

# 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 • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



## October 22, 2023 PENTECOST XXI MISSION SUNDAY



### ¶ PENTECOST XX

Today we resume the Forty Hours Devotion. **We need adorers this afternoon, especially between 1 and 4 PM!** There are no Classes today. October Devotions with Rosary are at 4:00 PM. Solemn Vespers will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45.** Closing ceremonies are at 6:45, followed by refreshments.

### ¶ ST. RAPHAEL & THE APOSTLES

This last full week of October, month of the Angels, brings another angel feast, St. Raphael the Archangel (angel of health) on **Tuesday**. The apostles Ss. Simon & Jude are on **Saturday**.

### ¶ MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. If you have not yet made **October Devotions** (Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St. Joseph), they are recited every school day at **3:10 PM**. Every **Wednesday** the Rosary is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at **3:00 PM**, with Benediction and Holy Communion at approximately 3:20 PM. Please see the Calendar for Friday and Saturday.


### *Lumen Christi*

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

**Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Sorrows & Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
(James Mackey)



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING

Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King. The **All Saints Day Procession** takes place before the High Mass. All are welcome to the All Saints Party. There will be no Sunday Classes. Vespers of Christ the King, with October Devotions, will be at 4:30 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Christ the King, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XXII. Preface of Christ the King.

### ALL SAINTS DAY PROCESSION & PARTY

#### Feast of Christ the King October 29, 2023

*Children should come dressed as a saint (arrive in church at 8:50 AM) and may give a brief presentation (not obligatory), which should be given by heart. (No notes please.) After the presentations, all are welcome to the All Saints Party.*



### ¶ UPCOMING

**St. Gertrude's Feast:** November 16  
**Sodality Meeting:** November 18<sup>th</sup>

## Wedding Banns

*Third time: Patrick Klabenes  
& Colleen Eldracher*  
(Wedding to take place in Michigan)

### ¶ POOR SOULS

Poor Souls Remembrance envelopes are in the pews. Please fill one out and return it to the bookstore, collection, or office, to be placed on the altar for the month of November.

#### Collection Report

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,568.00  
Autumn Bake Sale.....\$745.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

**FORTY HOURS IN THE TOMB**

Every day thousands of people receive Holy Communion. Christ Who has been sacrificed on the altar is laid in the tomb of their hearts. There is no place where He will not come: prisons, hospitals, schools, camps, ships at sea, cathedrals and little tin churches; He comes to them all. He comes into the houses of the sick and the dying, regardless whether they are mansions or slums.

He comes to all kinds of people, from little children at First Communion, who bring Him their first tender acts of love and reparation to be myrrh and aloes on His wounds, to old sinners who open their empty hearts to Him hurriedly, at the last minute, just as Joseph of Arimathea's empty tomb was opened hurriedly, at the last minute before the feast, to receive His crucified body.

Every day crowds of unknown people come to Him, who feel as hard, as cold, as empty as the tomb. They come with the first light, before going to the day's work, and with the grey mind of early morning, hardly able to concentrate at all on the mystery which they themselves are part of: impelled only by the persistent will of love, not by any sweetness of consolation, and it seems to them as if nothing happens at all. But Christ's response to that dogged, devoted will of a multitude of insignificant people is His coming to life in them, His Resurrection in their souls. In the eyes of the world they are without importance, but in fact, because of them and their unemotional Communion, when the world seems to be finished, given up to hatred and pride, secretly, in unimaginable humility, Love comes to life again. There is resurrection everywhere.

— Caryl Houselander



*Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, deliver the Holy Souls in Purgatory. (300 days indulgence)*

**PRAYER FOR A VISIT**

Look down, O Lord, from Thy Sanctuary, and from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and behold this sacred victim which Thy holy Child Jesus, Our Lord and Great High Priest, offers up to Thee for the sins of His brethren; and let not Thy wrath be kindled upon us because of the multitude of our transgressions. Behold the voice of the Blood of Jesus, our Brother, calls to Thee from the Cross. Give ear, O Lord! be appeased, O Lord! hearken, and tarry not for Thine own sake, O my God, because Thy Name is called down upon this city and upon Thy people; but deal with us according to Thy great mercy. Amen.

*(100 days, once a day)*



**TOIL & HARDSHIP**

If you feel at first unable boldly to face them, hide them from you, that they may not seem so formidable as sloth would represent them. The work you have before you, perhaps, is to gain some virtue by many repeated acts of it and with many days' toil; and the enemies you have to encounter seem numerous and powerful. Begin, then, these acts, as if you had but few to make, and but a short time to endure the conflict. Fight against one enemy at a time, as if there were no more to be resisted; and fight with full confidence that, with the help of God, you will be stronger than all who are against you. By this means, sloth will gradually lose ground and give place by degrees to the entrance of the opposite virtue. — Dom Lorenzo Scupoli

**THE FORTY HOURS**

A holy calm,—  
Stillness profound, like to none other.  
So,  
Before the Eternal, angel choirs bend low  
With shining pinions furled, as we to-day,  
Kneeling in adoration, cast our souls  
On His sweet mercy, weeping as we pray,—  
Laying each burden where the bleeding Heart  
May wash it clean. This is a place apart  
From the vexed outer world, that seethes, and rolls  
Its waves upon the silent shores of Death.  
Light, fragrance, stillness, the white Host above—  
A gracious, wondrous Presence. 'Tis a breath  
Of Heaven,—on the wrapt soul dews of Love  
Dropping like balm.

— James Scannell McCormick



*O saving Victim! opening wide  
The gate of heaven to man below!  
Our foes press on from every side:  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.*

*To Thy great Name be endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three!  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee.*

*Amen.*

*(Indulgence of 5 years. Indulgence of 7 years if recited before the Blessed Sacrament.)*

Fall, with its cold and damp air and gloomy overcast skies, is most definitely here. The leaves are pretty, though, and the moths are in abundance here at St. Gertrude's. They are all over the place and sometimes get into places where they cause little annoyances! The yearly fight with the church raccoons has begun once more. Two of these little creatures try to make their home near the choir part of the church. **Fr. Brueggemann** mentioned that every evening at about 8:00 he can hear them making their way from the back of church to the front to get outside; and every morning you can hear them enter the church roof and make their way to the back to sleep for the day. Father managed to trap one of them, and as soon as he traps the other he and **Fr. Simpson** will seal off the gutters so that they can't get in anymore.

Fr. Brueggemann, besides being our raccoon and opossum expert, teaches in the seminary which is located in Seattle. He teaches Latin and Psychology to our four seminarians. I am still hoping to send him to Seattle once a month or so, but this still needs to be worked out with **Fr. Ercoli**. There is limited space in the present seminary and the only place to put him is in the classroom. We are only in our first year and many things will fall into place over time as we work through all the kinks.

One of the school children made a prayer book for me last week, complete with real prayers (some of which she made up herself and some which she did not), some edifying pictures which she drew, and even some sound advice for her bishop. My favorite is her suggestion, "Say your morning prayers." Excellent advice! Our school children learn much about their faith and are given a good liturgical and prayer life at school which will lay the foundation for a deep spiritual life as they grow older. This little girl is well on her way, I hope!

Forty Hours ends this evening. We have offered many prayers and begged for many intentions and I am confident that our prayers were heard. The Votive Mass for Peace, said on the second day, is particularly necessary this year as we see the beginnings of a third world war. We hope it does not come to that, but as we see the fight between Israel and Hamas (both of whom want to annihilate the other) growing worse, and America, Iran, and other countries stirring things up, it is something which may very well happen. Prayer, especially Holy Mass and the Rosary, reparation, penance. These are the things that will prevent war and bring peace. Come to more Masses, pray your

Rosary with greater fervor, offer small acts of penance and reparation throughout the day. Pray for the conversion of both Jew and Muslim.



Next Sunday we honor Christ the King and promise Him our allegiance, our loyalty, and our love. He is a King Who loves His subjects and treats them better than they deserve to be. Pray that all submit to His reign. The All Saints' Day party also takes place and everyone is looking forward to seeing the children dressed up as saints. Even amidst so many negative events the Good God always gives us these little joys. Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints!

– Bishop McGuire

### REPARATION TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Jesus, my God, my Savior, with that lowly homage with which Faith inspires me, I worship Thee, true God and true man; with my whole heart I love Thee, enclosed in the most august Sacrament of the Altar, in reparation for all the acts of irreverence, profanation and sacrilege, which, to my shame, I may ever have committed, as well as for all those which have ever been committed, or ever may be committed in ages yet to come.



I adore Thee, my God, not indeed as much as Thou deservest, nor as much as I ought, but according to the little strength I have; and fain would I adore Thee with all the perfection of every rational creature. Meantime, I purpose, now and forever, to adore Thee, not only for those Catholics who adore Thee not and love Thee not, but also for the conversion of all heretics, schismatics, Mohammedans, Jews, idolaters and wicked Christians. Ah! my Jesus, may all men ever know, adore, love and praise Thee, every moment, in the most holy and most Divine Sacrament. Amen. *[Partial Indulgence of 200 days, each time, to everyone who, with contrite heart, devoutly recites this reparation to Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament, together with the ejaculatory prayers that follow. – Pius VII, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1815.]*

## ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>10/23/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY • THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Bishop McGuire ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls in thanksgiving for favors received ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> ) <b>3:10 PM October Devotions</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>10/24/23</b>	<b>ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> R.I.P. our faithful ushers ( <i>Judy</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Mary McGuire ( <i>Michelle Mikesell</i> ) <b>3:10 PM October Devotions</b> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> My son Jay Tseng—special intentions ( <i>H.Y.</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/25/23</b>	<b>SS. CHRYSANTHUS &amp; DARIA, MM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Mrs. Loretta Mikesell ( <i>Clare Lotarski</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †Mrs. Loretta Mikesell ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Requiem High Mass</b> †Loretta Mikesell ( <i>Bp. McGuire</i> ) <b>3:00 PM October Devotions, Benediction</b> <b>3:20 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b> <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †Lorie Mikesell ( <i>Chris &amp; Debbie Reagan</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>10/26/23</b>	<b>ST. EVARISTUS, PM</b> <b>7:00 AM Requiem Low Mass</b> †Fr. Leo McNamara – 50th Anniversary of Death ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Mary McGuire ( <i>Margaret Sutton</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society <b>3:10 PM October Devotions</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/27/22</b>	<b>VIGIL OF SS. SIMON &amp; JUDE</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday Marcel Prell ( <i>Granddaddy &amp; Gran</i> ) <b>11:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Relief of the Holy Souls ( <i>Kolenich Family</i> ) <b>3:10 PM October Devotions</b> <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Benjamin Capetillo ( <i>Nana &amp; Grandpa</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/28/22</b>	<b>SS. SIMON &amp; JUDE, APP</b> <b>7:10 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> 1 year anniversary (sister) †Lucy Vernile ( <i>Kathy &amp; Joe Bayer</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM October Devotions</b> <b>8:40 AM High Mass</b> Keith Lawrence ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Vines</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/29/22</b>	<b>CHRIST THE KING • PENTECOST XXII</b> <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Special intention Brendan Lotarski ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) <b>8:50 AM Procession of Saints</b> <b>9:00 AM Solemn High Mass</b> Keith Lawrence ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Vines</i> ), <b>All Saints Party in Helfta Hall</b> <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great <b>4:30 PM Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls in thanksgiving for favors received ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )

## A GOOD GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: FAITH & FORGIVENESS



You are right to thank God... that He prompts your heart to peace, sweetness, and charity towards the person who has been deputed to wait upon you. In this He grants you a great grace. It may be that He will allow her still, either through ignorance or inadvertence, or even, if you like, through caprice or bad temper, to give you an opportunity of proving your patience. Seek then...to profit by these precious opportunities that so serve to win God's Heart.

Alas, every day we offend this God of goodness in many ways not only through ignorance and inadvertence, but with malice and deliberation. We want Him to forgive us, and indeed He does so most mercifully, and yet we are unwilling to forgive our fellows! Nevertheless, every day we repeat the prayer taught us by Jesus Christ our Master: "Forgive us, O Lord, as we forgive others." Let us never forget God's great promise that He will deal with us as we deal with our neighbor: let us then show our neighbor forbearance and helpfulness, charity, sweetness, and condescension; and then God, faithful to His Word, will deal with us likewise. I am elaborating this point somewhat, because it will furnish you daily with opportunities for practicing the rarest and most enduring virtues—charity, patience, sweetness, and humility of heart; benevolence, the surrender of your own inclinations, and so forth. These little daily virtues, faithfully practiced, will reap you a rich harvest of grace and reward through all eternity. This, more successfully than by any other of your methods or practices, you can obtain the great gifts of interior prayer, peace of heart, recollection, the continual presence of God and His pure and perfect love. This one cross, borne patiently, will secure you numerous graces, while ordeals, seemingly more painful, will avail you less in detaching you perfectly from self and attaching you completely to God.

— Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade, S.J.

### Servers

<b>FRI 10/27</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> T. Lawrence, I. Smith
<b>SAT 10/28</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> J. & L. Rabjohns <b>8:40 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, Cagesos
<b>SUN 10/29</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:</b> T. Lawrence, M. Simpson <b>TH:</b> N. McClorey <b>ACs:</b> N. & M. Kolenich <b>TB:</b> C. VanderPutten, T. England, D. Hudson, L. & J. Rabjohns, D. Simpson <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Capetillo <b>4:30 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Volunteer please!