

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

April 16, 2023
 LOW SUNDAY



¶ SUNDAY IN WHITE

Today is the Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



Easter Lily Memorials

Ina Harpen
 Simpson family

Kevin & Molly Ahern
 Daniel Ahern

Mom & Dad
 Brueggemann
 Ken Gilliam Sr.
 Bishop Dolan,
 Fr. Cekada, Katie
 Ken & Regina Gilliam

¶ IN THE BOOKSTORE

Sacred Hearts are available from a local artist. Hand carved and crafted wooden hearts are on display in the bookstore. The same craftsman that has adorned the main alter at SGG has made these unique pieces available. The Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart, and the Sorrows of Mary are on display today. **Local sales only**, no shipping please.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter II, second collect of St. George. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for John Cecere, Jane Brockman, and all of our sick and shut in.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 9th\$5,429.00
 Easter.....\$5,693.00
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **First Confessions & Testing:** Saturday, April 22
- **Episcopal Consecration of Fr. Nkamuke:** Monday, May 1, 10 AM
- **Sodality of Charity Meeting:** May 6
- **Children's Day of Recollection:** Thursday, May 25
- **Confirmations:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 27
- **First Communion:** Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11
- **Girls Camp:** June 27-29
- **YAG:** July 7-9
- **Boys Camp:** July 25-27



Russel & Maggie Rabjohns
 Liam Rabjohns

Paul T. Faith
 L. Faith

Mr. & Mrs. Denis McMahan
 Ryan Greenwell
 Sr. Denis Marie McMahan
 Brian McMahan
 VanderPutten Family

Marianna Pula
 Wiktorja
 Smutek
 Dorian Pula

Poor Souls
 Clergy & Religious
 Rex Mugar Family
 Paulus



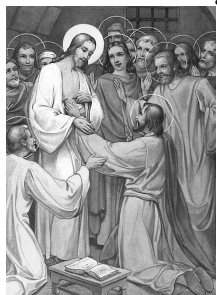
Wedding  Banns

Third time: Matthew Giese
 & Leanne Arlinghaus

DUE TO ONE'S DIGNITY

Wherever humility—of the genuine, evangelical kind—is lacking, there is sure to be an exaggerated insistence on what is due to one's position, dignity, or character. In the ordinary workaday world, there will always, of course, be found cases in which silence under calumnious charges may be the practice of humility at the expense of prudence or even of justice; but, as a rule, men and women are apt to attach altogether too much importance to false accusations against their honor or honesty. A consistently upright life is probably the best, and the wisest, refutation of all such charges. In any case, the average Christian would be improved by a slight infusion of the humble spirit which characterized St. Francis de Sales.

In a letter to Bishop Camus, St. Francis once said: "I hear they are all tearing me to pieces in Paris, but I hope God will patch me up again as good as new, if it be necessary for His service. I do not care for any more reputation than I need for this. For, provided God be served, what does it matter whether it be by good or evil report, by the exaltation or lowering of our reputation? Let Him dispose of my name and honor as He will, since all is His. And if my abjection increases His glory, ought I not to rejoice in being cast down?" On another occasion, when urged by friends to justify himself in the matter of an outrageous calumny against him, and told that he was in duty bound to do so because his reputation was necessary to his ministry, St. Francis quietly remarked that the good God knew how much credit he required for his ministry, and he did not wish for any more.



This is high spirituality, of course—what the saints always aimed at. Some persons will be disposed to characterize it as folly. So it is—the folly of the Cross, though. Others will say:

"Such sublime perfection is above me; I must seek a lower standard." It is set by the same great saint in "Philothea," where he answers affirmatively the question, Is it lawful to be jealous of one's reputation? But he is careful to state that, while it is permissible to be jealous of our reputation, we must not be idolaters of it. Then follow some reflections as practical as they are quaint. We quote from an old English translation of "Philothea," of which, by the way, there were several during the lifetime of St. Francis, so thoroughly was the little book appreciated by our Catholic forefathers:

"The beard is an ornament of the head of a man, and the hair to that of a woman. If one pull away by the root the beard from the chin or the hair from the head, it will very hardly grow again; but if it be only cut—nay, though it be shaved—it will soon come again, and will grow stronger and thicker than before. So, although our reputation be cut or even quite shaved by detracting tongues (which, David says, are like sharp razors), we must not make ourselves uneasy; for it will soon spring forth again, not only as fair as ever it was, but so much more firm and durable. But if our vices, our unhappy ways, and wicked course of life, take away our reputation, it will very hardly return, because it is pulled up by the root; for the root of a good name is virtue and probity, which, as long as it remains in us, can always recover the honor due to it."

Could anything be more quaint than this? And it is keen also. No matter now much at variance our life may be with the example set by St. Francis de Sales, we must admit that his counsels are eminently practical, and that there can be no valid reason for not trying to put them into practice. It is a great pity that "Philothea" is not better known to present-day Catholics. There will be more solid piety in the world when it witnesses a revival of interest in the writings of "the most Christlike of the saints."

— *The Ave Maria*



AN EASTER HYMN

Sing we now with praiseful voices,
 Mary's sorrow, Mary's joy—
 Theme of grace for pardon'd sinners,
 grateful hearts shall well employ.
 Let the nightingale and dove
 Join in sweetest strains of love!

Well she counted Him the gardener—
 Jesus—standing yet unknown,
 Who with grace her soul had planted,
 seeds of living truth had sown;
 Not as yet might Mary trace
 'Neath that type the Sower's Face—

Face of Him who, through His Spirit,
 each true heart will safely keep,
 Aye to ripen for that harvest
 which His angel-bands shall reap—
 Then the well-loved accents came,
 "Mary!" Lo, He names thy name!

Joyful Mary, thou beholdst Him! To
 the garden of thy soul
 Jesus comes to dwell forever,
 all thy sorrows to console.
 Deep amidst thy life-springs find
 Him who moveth heart and mind.

Dry we, too, our tears with Mary.
 Rise, O prostrate soul, on high!
 Of the empty tomb regardful,
 know'st thou not thy loved One nigh?
 Is thy faith, thy spirit, cold?
 Dost thou seek and not behold?

Savior, Thou Thy mercy pouring,
 Mary's sins didst wash away,
 With that pardoning grace bedew us;
 hear us, Lord, with Mary pray;
 So with her in glory we
 Christ, our Risen Lord, shall see.

— *David T. Morgan*

What a Holy Week we had here at St. Gertrude the Great! It was such a source of joy to see so many devout souls in attendance at the ancient ceremonies. We had bigger crowds than usual. Mr. Lotarski had to print off more Good Friday booklets as people kept coming in one after another. The choir and office staff were most patient in working with their new pastor, and I am both gratified and edified by their good example in that regard. The organ playing (when it was allowed) was terrific and the singing almost heavenly. The sacristy was well organized and even peaceful as everyone worked together to make the sanctuary so beautiful. Our servers did a splendid job. Paddy Omlor, our Master of Ceremonies, could not be present at Holy Week despite wanting to attend so very badly. But our other three MCs stepped up to the plate and ran the ceremonies smoothly and kept a calm air about them. I could not have been more proud of them. **Fr. Lehtoranta** gets an A+ as the Assistant Priest and the young Fathers acting as Deacon and Subdeacon, too! Thank you, everyone, for such a beautiful and uplifting Holy Week! Surely, Bishop Dolan was praying for us all. Don't forget to pray for him!



The Easter Week High Masses are always so peaceful and the Gospels and liturgical texts so full of lessons for us. On Wednesday, the joys of Easter were more subdued as we buried Ina Harpen, a longtime parishioner who was most zealous in helping our sacristans over the years. Though there was a tinge of sadness in the air, the thoughts of Easter and the Resurrection were brought more closely to our minds. After all, death is more like a slumber as the body awaits its own resurrection on the last day. For Thy faithful, O Lord, life is not taken away, only changed. In an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, as St. Paul says, our bodies will one day rise again and, if we have been faithful to Our Lord, will share in the bliss of heavenly delights. Oh, may Our Lady and the good St. Joseph grant us perseverance!

Things never really slow down around here anymore, do they?! Our bishop-elect, **Fr. Nkamuke**, arrives on Saturday and will begin a private retreat in preparation for his consecration on May 1st, the feast of Ss. Philip and James. In the meantime, we have two weddings as well, and then a Pontifical Requiem Mass for Bishop Dolan's first anniversary of death on the feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel. **Bishop da Silva** will be visiting us for a few days as well. I am looking forward to hearing his news from the missions. Our

Lord always sees us through and supplies the strength to accomplish it all. Deep breaths and one thing at a time (and lots of calm prayer to our Savior, His blessed Mother and St. Joseph), this is how we manage.

Peace be to you! May Our Lord's wishes for His Apostles become a reality for you as well this Easter season. If you be truly risen with Christ, mind the things that are above!

– Bishop McGuire

SUNDAY FATIGUE

Q. I feel completely bushed on Sundays. Sunday being a day of rest, why doesn't the Church let us rest? Why force us to Mass? – *F.R., Lincoln, Nebraska*

A. You sound creaky in the joints; maybe your blood is rusty. Or do Sunday mornings find you nursing a ding-dong hangover from the dissipations of Saturday night? If so, drink tomato juice; but get to Mass. Now, do you really prefer to spend Sunday like a sway-backed mule liberated from the plow, content to sleep, and munch, and bray, with never a thought of your Creator? As a rational creature you cannot be unaware of your dependence on God for your very existence, nor can you be oblivious to the fact that you owe Him gratitude for everything you have. And how little God exacts! Attendance at Mass once a week. When Our Lady appeared to the shepherd children at LaSalette, she wept because of the criminal abuse of Sunday. Wishy-washy Catholics who plead Sunday-fatigue as an excuse for missing Mass make Our Lady weep anew.

– *The Ave Maria*

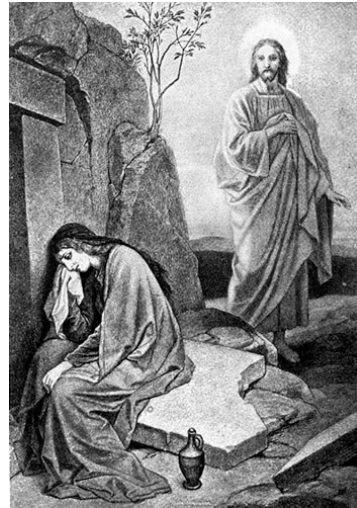


Our Blessed Mother is not the patron of any one, being the Mother of all. Our relation to her is necessary, not voluntary. We cannot have God for our Father without having the Church for our Mother; and we cannot have God for our Father without having the ever-blessed Mother as our Mother. We do not choose her as a patron: we are her children from our baptism, before we knew her, in the supernatural consanguinity of the Incarnation. So, also, we hardly choose St. Joseph; for he is the patron of the Universal Church. We, therefore, are his foster-children through the maternity of the spotless Virgin Mary. Our patrons are of our own choosing. – Cardinal Manning

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/17/23	ST. ANICLETUS, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Mom & Dad (<i>Simpsons</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Easter Novena IX
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell – 30 th Wedding Anniversary (<i>Prell Family</i>)
TUE	4/18/23	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Andrew Prell – special intention (<i>Joseph & Elizabeth Prell</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Rosemarie D. Zuccaro (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) (from 4/17)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Brother Michael (rescheduled from 4/12)
WED	4/19/23	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Dana Kustra – Happy Birthday! (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Bishop Fliess (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
THU	4/20/23	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>M.E.G.</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Anne Fischer – Happy Birthday! (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass In honor of Ss. Peter & Paul for the Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Jennifer West</i>)
FRI	4/21/23	ST. ANSELM, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †John Metz & †Aunt Annie – 32 nd anniversary of death (<i>Judy</i>)
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Jennifer West</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mark Fischer – Happy Birthday! (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
SAT	4/22/23	SS. SOTER & CAIUS, PPM
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>)
	8:10 AM	Regina Coeli & Sermon
	9:00 AM	First Communicant Testing, First Confessions
	11:00 AM	Nuptial Mass Andrew & Eliza Kiernan
SUN	4/23/23	EASTER II • ST. GEORGE, M
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Doris Ritze (<i>Victor Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday, Fr. Simpson (<i>Your family</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich Family</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

AN EASTERTIDE MEDITATION: PROMISE & IMAGE



At the Annunciation the angel came to a Virgin named Mary. The announcement of the Resurrection came to a very different Mary, the Magdalen woman who had been the dwelling place of seven demons. The number seven connotes completeness, perfection. Mary Magdalen must have been seen as completely lost, perfectly hopeless. But she is chosen

to be the herald of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. She is the perfect complement to the sinless Virgin who received the news of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Virgin Mary witnesses to what we are all promised, Mary Magdalen witnesses that in the face of the Resurrection, there is no such thing as hopelessness: life is stronger than death, the promise is stronger than despair. He is risen! He is risen for Mary Magdalen, or rather, *Saint* Mary Magdalen, the compassionate woman who stood side by side with Mary at the cross! He is risen for Peter, who had betrayed Him but who will lead the Church in its new resurrected life! He is risen for Thomas, who doubted Jesus and his friends, but who would now be a pillar of certainty before the world! He is risen for Mary His Mother and thus for all of us, for she, our Mother, invites us to her risen Son, the promise and image of what we shall be.

– *The Magnificat*



Offered privately by Bishop McGuire

Jacinta Young – Happy Birthday!
(*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)

Servers

FRI 4/21	5:45 PM LOW: P. Omlor, Seminarian
SAT 4/22	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
SUN 4/23	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, D. Simpson TH: C. Arlinghaus
	ACs: N. Kolenich, J. Stewart TORCH: M. Kolenich, P. & F. Caggese, A. Constantino, I. Smith
	11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller