Europe, too, is very much divided because of the question of the Una Cum Mass of the SSPX. As we know, it is mortally sinful to attend a Mass in which any of the heretics of Vatican II are named. The theology is simple. Only a Catholic pope can be mentioned in the Canon of the Mass. If any other than a Catholic pope is mentioned, then the Mass is being offered in union with (una cum) someone outside the Church and is equivalent to an act of schism. This is no matter of opinion. However, there are other matters of lesser weight which cause a deep division among the Catholics in Europe. But on to better things...

The Confirmations in Rennes and Chambéry went very well. I think we had thirty or so in Rennes and eighteen in Chambéry. That chapel in Rennes is run by **Fr. Roger**, who was ordained by Bishop Dolan in the late 1990s, and **Fr. Hecquard** is an assistant there. Chambéry is served by Fr. Roger, **Fr. Thomas Le Gal** (a classmate of mine in the seminary) and some others, I believe. I had a nice opportunity to see many of our priests from the Companions of Jesus and Mary again (some of them were in Mexico for the diaconate).

While it was a joy to make new soldiers of

Christ, still it was a time of mourning for France and for the whole Catholic world over the recent death of the good Fr. Guèpin in Nantes. I was not able to make the funeral Mass, unfortunately, but was able to go to pray for him in his chapel as his body was laid out for visitors. **Fr. Henry de la Chanonie** gave a warm welcome to me, Fr. Roger and Fr. Hecquard. It was nice to see him again, this time as a priest of God.



The Fathers here at St. Gertrude's are taking care of things while I am away. I am very thankful to them for their hard work. It was a time of much celebration, I think. February 8<sup>th</sup> was Fr. McKenna's birthday and his priestly anniversary was on the 11<sup>th</sup>—and it was his 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary, not his 12<sup>th</sup>! For those of you who might have wished him a happy 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I guess you don't have to send him good wishes next year since you have already done so!

It's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to some serious work in our spiritual lives as Lent begins with the blessing of Ashes this Wednesday. But please don't forget the feast of the Holy Face on Tuesday, a feast which is so dear to us here at SGG. Come to the High Mass on Tuesday to ask Our Lord's blessing and St. Francis de Sales' intercession for a holy Lent!

– **Bishop McGuire**



#### A LENTEN SHELTER

God suggests to Noe the shelter against the flood by giving him the command to build the ark. The ark is a work of God. The design is His, the various accessories to make it fitter for the task are His. Nevertheless, it demands cooperation and work on the part of Noe. So too with virtue, and especially in the work necessary to conquer impurity and to safeguard chastity, there has to be absolutely, at all times, and in everything, the grace of God. But He, also, demands that there always be our generous cooperation. This ark of shelter is His Church that has the same dimensions of length, depth, and width that were sung by Paul apropos of the love of God. Because, after all, your real shelter is love, the love of loves that reveals to us the deceit of all false loves because it is far superior to them all and puts them all in the shade.

#### Masses offered privately by Bishop McGuire

- Fr. Hecquard (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
- Fr. Roger (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
- Fr. de la Chanonie (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
- Fr. Dutertre (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
- Fr. Sons (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

## ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>2/20/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Thou knowest, O Lord ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> Bishop Sanborn ( <i>Alter Christus</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>2/21/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY • THE HOLY FACE</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Jose M. Abella – 13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 2/21 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass of the Holy Face</b> Reparation to the Holy Face ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/22/23</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</b> 6:45 AM <b>Blessing &amp; Distribution of Ashes</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> “Thou knowest, Lord!” ( <i>Renee Arlinghaus</i> ) <b>Distribution of Ashes</b> 11:25 AM <b>Blessing &amp; Distribution of Ashes, High Mass</b> †Margaret Kinnett ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) 12:20 PM <b>Distribution of Ashes</b> 3:00 PM <b>Children’s Stations of the Cross, followed by Distribution of Ashes &amp; Holy Communion</b> 5:00 PM <b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b> 5:20 PM <b>Penitential Litany</b> 5:40 PM <b>Distribution of Ashes</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Thou knowest, O Lord ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Final Distribution of Ashes</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>2/23/23</b>	<b>ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD</b> VIGIL OF ST. MATTHIAS 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> “Thou knowest, O Lord” ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> Merry Christmas to all my family & friends! ( <i>Sr. Eulalia</i> ) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Thielen ( <i>Alter Christus</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>2/24/23</b>	<b>ST. MATTHIAS, AP • THE CROWN OF THORNS</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> “Thou knowest, O Lord” ( <i>Renee Arlinghaus</i> ) 10:55 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> Merry Christmas Dad ( <i>Mary &amp; grandkids</i> ) 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:35 PM <b>Closing of the Infant of Prague Novena</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls through St. Anthony ( <i>The Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b> 6:45 PM <b>Lenten Supper</b> 7:30 PM <b>Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena IV, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction</b> 8:30 PM <b>(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/25/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY • ST. WALBURGA, V</b> <i>BL. SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO, C</i> 7:10 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Bette Hanna – Happy Birthday ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i> ) 8:10 AM <b>Ave Regina Caelorum, Sermon</b> 8:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls through St. Anthony ( <i>The Arlinghaus Family</i> )

## Ash Wednesday: February 22

*Begin your Lent well by receiving Ashes at one of the many services we will offer on that day.  
Ashes are distributed before AND after all Masses.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 7:00** (*Special Workers’ Mass, no sermon!*) & **11:25 AM; 5:45 PM.**

**ASHES: 6:45 AM, 11:25 AM** (and *after* the Masses, as well), **3:15 PM, 5:40 PM** and the final distribution at **6:30 PM.**

**STATIONS:** There are **Children’s Stations of the Cross** at **3:00 PM**, followed by distribution of ashes.

### Come to Stations

*Stations are available on Wednesdays at 3 PM, Fridays at 7:30 PM, and Short Stations on Sunday at 11:15 AM.*

*Daily Mass, or as often as possible, is an excellent Lenten observance.*

*Maybe this Lent you could finally start the family Rosary?*

*And what about spiritual reading—10 minutes?  
Your Lent will only be as good as the effort you put into it.*

### Servers

<b>FRI 2/24</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Simpsons
<b>SAT 2/25</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Seminarian <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> M. Simpson, Kolenichs
<b>SUN 2/26</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> P. Omlor, T. Lawrence <b>TH:</b> A. McClorey <b>ACS:</b> D. Hudson, D. Simpson <b>TORCH:</b> B. Constantino, L. Rabjohns, I. Smith, J. Hudson, C. Van Der Putten, M. McConnell <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, Seminarian <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Seminarian
<b>SUN 2/26/23</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA, PENITENT</i> 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Our beloved departed family & friends ( <i>Dan &amp; Rose Wright</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls through St. Anthony ( <i>The Arlinghaus Family</i> ) 10:40 AM <b>Catechism Classes</b> 11:15 AM <b>Short Stations of the Cross</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Chad McGinnis & his intentions ( <i>Theresa Simpson</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Why** penance and reparation? Because, in Christ's words, "Unless you do penance, you shall **all** likewise perish".

Is it any wonder that on Pentecost Sunday, after Peter preached his sermon, and rebuked the people for their sins, and they asked him, "what must we do," his first word to the multitude was the imperative verb, "Repent!"

Is it any wonder that Our Lady of Fatima's message to a sinful world in our day, may be summarized in the same imperative, "Do penance."

Indeed, the calamities that we have seen in the last century: two world wars with more casualties than in all the previous wars of history, and the threat of a nuclear holocaust that hangs over us like a tornado cloud. All of this is God's warning to do penance and reparation. Why? Because God is not mocked.

You do not offend God with impunity. You do not sin without retribution. You do not ignore the will of the Almighty and expect the Almighty to ignore what you do.

What bears emphasis, however, is that this retribution is either to be paid willingly, with our penance and reparation, or will be paid unwillingly within the divine punishment.

The divine logic is simple, awfully simple, and all we have to do is learn what God is telling us. Either we do penance and reparation because we want to, or we shall suffer (against our will) the consequences of our sins in this life, and in the life to come.

But remember, this penance and reparation is to be done not only for what we have personally done wrong. It is for all the pride and lust, for all the cruelty and greed, for all the envy and laziness and gluttony of a sin-laden human family.

God is merciful, all merciful, The Sacred Heart is an Ocean of Mercy. But despite what the Novus Ordo tells you, God's mercy is conditional. It is conditional on our practice of penance and reparation.

Suppose we spend a moment each day on one of these seven rules, and ask Our Lord, to open our hearts to respond with generosity to His offended Sacred Heart.

## THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY: LENTEN CONFESSION

Simon the leper called Magdalen a sinner, but our Savior spoke not of her sins, but only of the precious ointment which she poured out, and of the fullness of her love. If we are truly humble, we shall grieve bitterly over sin because it offends God, but we shall find sweetness in accusing ourselves, because in so doing we honor Him; and we shall find relief in fully revealing our complaints to our physician. When you are before your spiritual father, suppose yourself to be on Mount Calvary, at the Feet of the Crucified Jesus, Whose Precious Blood drops upon you to purify your iniquities.... Hesitate not then to open your heart fully in confession, for in proportion as your sins go forth, the precious merits of Christ's Passion will come in and fill you with all blessings.

## FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY THE CROWN OF THORNS

For if indeed, as the Angelical Doctor tells us, the sure way of attaining to the love of God is to dwell upon His mercies, the more we appreciate them, the more we shall love Him.... Assuredly nothing can so humble us before the compassion of God as the abundance of His mercies; nothing so humble us before His justice as the abun-

dance of our misdeeds. Let us reflect upon all He has done for us, and all we have done against Him; and as we count over our sins in detail, even so let us count over His mercies.

We need not fear to be puffed up with the knowledge of what He has done for us, if we keep well before us the truth that whatever good there may be in us, it is not of us. Though a mule is laden with the precious and perfumed treasures of a prince, is it not still a clumsy, filthy beast? "What has thou that thou didst not receive? And if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hast not received it?" (1 Cor. iv. 7.)

### *Prayer for Humility*

*O God, Who resisteth the proud and bestowest Thy grace on the humble, grant us the virtue of true humility of which Thine only-begotten Son showed to the faithful an example in Himself; that we may never provoke Thee to anger by our pride, but rather receive through humility the gifts of Thy grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

If in the consideration of God's grace any vanity were to slip in, we should find an infallible remedy in the remembrance of our ingratitude, our imperfections, our weakness; and if we reflect on what we have done without God, we shall require no further proof that what we do when He is with us is not of ourselves or of our own strength; we shall rejoice in it certainly, and rejoice because we have done it, but we shall give all the glory of it to God, Who is its author.

Thus the Blessed Virgin declared what great things God had done in her, but only in order to humble herself and exalt Him. "My soul," she says, "doth magnify the Lord.... Be-

cause He that is mighty hath done great things to me” (St. Luke i, 46-49).

**Act of Consecration by St. Francis de Sales**  
*Most Holy Mary, virgin Mother of God, I (full name), most unworthy though I am to be thy servant, yet touched by thy motherly care for me and longing to serve thee, do, in the presence of my guardian angel and all the court of heaven, choose thee this day to be my queen, my advocate, and my mother, and I firmly purpose to serve thee evermore myself and to do what I can that all may render faithful service to thee.*

*Therefore, most devoted Mother, through the precious Blood thy Son poured out for me, I beg thee and beseech thee, deign to take me among thy clients and receive me as thy servant forever.*

*Aid me in my every action, and beg for me the grace never, by word or deed or thought, to be displeasing in thy sight and that of thy most holy Son.*

*Think of me, dearest Mother, and desert me not at the hour of death. Amen.*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

These grievous assaults and powerful temptations are never permitted by God save to those whom He purposes to exalt in His pure and excellent love. Nevertheless they are not on this account certain to attain thereto, for sometimes those who have bravely withstood such violent attacks, do not continue faithful to the divine goodness, but are overcome by little temptations. Therefore should you ever be afflicted by grievous temptations, be sure that God grants you a special favor by which He intimates that He would raise you up before His Face; but still be very humble and fearful, not feeling confident that you can overcome trifling temptations

because you have overcome greater, except by continual faithfulness to Him. *“Save me, O God: for the waters are come in even unto my soul. I stick fast in the deep mire, and there is no sure standing; I am come into the depth of the sea, and the tempest hath overwhelmed me.”*

### FAST & ABSTINENCE

**RULES OF FAST:** The laws of fast apply to persons between the ages of 21 and 59. On a fast day one may eat one full meal and two light meatless meals, which together would not equal the main meal. Meat may be taken at the principal meal, except on days of complete abstinence. Liquids such as water, milk, and fruit juices may be taken between meals.

**RULES OF ABSTINENCE:** The laws of abstinence apply to everyone seven years of age and over. On a day of complete abstinence no meat, meat gravy or soup made from meat may be taken. On a day of partial abstinence meat may be taken once.

**TRADITIONAL DAYS OF FAST:** All the weekdays of Lent (Monday through Saturday) up until noon on Holy Saturday; Ember Days; the Vigils of Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas.

**TRADITIONAL DAYS OF COMPLETE ABSTINENCE:** Every Friday of the year; Ash Wednesday; Holy Saturday (until noon); the Vigils of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

**TRADITIONAL DAYS OF PARTIAL ABSTINENCE:** Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the Vigil of Pentecost.

## Lent with St. Francis de Sales



### Daily Thoughts and Prayers Lent 2023

#### DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Lord, I lay before Thee my weak heart, which Thou fillest with good desires. Thou knowest that I am unable to bring the same to good effect, unless Thou bless and prosper them, and therefore, O Loving Father, I entreat Thee to help me by the merits and Passion of Thy dear Son, to Whose honor I would devote this day and my whole life. – *St. Francis de Sales*