

# 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



## November 12, 2023


### PENTECOST XXIV

ST. MARTIN I, PM • PATRONAGE OF OUR LADY


#### ¶ PENTECOST XXIV

Today we begin with gratitude the devotion of the Twelve Sundays to the Mother of Good Counsel. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers at 4:45 PM. **Don't miss** the Martinmas Festivities after the 5:45 PM Mass, at approximately 6:45.

#### ¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

 \$136.00 was received this month for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity.


#### Congratulations

to Patrick & Cristin Lotarski  on the baptism of their daughter, Catherine Joy, on Saturday, November 11, 2023.



#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Vespers at 4:45 PM.

 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXV (Epiphany VI), second collect of St. Elizabeth, third of St. Pontianus. Trinity Preface.

**PARENTS:** The wail of disgruntled babies is a great distraction to the celebrant, especially when he is preaching, and to the choir. Please sit in the **back pew** with fussy children, or as close to the back as possible. That way you can easily **take the little one out** for a bit before the crying goes stereophonic. Our new crop of babies is blessed with great lungs.

For longer sessions or nursing mothers, the last classroom on the right is open and available for your use.

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Judith Parlett and the repose of the soul of †Helen Basham.

#### ¶ 2024 CALENDARS

Our 2024 Calendar is available for pre-order online. We hope to have them in stock by the end of November.

#### Collection Report

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.....\$2,911.00  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,639.00  
Second Collection.....\$2,664.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

## St. Gertrude's Day

Thursday, November 16

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Dedication of Our Church

Ordination Anniversaries of  
Bishop McGuire & Fr. Lehtoranta

#### COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

High Mass at 11:25 AM, followed by  
a pizza lunch. All are invited!  
Vespers and Benediction to close.

#### ¶ MASS INTENTIONS – CATHOLIC?

Did you know? The little box next to the word "Catholic?" on Mass Request Envelopes is very important. If the person for whom you are requesting a Mass is or was baptized a Catholic, check the box. Otherwise, if it is not checked, we are only able to publish the intention as "Special Intention."

**HOW TO TREAT THOSE WHO  
WRONG US**

*(Written by Sir Thomas More while he was prisoner in the Tower of London in 1534)*

Bear no malice or evil will to any man living. For either the man is good or wicked. If he is good and I hate him, then I am wicked.

If he is wicked, either he will amend and die good and go to God, or live wickedly and die wickedly and go to the devil. And then let me remember that if he be saved, he will not fail (if I am saved too, as I trust to be) to love me very heartily, and I shall then in like manner love him.

And why should I now, then, hate one for this while who shall hereafter love me forevermore, and why should I be now, then, an enemy to him with whom I shall in time be coupled in eternal friendship? And on the other side, if he will continue to be wicked and be damned, then is there such outrageous eternal sorrow before him that I may well think myself a deadly cruel wretch if I would not now rather pity his pain than malign his person. If one would say that we may with good conscience wish an evil man harm lest he should do harm to other folk who are innocent and good, I will not now dispute upon that point, for that root has more branches to be well weighed and considered than I can now conveniently write (having no other pen than a coal). But truly will I give counsel to every good friend of mine that unless he be put in such a position as to punish an evil man in his charge by reason of his office, he should leave the desire of punishing to God and to such other folk who are so grounded in charity and so fast cleaved to God that no secretly malicious or cruel affection can creep in and undermine them under the cloak of a just and a virtuous zeal. But let us that are no better than men of a mean sort ever pray for such merciful amendment in other folk as our own conscience shows us that we have need of in ourselves.

**PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION  
OF AMERICA**

Dear God, bring the Faith to our beloved country. It was once a virgin land wherein the only praise was that of the murmur of the Mass on the shores, the hills and the prairies. Zealous priests and explorers claimed it for Thee, giving Thy Holy Name to its rivers, lakes and cities. From east to west they traveled, from mission to mission, from Mass to Mass, until the land was encircled by prayer and gave of its bounty to Thy glory. And now it is dedicated to Thy Immaculate Mother. May she find America again, as she once found the lost Child Jesus in the Temple. May she touch the hearts of our people, disposing them to receive the ancient Faith, and thus showing them the things that are to their peace. We ask this of Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**My Jesus**, by Thy most holy Body stretched on the Cross, by Thy most holy hands and feet pierced with had nails, by Thy most cruel death, and by Thy most holy side laid open with a lance, have pity and mercy on those poor souls; free them from the awful pains they suffer, call and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in Paradise. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal rest.*

**PRAY FOR ME,  
MOTHER OF GOD!**

Pray for me, Mother of God! To thee  
I cry,  
Pray for me, Mother, now and the  
hour I die.

O if too weak to call on thy darling  
name  
When the now and the hour of my  
death are one and the same,

Failing of tongue, as failing of eye  
and of ear,  
Still on the beat of my heart my  
Mother shall hear,

Sweetest of names e'er given to the  
earth save one,  
Mother of mine, thy name with the  
name of thy Son.

Jesus! Mary! O dearest and loveliest!  
His name on thine, as erst His head  
on thy breast.

Pray for me, Mother—oh, pray for  
me now, I cry!  
God only know if it be this hour I  
die.

—Emily Hickey



*Feast of the Patronage of Our Lady*

It can sometimes be very difficult for us to be positive and to see the silver lining behind each cloud that comes floating into our lives, yet sometimes the Good God gives us much more than just a glimpse of this silver lining. It is His way to encourage us to keep moving forward as His brave soldiers should. This past week has most certainly been one of those weeks and our hearts are filled with gratitude to Almighty God.

Last Sunday's Rosary procession at Gate of Heaven Cemetery was the most well attended one that I have seen in my 18 years as a priest. The 65 souls had a hard time hearing me lead the prayers and it was suggested that maybe we use the loudspeaker next time, but out of respect for the place I hesitate to do so. Still, Our Lady heard our prayers for the departed, and this is the most important. Strangers visiting their own departed that day also heard our prayers! Did you notice the couple who joined us in the Hail Marys as we passed by them?! It was very touching to hear them and I know that those few Hail Marys will be the salvation of those two souls! The second of this week's cemetery Rosary processions was at St. Stephen's, the place where both Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada are buried. **Fr. Lehtoranta** took the school children with him this time. Dr. Stanislawski guessed that we had near a hundred people present for that one.

I have a story that I will share in detail with you at some point. It is of a very sweet lady, Judith, the mother-in-law of one of our parishioners. She is near the end of her life and lies on her death bed at present. She was never Catholic and was never previously baptized. This week she accepted to become a Catholic and has since received Baptism, the Brown Scapular, Extreme Unction, Confirmation, Viaticum as her First Holy Communion, the Apostolic Blessing, and the Prayers for the Dying. Hers is an amazing story of the triumph of the Sacred Heart in the life of a soul. Mysterious and wonderful are the ways of Divine Providence!

**Frs. McKenna, Simpson, and Brueggemann** left for Milwaukee this past Thursday for Forty Hours at St. Hugh of Lincoln. The faithful there are not nearly as many as at St. Gertrude's, but are still able to have all the ceremonies and Holy Hours that this devotion requires. It takes a lot of self-sacrifice and generosity to make it work, but they are always up to the task.

Both Fr. McKenna and Fr. Simpson have been sick lately. Fr. Simpson even got stuck in Texas for an extra day because of it. Still, they are soldiering on!

I'm not sure how they do it. Hopefully, they can get a little rest when they return to St. Gertrude's.

This week is the feast of St. Gertrude the Great and the anniversary of ordination for both Fr. Lehtoranta and myself. I hope you will join us for the feast of our great patroness. We will offer a Solemn High Mass in her honor and then a pizza party in Helfta Hall to which you are all invited.

Silver linings! May the Sacred Heart help you to see them behind every cloud.

– **Bishop McGuire**



### OUR LADY (MOTHER) OF GOOD COUNSEL

*(From the Raccolta, #428)* The faithful who piously assist at devotions in honor of Our Lady (Mother) of Good Counsel, held publicly in a church or public oratory, on twelve successive Sundays, or, if that be impossible on the respective Saturdays immediately preceding, may gain:

An indulgence of 7 years on any one of the 12 successive Sundays;

A plenary indulgence upon completion of the exercise, if they go to confession and Communion and pray for the intentions of the Church.

Those who piously assist at public devotions in honor of Our Lady (Mother) of Good Counsel, held publicly in a church or public oratory, on the first Sunday of any month, or, if that be impossible on the respective Saturdays immediately preceding, may gain:

An indulgence of 7 years on any one of the 12 successive Sundays;

A plenary indulgence on condition of confession, Communion and prayer for the Holy Father (*Apostolic Brief, Dec. 12, 1919; S.P. Ap., March 18, 1932*).



### A PRAYER

Most glorious Virgin, chosen by the eternal Counsel to be the Mother of the eternal Word made flesh, thou who art the treasurer of divine graces and the advocate of sinners, I who am thy most unworthy servant have recourse to thee; be thou pleased to be my guide and counselor in this vale of tears. Obtain for me through the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, the forgiveness of my sins, the salvation of my soul and the means necessary to obtain it. In like manner obtain for Holy Church victory over her enemies and the spread of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the whole earth. Amen. *An indulgence of 500 days (S.C. for Extraord. Eccl. Affairs, Nov. 23, 1880; S.P. Ap., May 29, 1933 & June 8, 1949)*

- MON 11/13/23 ST. DIDACUS, C**  
*ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA, C*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls in thanksgiving for favors received (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
- TUE 11/14/23 ST. JOSAPHAT, BPM**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Special Intention (*Jason Murray*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Kevin Bayer & family – return to the Faith (*Kathy & Joe Bayer*)
- WED 11/15/23 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCD**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Mrs. Wright & her family – Thanks! (*Sr. Eulalia*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Thou knowest, O Lord (*TRCS*)  
**5:10 PM Low Mass** Dennis VanderPutten – Thank you (*Alex Ball*)
- THU 11/16/23 ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Chad McGinnis family (*TRCS*)  
**11:25 AM Solemn High Mass** Happy Anniversary Fr. Lehtoranta (*The Fathers*)  
**Pizza Party**  
**1:45 PM Solemn Vespers, Benediction**
- FRI 11/17/23 ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC**  
*ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC*  
*BL. PHILIPPINE DUSCHENE, V*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Special intention deceased (*Gary & Debbie Hubbard*)  
**11:05 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** †Loretta Mikesell (*St. Gertrude the Great School*)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 11/18/23 DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL**  
*OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE*  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**8:10 AM Salve, Sermon**  
**8:20 AM High Mass** Special intention deceased (*Gary & Debbie Hubbard*)
- SUN 11/19/23 PENTECOST XXV • ST. ELIZABETH, W**  
*ST. PONTIANUS, PM*  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** My Godparents (*Anna Brueggemann*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** Happy Birthday, Sr. Eulalia! (*Theresa*)  
**10:40 AM Catechism Classes**  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)  
**4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



The nearer the hour of her death approached the more zealous St. Gertrude became in the service of God. Many persons are aware when their lives are drawing to a close, either because they are very old, or because they perceive that their strength leaves them, or because God visits

them with a mortal sickness. If these persons wish to act sensibly they will endeavor to employ the time left to them to the best advantage. They ought to prepare themselves carefully and in time for death; bear the pains they suffer patiently, in the spirit of penance, and offer them to the Almighty; practice good works daily; repent daily and hourly of the sins of their past life, in order to atone, at least in some measure, for their former negligence, and yet gather some treasures for eternity, during the few days of life that still remain.

**PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**

Hail, most worshipful Face, for us spit upon and smitten. Hail, most gentle Eyes of our Savior, for us suffused with tears. Hail, sacred Mouth, filled for us with vinegar and gall. Hail, most noble Ears, pierced for us with reproach and contumely. Hail, thou kingly Neck, buffeted for us; and most holy Back, for us torn with the scourge. Hail, venerable Hands and Arms, stretched out for us upon the cross.

Hail, Jesus Christ, Splendor of the Father; hail, Prince of peace, Gate of heaven, living Bread, offspring of the Virgin, Vessel of the Godhead. Amen.

**Servers**

- FRI 11/17 5:45 PM LOW:** T. Lawrence, I. Smith
- SAT 11/18 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemanns  
**8:20 AM HIGH:** M. Simpson, P. Caggese, J. Stewart
- SUN 11/19 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:** M. Simpson, A. McClorey **TH:** N. Kolenich  
**ACs:** S. Richesson, T. England **TB:** F. Caggese, N., J. & D. Hudson, J. & L. Rabjohns  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Capetillos  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** D. Simpson, G. Miller  
**5:45 PM LOW:** P. McClorey