

# 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 19, 2023**  
**LENT IV • LAETARE SUNDAY**



## ¶ LAETARE SUNDAY



Happy Rejoice Sunday! The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, with **Short Stations** at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45.

## ¶ ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

**Tomorrow** on the feast of great St. Joseph. **St. Joseph's Bread** will be blessed and distributed after the 11:25 AM High Mass. Bring some **food for the poor** to "St. Joseph's Table" in the social hall.

## ¶ SHHHH!

As the saying goes, God is calling you, but probably not on your cell phone! Please remember to *turn off* your cell phone during Mass and other church services. Do not merely turn it to silence or airplane mode. The ringing and dinging of cell phones and the buzzing of silenced ringers can be heard all the way to the altar and is both very distracting and disedifying.

## ¶ THE ANNUNCIATION

This great feast of Our Lady comes on **Saturday**. The Masses and devotions are at the usual times.

## ¶ SHROUDED STATUES

We will be **covering the statues** (a big job at St. Gertrude!) for Passiontide after the second Mass on **Saturday**. Come help if you can.



## ¶ EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES & LILY MEMORIALS

Envelopes are available in the pews for the Easter Novena of Masses and the Lily Memorials. Please fill them out and return them in the collection basket, bookstore, or the office by **Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PASSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday we begin the season of Passiontide. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, with **Final Short Stations** at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Passion Sunday, second collect for the Church. Preface of the Holy Cross.

## ¶ A NOTE FOR NURSING MOTHERS

Just a reminder that the last classroom on the right is always open on Sundays for your use. This provides a private, quiet place for you and your baby, and as well helps to avoid any distraction to the Faithful. In our modern society there is a tendency to be transparent about everything, while some things are so precious that they should be done in quiet modesty. Please do use the classroom that has been set up for your comfort.



**Episcopal Consecration**  
of

**FATHER BEDE NKAMUKE**

*All are invited to celebrate  
this great occasion with us  
on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>,  
feast of Ss. Philip & James,  
at 10 o'clock in the morning.*



## ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MICHAEL

It is logical to wonder how the patronage of St. Joseph differs, if at all, from the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel over the Church. Following Bialas, we would agree that both saints are Patrons of the Universal Church, but St. Joseph “has been the only one to receive *solemn* declaration.”

Moreover, “as an *angelic spirit*, the Archangel Michael excels St. Joseph, who is *human* by nature. St. Michael excels in that he can help his clients by his natural powers of ‘movement.’ In the *supernatural order*, however, and especially in his power of intercession, considering his dignity, St. Joseph could excel St. Michael.” The reasons for believing that Joseph does excel have been already stated. But how do the patronages of St. Joseph and St. Michael differ?

The differentiating element seems to be that Michael obtains his results more as a warrior for the Church; St. Joseph accomplishes his, as a father. “Joseph fights evil but in a rather positive way, i.e., by promoting the good...the Archangel is more of the Champion and Warrior type; he resists evil by getting at the evil—he openly resists to conquer the enemy, as he did against Lucifer and his devils; he is aggressive; he does things by leadership—by leading forces against the enemy before the latter even attacks...he fortifies, defends, and guards.”



Archangel Michael.

## THE ANNUNCIATION

“Virginity and absolute chastity is an angelic virtue; but though it belongs more especially to angels than to men, yet the purity of Our Lady infinitely surpassed that of the angels, having three great perfections above theirs, even that of the cherubim and seraphim...that of the angels is sterile and can produce no fruit. On the contrary, that of our glorious Mistress was not only fruitful because she produced for us this sweet Fruit of Life, Our Lord and Masters, but in the second place she has begotten many virgins. It is in imitation of her, as we have said, that virgins have vowed their chastity.

“But she was not only virgin par excellence above all others, angels as well as men—she was also more humble than all others. This was manifest excellently on the day of the Annunciation. She then made the greatest act of humility that was ever made or ever will be made by a pure creature; for seeing herself exalted by the angel who saluted her, saying she was full of grace and that she would conceive a Son who would be both God and Man...Our Lady, being reassured by the angel and having learned what God willed to do with her and in her, made this supreme act of humility, saying: I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say. She saw herself raised to the highest dignity that ever was or will be, for though it should please God to create anew many worlds, He could never make a pure creature be greater than the Mother of God.

“Our Lady humbled herself and acknowledged herself unworthy of being raised to the high dignity of Mother of God; therefore she was made to be His Mother, for she had no sooner uttered the protestation of her littleness than, having abandoned herself to Him by an act of incomparable charity, she became the Mother of the Most High, who is the Saviour of our souls.”

— From a sermon of St. Francis de Sales given on the occasion of a Religious Profession

## REPAYMENT

Thou the Cross didst bear:  
What bear I?  
Thou the Thorn didst wear:  
What wear I?  
Thou to death didst dare:  
What dare I?  
Thou for me dost care:  
What care I?

Who binds Thee,  
His own bonds unbinds.  
Who finds Thee,  
Plenteous mercy finds.  
Thou, though love that blinds,  
Ne’er blinds Thee,  
Seekest all men’s minds.  
Who minds Thee?

— Laurence Housman



## Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection – March 24<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: *Fish and Chips*  
(French fries), green salad, potato soup,  
bread and mixed fruit.

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

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

### Collection Report

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> .....\$8,131.80  
Thank you for your generosity.

I suppose everyone has heard the news of **Fr. Nkamuke's** upcoming episcopal consecration. The church in Nigeria is certainly growing strong. Fr. Nkamuke and his two priests have some eighteen missions, a seminary, and a group of religious, among other things. However, in all the years since they first contacted Bp. Dolan (even before Fr. Nkamuke entered the seminary) the Faithful have not been able to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Besides, now there is also the fact that their seminarians cannot receive Tonsure or Minor Orders unless they were to come to the United States, a process which is becoming more and more difficult. As you can see, this consecration is very much needed. It is something which Bp. Dolan often spoke about and planned to do. We plan to follow through with this on Monday, May 1st. All are welcome to attend, of course.



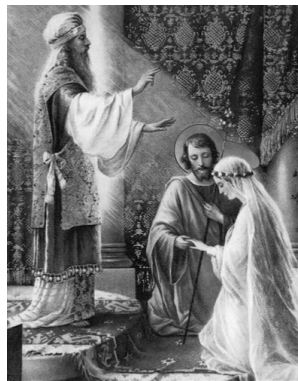
The need for priests is so great at this time. The Church needs priests who are missionaries, stable young men who have a deep love of God and zeal for souls. The priest nowadays does not live in comfort and ease, he never did. The priest in today's day and age doesn't have to look hard for work in the apostolate. He just has to look beyond himself to see it. Young men, look beyond what the world holds out to you and instead look at what the world has done to souls. How many souls have been lost because they tried to befriend the world, one of the principal enemies of the soul. How many souls attempt, at their own peril, to compromise with the world and to live both as followers of Christ and of the world. Young men, what about it? Might Our blessed Lord be calling you out of the world? Might He be calling you to be a priest of God, who is set aside to save immortal souls?

We are more than halfway through Lent now. In fact, this Saturday we will be covering statues for Passiontide and then a week later preparing for Palm Sunday! Today is a good time to renew your Lenten resolutions. If you haven't been faithful don't worry, you still have another half to make up for it. Courage! St. Francis de Sales will help you if you only ask him!

I ask the Holy Ghost to fill you with true joy, one of the twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost. Laetare, Jerusalem! Rejoice, Christian soul!

– Bishop McGuire

## ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY IMMACULATE



*Wounded human nature is particularly susceptible to assaults upon the virtue of purity. Satan knows this well, and he cleverly employs his diabolical wiles in order to undermine this virtue. St. Joseph stands ready to assist those who appeal to him for protection.*

Joseph's close relation with the august Virgin was another source of great graces for him. His marriage with her was a virginal one: in it there was a mutual donation of virginity. Mary committed hers to Joseph as a treasure for him to guard, to protect and reverence. There was a reciprocal surrender on Joseph's part. These two holy spouses were bound together by a deep and pure and chaste conjugal affection, which sprang from the love each bore to the other's purity. To this marriage Mary brought a dowry composed, not of the riches of this world, but of the treasures of grace. From the moment of the Incarnation Mary entered into her office of Dispensatrix of Divine Grace. To whom ought she to impart in greater abundance these treasures of which she had the keeping, than to him whom she stood in such a close and intimate relation and to whom she was so much indebted? What saint can claim to have had Mary in his debt? Yet this claim can be vindicated with justice by St. Joseph. Mary owed much to him for the care, the providence, and the affection with which he enveloped her and the Child she brought him. To be chosen to play the part of spouse of Mary, the Virgin of virgins and the Mother of God, there was already needed an extraordinary purity and sanctity: to sustain worthily and unfalteringly that lofty role, there was needed a continuous stream of exceptional graces. Since Mary had the privilege of dispensing all those graces, she must have given them with the utmost generosity to her holy spouse. Everything in this marriage was spiritual and perfect—and since in perfect marriage there is a complete reciprocal donation of goods between spouse and spouse, there must have been given to Joseph in the way of graces all that was in Mary's power to obtain for any creature.

– Edward Leen, *"In the Likeness of Christ"*

**Wedding Banns**

*Second time:*

*Andrew Kiernan & Eliza DeRienzo*

**MON 3/20/23 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY**  
*ST. PHOTINA & COMPANIONS, MM*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** "Thou knowest, O Lord!" (*Arlinghauses*)  
**11:25 AM Solemn High Mass** Fr. Lehtoranta (*ACC*)  
**Blessing of Hot Cross Buns**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Special intention—salvation (*Ross Johnson*)

**TUE 3/21/23 ST. BENEDICT, AB**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Bishop Dolan (*Christopher Browne*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Veronica Briggs – Happy Birthday 11/16  
*(Renee Arlinghaus)*  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Helen McDonald (*Jason Murray*)  
**12:20 PM Vespers**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Reparation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Janet Strauss*)

**WED 3/22/23 ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER, C**  
*ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA, W*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Fr. Simpson (*Theresa Simpson*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Fr. Cekada (*Christopher Browne*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** For my family (*Jason Murray*)  
**12:20 PM Vespers**  
**3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion**  
**5:10 PM Low Mass** Reparation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Janet Strauss*)

**THU 3/23/23 FERIAI DAY**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** His Excellency †Bishop Daniel L. Dolan, †Rev. Fr. Anthony Cekada, & all our deceased spiritual Fathers (*Maria Casole*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Special Intention (*H.Y.*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Mary Elaine Browne (*Christopher Browne*)  
**12:20 PM Vespers**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Reparation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Janet Strauss*)

**FRI 3/24/23 ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL**  
*THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Dan, Mary & family*)  
**11:05 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Thomas & Brandy Gardner (*Fr. Simpson*)  
**12:20 PM Vespers**  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** Reparation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Janet Strauss*)  
**Sacred Heart Novena**  
**6:45 PM Lenten Supper**  
**7:30 PM Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction**  
**8:30 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion**

**SAT 3/25/23 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Reparation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Janet Strauss*)  
**8:10 AM Ave Regina, Sermon**  
**8:20 AM High Mass** †Rosemary Dolan – 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary (*Gloria Zbilicki*)  
**Covering of Statues in Church**



**O Mary, most pure Virgin,** sacred source whence our Savior drew the first drops of the Blood which He was later to shed for me; thou who didst follow the Victim of our salvation to the place of sacrifice, and with such sorrowing love didst adore His divine outraged Blood—O Mary, offer to Jesus all the reparation which thy holy Mother's Heart made before Him in His Passion. Consider the indigence and impotence of my poor heart, and let the unction of thy acts of adoration, thanksgiving and reparation supply before God for the coldness of mine; and may thy powerful intercession obtain for me the grace of having the merits of the Blood of Jesus applied to my soul, both now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

O God! may Thy will be done, not only in the execution of Thy Commandments, counsels, and inspirations, which we ought to obey, but also in suffering the afflictions which befall us; may Thy will be done in us and by us in everything that pleases Thee!

— St. Francis de Sales

#### Servers

**FRI 3/24 5:45 PM LOW:** T. Lawrence, A. Caggese

**SAT 3/25 7:30 AM LOW:** Seminarian

**8:20 AM HIGH: MC:** M. Simpson **TH:** T. Lawrence **ACS:** D. Simpson, C. Brueggemann **CROSS:** A. Caggese **TORCH:** I. Smith, P., F. & M. Caggese

**SUN 3/26 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.

**9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:** P. Omlor, N. McClorey **TH:** D. Simpson **ACS:** T. Lawrence, J. Stewart **TORCH:** B. Constantino, P. Caggese, N., J. & D. Hudson, C. Arlinghaus

**11:30 AM LOW:** Kolenichs

**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller, Seminarian

**5:45 PM LOW:** Seminarian

**SUN 3/26/23 PASSION SUNDAY**

**7:05 AM Rosary**

**7:30 AM Low Mass** Sr. Mary Claretia (*Gabrielle Swinney*)

**9:00 AM High Mass** †Mary Rose Peter – 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary (*C. Simpson family*)

**10:40 AM Catechism Classes**

**11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross**

**11:30 AM Low Mass** Reparation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Janet Strauss*)

**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**

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



## 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 IV

“Not only can the soul that knows its misery have a great confidence in God, but it cannot have a true confidence unless it has a knowledge of its misery.... The more miserable we recognize ourselves to be, the more we should confide in the goodness and mercy of God. For between mercy and misery there is a connection so close that one cannot be exercised without the other. If God had not created man, He would have truly been all-good, but He would not have been actually merciful, because mercy is exercised only towards the miserable. You see then that the more miserable we know ourselves to be, the more occasion we have to confide in God, since we have nothing in ourselves in which to confide.”

— Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales

## TUESDAY IN LENT IV

“We would always like to have a little consolation, a little sugar in our tea, that is to say, the feeling of love and tenderness, and consequently consolation; and in like manner we would much wish to be without imperfections; but we must have patience to belong to human nature and not to angelic nature. Our imperfections ought not to please us.... But they ought not to astonish us, or to take away our courage; we ought even to derive submission, humility, and distrust of ourselves from them, but not discouragement, nor affliction of heart, much less doubtfulness of God’s love towards us. Thus, as the weakness and infirmity of a child displease its mother, yet she does not cease to love it, but cherishes it with tenderness and compassion, so God, while He approves not of our imperfections and venial sins, does not cease to love us tenderly; hence David had reason to say to God: *Have pity on me, O Lord, for I am weak.*”

— Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales

## WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV

“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 enjoy-

ment 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

## THURSDAY IN LENT IV

“I hope that God will strengthen you more and more; and, at the thought, or rather temptation, that your present fervor will not continue, answer once for all that those who confide in God shall never be confounded, and that as you have cast, both for soul and body, your care on the Lord, He will not fail to provide for you. Let us serve God well today; He will take care of tomorrow. Every day should carry its own burden. Have no anxiety about tomorrow; for God who reigns today will reign tomorrow. Either He will not send you adversity, or if He will send it, he will give you an invincible courage to meet it. If assaulted by temptations, desire not to be freed from them. It is good that we should experience them, in order to have an opportunity of combating them, and of

gaining victories. This serves as an exercise in the most excellent virtues, thus grounded deeply in the soul.”

– *Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

## FRIDAY IN LENT IV THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

“We must fear the divine judgments, but without discouragement, and be encouraged at the sight of the mercies of God, without presumption.

“Those who entertain an extreme and inordinate dread of being damned, show that they have more need of humility and submission than of understanding. We must indeed abase, annihilate, and lose our soul, but only to exalt, preserve, and save it. That humility which is prejudicial to charity is undoubtedly a false humility.

“Whatever leads to discouragement, to despair, to trouble, is contrary to charity, which teaches us to make every effort, though with fear and trembling, but never to distrust the goodness of God, who wills all men to be saved, and to come to penance.”

– *Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

## SATURDAY IN LENT IV

“It matters little how these transitory moments pass, provided I enjoy eternally the glory of God. We advance into eternity, already we have one foot there; pro-

vided it be a happy eternity for us, what matter about these fleeting moments of pain? Are we aware that our tribulations of two or three days prepare for us innumerable eternal consolations, and yet shall we be unwilling to support them?”

– *Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

## PASSION SUNDAY

“If our heavenly Father does not always grant what we ask, it is to keep us near Him, and to give us occasion of pressing Him by a loving violence, as He showed well to the two pilgrims of Emmaus, with whom He would not have tarried only that, as the day was drawing to a close, they prevailed on Him.

“Let nothing separate us from His holy love; let our heart, whether languishing, or dying, or living, have never any life but in Him, and for Him, and let Him be forever the God of our heart.

“Let the storm and the tempest come; you shall not perish; you are with Jesus. If fear seize on you, cry out: *O Savior! Save me!* He will reach out His hand; grasp it, and proceed joyfully, without philosophizing on your mishap.”

– *Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*

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Daily Thoughts and Prayers  
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