

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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March 5, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The second collection for our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, with **Short Stations** at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Great St. Thomas Aquinas' feast comes on **Tuesday**.

The **Children's Lenten Day of Recollection** is this **Wednesday**, beginning at 9 AM and closing with Stations at 2:45 PM. **Please be sure to call the school if your children will be attending: 513-645-4216.**

Our **Friday** evening and **Saturday** schedules are as usual. Remember to send us the first names of your sick to be remembered in the Sorrowful Mother Novena.



FIRST COMMUNICANTS

First Confessions & Testing:
Saturday, April 22.

****Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed by April 9th.**

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NECESSARY FORM.**

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

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

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Third Sunday of Lent, second collect of St. Gregory the Great. Preface of Lent.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Be sure to put your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

☞ **Sodality Meeting:** March 18

☞ **St. Joseph's Feast & Table for the Poor:**
Monday, March 20

☞ **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 – March 10th

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: *Potato Cheese Soup, Crab Quiche / Butternut Squash Quiche, Egg Salad, Cornbread, Fresh fruit, Salad Greens*

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 26th\$8,900.00

WEEKDAY PARKING

The parking spaces along the cloister have always been reserved for our religious and staff on weekdays. *This includes temporary parking.* Thank you for your kind consideration in leaving these spots open for their use.



JESUS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

The day is setting... As on Mount Thabor, three privileged apostles are with Thee. Peter, James and John, but how different the circumstances! This summit is not a place of glory and brightness as Thabor was. Those beautiful roses of Thabor offer only thorns to Thee, here; instead of laurel, warm drops of Thy Blood; instead of a clear fountain of water running lazily along the slope of the Mountain, it is an oozing of water and blood, the weight of Thy agony presses out of Thy veins on Olivet; the birds sweetened the sunset with their song, but tonight, apart from some distant screeching of the owl, no sound breaks the lonely gloomy silence, except Thy deep moaning, caused by such cruel agony... Here prostrate on the ground, covered with sweat and blood, Thy Face, Hands and Garments are stained with dust. O beloved Jesus! Art Thou the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the King of Glory, the Transfigured of Mount Thabor?

Here, Thou prayest and atonest for the sins of the world, Thy human nature utterly exhausted by grief. On Mount Thabor, standing in all the majesty of Thy Godhead; here prostrate like a criminal, imploring forgiveness, Thou sinkest on Thy knees, and Thy shame cannot be expressed in human words... O God, how wide the chasm between Thabor and Gethsemane. There, Thy countenance shone like a sun; here it is clouded in a sweat of blood and tears and touching the soil. There, Thy garments were as white as snow, here, the dust of the soil, damp with Thy tears becomes a pool of mire. There, a voice was heard, that of Thy Eternal Father. "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him;" in the garden of Olives: Thou

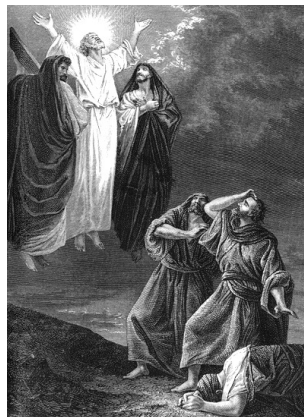
hast to implore Thy Father: "Father, let this chalice pass from Me." But in vain, Heaven is deaf to Thy cry, and Thy prayer goes unanswered...

What a cruel contrast; Thabor and Gethsemane! Thabor, a glorious manifestation of Thy Divine Lordship! Gethsemane, O deepest shame, Thy human nature is abased and annihilated, even as the prophet says, as a worm trodden upon, by Thy foes....

On Mount Thabor, Thy disciples urge Thee, O Savior, to abide always with them, close to Thee, in the same Tabernacle as Thou. When the voice of Thy Heavenly Father frightened them, Thou Thyself went to reassure them: "Do not fear, arise." At Gethsemane, Thou liest half dead agonizing in complete desolation... Three times dost Thou beg of them to comfort Thee, with their companionship in prayer; alas, all in vain... Even could not quench the excess of loving mercy! Having come out victorious, from Thy wrestling with sorrow, sin and death; Thou consentest to console them, forgetting Thy own sorrow. Rest now, until the traitor approaches. I will watch nearby, and when the enemies are close, "If it is I Whom you seek, let these go in peace," He ordered them. What a divine revenge on this ignominious desertion!

The disciples no longer exclaim as on Mount Thabor, "It is good for us to be here." *Bonum est nos hic esse.* Like cowards, they take to flight and Peter shall deny Thee thrice during the night!...

What a burning wound to Thy Loving Heart, O Jesus!



LACHRIMAE AMANTIS

*What is there in my heart that You should
sue
so fiercely for its love? What kind of care
brings You as though a stranger to my door
through the long night and in the icy dew
seeking the heart that will not harbor You,
that keeps itself religiously secure?
At this dark solstice filled with frost and
fire
Your Passion's ancient wounds must bleed
anew.*

*So many nights the angel of my house
has fed such urgent comfort through a
dream,
whispered "your Lord is coming, He is
close"
that I have drowsed half-faithful for a time
bathed in pure tones of promise and
remorse:
"tomorrow I shall wake to welcome Him."
- Geoffrey Hill*

A THOUGHT

The deeper the darkness,
The brighter the morn;
The spirit's rare gladness
Of sorrow is born.
The fiercer the tempest,
The sooner the calm;
The sharper a wound,
The more soothing the balm.
The brightest of blossoms
Lie close to the sod.
The lowliest hearts
Are dearest to God.
The heaviest cross
That to earth bows us down
If patiently borne,
Wins a glorious crown.



Servers

- FRI 3/10** 5:45 PM **LOW:** Capetillos
- SAT 3/11** 7:30 AM **LOW:** Seminarian
8:20 AM **HIGH:** P. Omlor, Brueggemanns
- SUN 3/12** 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **HIGH:** **MCS:** Seminarian, T. Lawrence **TH:** C. Arlinghaus **ACS:** D. Hudson, J. Kolenich **TORCH:** P. & M. Caggese, B. Constantino, M. & N. Kolenich, D. Simpson
11:30 AM **LOW:** N. & A. McClorey
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller, Seminarian
5:45 PM **LOW:** Seminarian

Have you taken the time to look and to listen?! Spring is in the air, at long last! Our bushes are starting to show their green and the flowers are beginning to come up. In the early morning the birds are chirping their beautiful morning hymns to their Creator. A good example to all of us! The cats, too, have noticed the coming Spring as they like to spend most of the time outdoors now. As for the deer that roam about in the fall and winter months, I have been wondering what has become of them when just a few days later I saw the doe and her growing fawn in the backyard.

I mentioned the birds singing to their Creator. Some of the boys and young men of the school join the clergy after High Mass to sing Lenten Vespers, a prayer which is most pleasing to Almighty God. We put an emphasis on the liturgy here at St. Gertrude the Great because it is the worship of God that should be placed first in our lives. This should be abundantly clear from the fact that the very first Commandment bids us put nothing above God. I remember it being said that when we are mindful of the worship of God, God is mindful of us. This is why we have always been so well taken care of by the Good God.

It was encouraging to see the number of people who came to the First Thursday Holy Hour for Priests. Truly, the clergy here at St. Gertrude's and all through the world need your prayers. How low some have fallen by either abandoning their faith or by leading an immoral life! We pray just as much for them as for any. A priest, when he dies, does not go to his reward or to his punishment alone, but takes many souls along with him. This is why we must always pray for the clergy. Our Lord must have been very pleased to see all of our priests, both Oblates, our seminarian, the families of two priests and the family of our seminarian at the Holy Hour. My mother was present virtually, watching it online. It was truly an edifying and encouraging event. I hope it continues each First Thursday!

Bp. Da Silva seems to be doing alright. **Fr. McKenna** and I had a conference call with him on Wednesday when he introduced us to one of his priests, **Fr. Fernando Altamira**. Father lives and works in Colombia. I think he said he has about 500 souls in ten Mass centers spread throughout the country. Bp. Da Silva keeps some contact with priests who have either left the Resistance group or whom he hopes will one day leave it. This is how he got in contact with Fr. Altamira. Father left the Resistance after much study and prayer as he made the conclusion that the Una Cum Mass is sinful and an insult to God. He is very firm in his stance against the Una Cum Mass of the SSPX and strikes me

as a very good priest.

Fr. Contreras, one of our priests in Argentina, asks for prayers for the late Bp. Morello, who died one year ago this March 6th. A Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul, but I hope you will remember him in your prayers that day.



This Wednesday we have the Children's Lenten Day of Recollection, don't forget! I hope to have a large crowd of kids present. There will be talks on spiritual topics given by the different priests, Mass, an opportunity for confession, Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Benediction, and some time for quiet prayer. There will even be a special story for the little ones. It is good for the children to take some time out for some prayer, especially since kids nowadays are kept running so much of the time.

Time to sign off for now. I hope you are keeping up with your devotion to St. Francis de Sales. He has so much to offer us this Lent and always! May he fill your hearts with true devotion.

– Bishop McGuire

CHILDREN'S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION



Wednesday, March 8
9:00 AM – 3:25 PM

*This special Lenten recollection day is intended for **all children**, ages 6 through 17, and will include Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and age-appropriate spiritual talks. Your children should come **dressed in church clothes**, and should bring their **prayer book** and **rosary**. As usual we are offering a **free hot lunch** for the children.*

9:00 AM Opening Talk
11:25 AM High Mass, followed by lunch
2:45 PM Stations of the Cross, Benediction

Parents! Grandparents! Godparents! Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day.

Please call the SGG school office (513-645-4216) by Monday to let us know if your children will attend.

MON	3/6/23	SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †William Andreotta (<i>Nathalie</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:00 PM Low Mass †Bishop Morello – 1 st anniversary (<i>ACC</i>)
TUE	3/7/23	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD 7:00 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Theresa (<i>Dad & Mom</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Contreras (<i>ACC</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:00 PM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>)
WED	3/8/23	ST. JOHN OF GOD • CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION 7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>M.E.G.</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving for answered prayers – Our Lady of Hope (<i>Judy</i>) 9:00 AM Opening of Children's Day of Recollection 11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Rodriguez (<i>ACC</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 2:45 PM Stations of the Cross, Benediction 5:10 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	3/9/23	ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W • ST. DOMINIC SAVIO 7:00 AM Low Mass The soul most forgotten in Purgatory (<i>Regina Gilliam</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention – CV (<i>KIV</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Ramirez (<i>ACC</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:00 PM Low Mass Tristan VandeRyt (<i>KIV</i>)
FRI	3/10/23	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS • THE HOLY SHROUD 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Richards (<i>ACC</i>) 11:05 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Pierce Kiernan</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Dominic Simpson (<i>Benedict McGinnis</i>) Sacred Heart Novena 6:45 PM Lenten Supper 7:30 PM Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	3/11/23	FERIAL DAY 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday †Peter J. Gebel Jr. (<i>Willa</i>) 8:10 AM Ave Regina, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich family</i>)
SUN	3/12/23	LENT III • ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Special intention–salvation (<i>Ross Johnson</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass 1 st anniversary of the passing of †Sean Murray (<i>Boyd Family</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross 11:30 AM Low Mass †Mrs. Krawczyk (<i>Levi Giese Family</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Place yourself in the presence of God. Humble yourself before Him and pray that He may inspire you.

Imagine yourself to be in an open field, alone with your guardian angel, like young Tobias on his way to Rages. Imagine that he shows high heaven open before you with all its joys as pictured in the meditation you have made, and that he then shows you hell lying open beneath you with all the torments described in the meditation on hell. Situated thus in imagination and kneeling before your guardian angel:

Consider that it is strictly true that you stand between heaven and hell and that each of them lies open to receive you according to the choice you make.

Consider that the choice of one or the other of them that we make in this world will last eternally in the world to come.

Also, that although each of them is open to receive you in keeping with your choice, yet God, Who is prepared to give you hell by His justice or heaven by His mercy, desires with an incomparable desire that you choose heaven. With all his power your guardian angel also urges you to do this and in God's Name offers you a thousand graces and a thousand helps to assist you to obtain it.

From the heights of heaven Jesus Christ mercifully looks down upon you and graciously invites you there. He says, "Come, dear soul, and find everlasting rest in My bountiful arms where I have prepared undying delight for you in the abundance of My love." With your inward eyes behold the Blessed Virgin who maternally bids you: "Courage, my child, do not spurn my Son's desires or the many sighs that I have cast forth for you as I yearn with Him for your eternal salvation." Behold the saints who exhort you and the millions of blessed souls who sweetly invite you and wish only to see your heart one day joined with theirs in praising and loving God forever. They assure you that the way to heaven is not as difficult as the world makes it out to be. "Be of good heart, dear brother," they say. "He who carefully considers the way of devotion by which we ascended hither will see that we acquired these delights by pleasures incomparably sweeter than those of the world."

Hell, I detest you now and forevermore. I detest your torments and your pains. I detest your accursed and wretched eternity. Above all, I detest the eternal blasphemies and maledictions that you eternally vomit forth against my God. I turn my heart and my soul toward you, O wondrous heaven, everlasting glory, and endless happiness, and choose my abiding place forever within your beautiful and sacred mansions and among your holy, longed-for tabernacles. O my God, I bless Thy mercy and I accept the offer Thou art pleased to give to me. O Jesus, my Savior, I accept Thine everlasting love and I hail the place and lodging Thou hast purchased for me in this blessed Jerusalem. Beyond any other reason I do so in order to love and bless Thee forever and ever.

Accept the help that the Virgin and the saints offer you. Promise that you will press forward on your way to join them. Reach out your hand to your guardian angel so that he may lead you on. Encourage your soul to make this choice.

– St. Francis de Sales

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*

MONDAY IN LENT II

Remember, the Heart of Our Lord saw your heart, and loved you surely from the tree of the cross. By this love He obtained for you all the good things that you will ever have, including your resolutions. Yes, we can say with Jeremiah: “Lord, before I existed You beheld me and called me by name” (cf. 1:5). This is indeed so; His divine goodness has prepared in His love and mercy all the means, general and particular for our salvation, and consequently our resolutions. Yes, without doubt. A woman with child prepares the cradle, the linen and swaddling clothes, and even arranges a nurse for the child whom she hopes to bring forth, though it is not yet in the world. So Our Lord, in His goodness, is as it were pregnant with you, wishing to bring you forth to salvation and make you His child, prepared upon the tree of the cross everything you would need. He got ready your spiritual cradle, linen, and swaddling clothes, your nurse and everything suitable for your happiness. These are all the means, all the attractions and all the graces by which He guides you and wants to lead you to perfection.

TUESDAY IN LENT II

(Reread yesterday’s reading.) My God, how deeply this truth should be fixed in our memory. Is it possible that I have been loved, and loved so tenderly, by my Savior? That He thought of me personally in all these little events by which He has drawn me to Himself? How much then should we love, cherish and make good use of all this for our benefit! This is extremely kind: this loving Heart of my God thought of me, loved me and obtained for me a thousand means of salvation. This He did as though there was no other soul in the world He could think of. The sun shines on one part of the earth, shining on it no less than if it shone nowhere else, and as if it shone upon it alone. In the same way, Our Lord thought of and cared for all His loving children in such a way that He thought of each one of us as though He had not thought of all the rest. He loved me, says St. Paul, and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20); as if he said: for myself alone, as though He had done nothing for the others. Imprint this in your spirit, in order to cherish and nourish with care your firm resolution so precious to the Heart of the Savior. — *Introduction to the Devout Life*

WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

“Nothing to fear”

To be in this world, and not to feel any emotion of passion, is an inconsistency. The glorious St. Bernard says that it is heresy to assert that we can persevere in one same state here below, inasmuch as the Holy Ghost, speaking by the mouth of Job, concerning man, declares that *he never remains in the*

same state. This is an answer to your complaints regarding the levity and inconstancy of your soul; for I believe, without a doubt, that it is continually beaten about by the winds of its passions, and consequently is always in commotion; but I believe as firmly that the grace of God and your good resolutions remain steady in the summit of your soul, where the standard of the cross is firmly planted, and where faith, hope, and charity exclaim aloud: *Live Jesus!*

Take notice of this: so long as the temptation displeases you, *there is nothing to fear*; for why does it displease you, but because you do not approve of it? These importune temptations come from the malice of the devil; but the pain we feel on their account comes from the mercy of God, Who, in opposition to the will and from the wickedness of our enemy, draws a holy tribulation by which He refines the gold intended for His treasury.

I say, then, that your temptations are from the devil and hell, but your afflictions are from God and heaven; the mothers are from Babylon, but the daughters are from Jerusalem. Despise the vain allurements; embrace the precious tribulation.

— *Consoling thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

THURSDAY IN LENT II

Our Lord has taught me from my youth to confide in Providence, and if I were to be born again I would desire to be governed, even in the least things, by His holy Providence, with the simplicity of a child, and with a profound contempt for all human prudence. It is a great enjoyment to me to

walk with eyes closed, under the guidance of Providence, whose designs are impenetrable, but are always sweet and amiable to those who confide in them. Let us leave our soul, then, in the barque of Providence; it will conduct us safely to port. Happy are they who confide in Him, who as God is able, as a Father is willing, to grant us everything good; miserable, on the contrary, are they who trust in creatures; which promise great things, give little, and make the purchaser pay dearly for the little they give.

– *Consoling thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

FRIDAY IN LENT II *THE HOLY SHROUD*

What a grace, to be not only under the cross, but on the cross, and at least a little crucified with Our Lord! Have good courage, make a virtue of necessity, and lose not an opportunity of showing your love for God in the midst of tribulation, as He in the midst of thorns has shown His for you.

Remain in peace in the paternal arms of the most loving care which God has of you, and will have of you, since you belong to Him, and are no longer your own. Oh, how great a favor it is, when He reserves His consolations for the life to come!

– *Consoling thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

SATURDAY IN LENT II

...Be most careful to model your lives on hers [Our Lady's]: Be meek, humble, charitable and kind, and magnify the Lord with her during this life. And if you do so humbly and faithfully in this world, you will undoubtedly sing the *Magnificat* in Heaven,

with the Virgin herself; and praising the Divine Majesty by means of this sacred canticle, you will be blessed by Him for all eternity, to which the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost are leading us. Amen.

– *From a sermon on Our Lady by St. Francis de Sales*

Practice: to say this prayer often throughout the day: *We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Many grapes are pressed together to make but one wine. It is no longer possible to distinguish what wine came forth from which cluster or which bunch. Being blended together haphazardly, they form but one wine drawn from the many clusters. In like fashion, the hearts of the first Christians, in which holy charity and dilection reigned, were only one wine though made from many hearts as from so many grapes. What built that great union among them was none other, my dear souls, than the most Holy Communion. [Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17]. When later on Its reception was discontinued, or when It was rarely received, charity itself, by this very fact, became cold among Christians and totally lost both its strength and its attractive sweetness.

– *St. Francis de Sales, Sermons for Lent*

Practice: To make a worthy reception of Holy Communion as often as possible. To make my Easter Duty this year.

Lent with St. Francis de Sales



Daily Thoughts and Prayers
Lent 2023