

# 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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## May 7, 2023

### EASTER IV • ST. STANISLAUS, BpM

#### ¶ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The second collection for the support of the Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are in the pews for Mother's Day. Please submit these by **Saturday**, so the names of your loved ones can be included on the altar.

#### ¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Please check the Calendar for the daily May Devotions—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady.

#### ¶ FRIDAYS IN MAY

Please note, though there are no fish on the calendar for the Fridays in May, there is still abstinence as usual on those days.



#### ¶ WE DO HAVE A DRESS CODE

Men, remember your jacket and tie; ladies your modest dress, and Marylike clothing. Thus will you give a good example, create a worshipful atmosphere, and honor God and His house and day.

#### ¶ LAST CHANCE FOR DISHES

If you have cooked for the clergy in the past few months, check for dishes belonging to you on the social hall. The collection has outgrown its cabinet and is becoming a problem. Unclaimed dishes will be given away or thrown out.



#### FIRST FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

Saturday, May 13

*High Mass at 8:20 AM, followed by a  
light breakfast in Helfta Hall.*

*Procession begins at 10:30 AM.*


*Meet us in the First Watch Parking  
Lot, Union Center, West Chester.*

#### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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



#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: MAY CROWNING

Next Sunday we will be crowning Our Blessed Mother with flowers after the High Mass. The Procession begins at approximately 10:30 AM. Catechism Classes are canceled; the children should come instead to the May Crowning. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son. If your mother has been called to God, go to God's Mother this Mother's Day.  *Set Your Missal:* Easter V, second collect of St. Boniface. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

#### ¶ PARENTING TALK

After the High Mass on May 21<sup>st</sup>. No Catechism classes that day. For parents interested in attending, you have the option of leaving your children with the Oblates.



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## THE PROMISE

*St. John 16: 1 - 15*

Our Divine Lord was obliged to spend a great deal of time explaining to the Apostles the reasons for Calvary—*“Was it not necessary for Christ to suffer and so enter into His glory?”* Now that He is preparing for His Ascension into heaven, He has to explain that to them, too. Naturally, they would have liked to keep Him always with them, but no—*“It is expedient for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you”* (John 16, 1-15-).

It is in God’s scheme of things that the work of our Redemption should be the combined work of all three Persons of the Holy Trinity. It is God the Father who sends the Son on earth in human form to be our brother and our Redeemer. The Second Person became man, lives for us and with us, teaches us the way of life, dies for us on the Cross, rises from the tomb. The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity supplies us with wisdom and understanding and fortitude and all His other gifts.

*“He will convince the world of sin and of justice and of judgment,”* says Christ in His promise. It is His work to supply us with the most convincing proofs (and the light to understand them) that the world and every man in the world who deliberately rejects Christ is a world and a man given over to sin. It is His to convince us that the only way of justice, the only way of salvation and of sanity and of sanctity, the only secure way for men and for nations, is the way of Christ; that the worldly way, the way of Satan, any way at all that deviates from the way of Christ, has already been tried, found wanting, condemned here and hereafter.

Such is the work of the Holy Ghost. Call it the sense of security in our Faith in Christ, the firm conviction that in following Christ and the way of Christ, we cannot possibly be wrong. With that personal sense of security

must go a sense of fearsome anxiety for men and for a world that will not accept Christ. It is part of the deep suffering of any truly Christlike soul. The way is so clear, the path is so well marked, the going is so easy along the one right road. And the end of all other unhappiness, failure, strife, emptiness, wars here below and eternal destruction to follow. It is this anxiety, coupled with our own sureness of the path of Christ and our loving sense of responsibility for our brothers of the world, that makes or should make of every Catholic under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, an apostle, a crusader for the cause of Christ.

It was the Holy Ghost who was to give to the Apostles this final burning conviction. On fire with it, every personal ambition and selfish desire (even the desire to keep Christ to themselves) turned to ashes. Their one consuming, overpowering passion was to make Christ known for the good of the world, to preach Christ in season and out of season. It explains the *“argue, increpa, obsecra”* of St. Paul. *“Preach the word, be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, entreat, rebuke with all patience and teaching.”*

Naturally the Apostles did not understand all this when Christ spoke to them. They understood only that He was leaving them, and sadness filled their hearts. Only later they understood that even His leaving of them was for their own good, that His own work had to be finished completely before the Holy Ghost could come with all His wonderful gifts. Christ’s life was not complete, His work had not received the final seal of approval until He ascended into heaven, to take His place, as God and man, at the right hand of God. Triumphant on earth through the Resurrection, His triumph had to be proclaimed by the Ascension in heaven. There as God and man, He had to enter into His Kingdom, and from there direct to the end of time the forces of His Kingdom on earth.

– *The Everyday Catholic*

## THE MONTH OF MARY

Green are the leaves, and sweet the flowers,

And rich the hues of May;

We see them in the garden round,  
And market-panniers gay;

And e’en among our streets and lanes,  
And alleys, we descry,

By fitful gleams, the fair sunshine,  
The blue transparent sky.

O Mother-Maid, be thou our aid,  
Now in the opening year;  
Lest sights of earth to sin give birth,  
And bring the tempter near.

Green is the grass, but, wait awhile,  
’Twill grow and then ’twill wither;  
The flowrets, brightly as they smile,  
Shall perish altogether;  
The merry sun, you sure would say,  
It ne’er could set in gloom;  
But earth’s best joys have all an end,  
And sin, a heavy doom.

But Mother-Maid, thou dost not fade;  
With stars above thy brow,  
And the pale moon beneath thy feet,  
For ever throned art thou.

The green, green grass, the glittering grove,  
The heaven’s majestic dome,  
They image forth a tenderer bower,  
A more refulgent home;  
They tell us of that Paradise  
Of everlasting rest,  
And that high Tree, all flowers and fruit,  
The sweetest, yet the best.

O Mary, pure and beautiful.  
Thou art the Queen of May;  
Our garlands wear about thy hair,  
And they will ne’er decay.

– *Cardinal Newman*



It seems we have more and more to be thankful for the more time goes along. Sure, life always comes with its labors and trials and we will have many more to come, but as **Fr. Brueggemann**



said in a recent sermon, we must see the Fatherly hand of God behind each one. Right now, Our Lord has been showering His immense graces on us who are so unworthy to receive them. The most recent being the episcopal consecration of **Bishop Bede Nkamuke**.

The Consecration ceremony was pulled off without a hitch thanks to Paddy Omlor, our Master of Ceremonies. Despite his starting a new job he has shown that he has not lost his touch at running these big ceremonies. He had it perfectly memorized down to the small details. Of course, our other MCs, Christopher Richesson, Michael Simpson, and Nathan McClorey, did a lion's share of making sure everything went smoothly. A ceremony of this kind cannot be run by just one person. There are just so many moving parts that need to be coordinated and work together. I thought the choir did a fantastic job as well.

The reception afterwards is worth a mention, too! Mr. and Mrs. Caggese prepared some very tasty food. It took many hours to cook it all. Many visiting clergy came for the Consecration and stayed for the reception. It was so nice to see them again. **Bishop da Silva** again came to our assistance by agreeing to be the co-Consecrator, and he did so with no small sacrifice on his part. He came up from Mexico and has returned to Mexico where he is working with many, many priests at present. There is great potential in that country, but why be surprised! After all, Our Lady herself chose it when she appeared at Guadalupe so many years ago.

The priests and faithful in Nigeria watched online as their Fr. Nkamuke became their Bishop Nkamuke. The whole Catholic Church should rejoice for Nigeria as they receive a true bishop who will confirm, ordain, and so much more.

We have a relatively slow week at church this week aside from the Fatima Rosary Procession on Saturday and the May Crowning on Sunday. Take some time to come to a quiet Mass or May Devotions to recharge the spiritual batteries.

– **Bishop McGuire**



### INTERNET MASSES: SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

**QUESTION:** *What benefits do I derive from watching the traditional Latin Mass on the internet? I know I don't get the full benefit I would if I were there in person.*

**RESPONSE:** It is clear, based on the teaching of pre-Vatican II theologians regarding hearing Mass over the radio or television, *that one could not fulfill his Sunday obligation by viewing a Mass broadcast over the internet.* The law requires **physical presence at the Holy Sacrifice**, or at least being part of a group that is actually present (in the case of a congregation so large, for example, that it spills out beyond the doors of the church into the street).

So, if you were able to be physically present at Mass under the usual conditions on a Sunday or a Holy Day, you would be obliged to go to it. You could not choose instead to remain at home glued to your computer—or indeed, to remain in the church parking lot, hovering over your iPhone—and still fulfill your duty to assist at Mass.

Thus the question of the obligation.

However, the spiritual benefit of a broadcast Mass is another matter—you can indeed benefit from it. This is clear from the comment of Fr. Francis Connell, a well-known moral theologian at Catholic University in the 1950s, who addressed the question of hearing Mass over the radio:

“One may participate in the benefits of the Mass without being actually present—namely, by directing one's intention and devotion to the sacred rite. By hearing Mass over the radio one can certainly foster his devotion, and thus profit considerably from the offering of the Holy Sacrifice. Indeed, it could happen that one who participates in the Holy Sacrifice in this manner will gain much more benefit than many of those who are actually present.” (*Father Connell Answers Moral Questions [Washington: CUA 1959] 75–6*)

So, in these days when true Masses offered by real priests are few and far between, Catholics can at least have the consolation of knowing that a facet of modern technology so often used for evil can also be used to foster their own devotion—and indeed, to bring to them the benefits of a true Mass, wherever it is offered. *Deo gratias!*

– *Fr. Cekada, 2008, [www.fathercekada.com](http://www.fathercekada.com)*

**In Summary:** Viewing the Mass online does **NOT** constitute attendance. It does not fulfill one's Sunday obligation. The Mass webcast may, however, be a source of devotion and spiritual strength, and is recommended for those who cannot fulfill their Sunday obligation due to distance or illness.

It should also be noted that the Asperges blessing and the blessing of rosaries cannot be received through the webcast. One must be physically present.

# ✠ CALENDAR

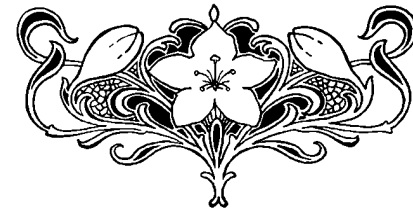
<b>MON</b>	<b>5/8/23</b>	<b>APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL</b> <i>OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kustra – Happy Anniversary! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Brother Michael
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/9/23</b>	<b>ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Petrizzi ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fischer – Happy Anniversary! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Bayer ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/10/23</b>	<b>ST. ANTONINUS, BPC</b> SS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Relief of all Faithful Departed ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Thomas Kustra – Happy Baptism! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/11/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Requiem Low Mass</b> †Jennifer Rodriguez ( <i>Les Pomerville</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Vivian Young – Happy Baptism! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> First Ordination Anniversary of Frs. Ojeka, Okerulu, Simpson & Brueggemann
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/12/23</b>	<b>SS. NEREUS &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> James Kolenich & family ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> John Young – Happy Baptism! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Relief of all Faithful Departed ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/13/23</b>	<b>ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD</b> <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i>
	<b>7:10 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Relief of all Faithful Departed ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>Regina Coeli, Sermon</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> The William H. Young IV Family – Merry Christmas! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
		<b>Breakfast in Helfta Hall</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>First Fatima Rosary Procession</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/14/23</b>	<b>EASTER V • ST. BONIFACE, M • MOTHER'S DAY</b>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Charles E. Simpson – 23 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary 5/14 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> All the names that are on the altar
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>(approx.) May Crowning Procession</b>

## FAITH, PRAYER AND MARTYRDOM

Reflect on how wonderful it is, in the depths of night, when every human being and wild animal and winged creature is asleep, when there is the most profound silence, for you alone to be awake and to converse boldly with the common Master of all. So, sleep is sweet? But nothing is sweeter than praying. If you converse with Him one on one, you can accomplish a lot, with no one hassling you or cheating you of your supplication. You also have time on your side with regard to obtaining what you want. So, you're tossing and turning, lying on a soft mattress, and can't bear the thought of getting up? Reflect on the martyrs lying today on the iron ladder, not with a mattress lying underneath, but live coals strewn under it.

I want to conclude my sermon here so that you go away with the memory of the ladder fresh and crisp, and remember it at night and during the day. For even if countless chains restrain us, we'll be able to smash them all easily and rise for prayer if we constantly reflect on the ladder....

– St. John Chrysostom



### Lumen Christi

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

**Special Intentions of Scanlon/Withers Family**  
(Maureen Scanlon)

#### Collection Report

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> .....\$7,011.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

#### SERVERS

<b>FRI 5/12</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> M. Simpson, I. Smith
<b>SAT 5/13</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemanns
	<b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> P. Omlor, Kolenichs
<b>SUN 5/14</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros.
	<b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> M. Simpson, C. Richesson, T. Lawrence <b>TH:</b> A. McClorey <b>ACs:</b> Seminarian, S. Richesson <b>CROSS:</b> D. Simpson
	<b>TORCH:</b> L. Rabjohns, N. & D. Hudson, B. & A. Constantino, M. Caggese <b>BANNER:</b> J. Stewart
	<b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs
	<b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, Seminarian
	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> G. Miller

**11:30 AM Low Mass** †Margaret Kinnett (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)

**4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction**

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