

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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November 26, 2023

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • ST. SYLVESTER, AB ST. PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM • ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, C



¶ LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers with Benediction at 4:45.

¶ 2024 CALENDARS

2024 Calendars are available in the bookstore! Get yours today for \$12.00.

¶ CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Envelopes are in the vestibule for Poinsettia Memorial Offerings (to be turned in to the office *no later* than December 21st) and for the Christmas Novena of Masses.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass, Devotions

All Night Adoration

First Friday Reparation Intention: To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions
7:30 AM Rorate Mass, Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.



PLEASE PRAY

for the repose of the soul of

†Helen Herz, the mother of Helen Laub, and †Judy Parlett, both of whom died this past week.




NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30TH

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT I

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new liturgical year. **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **7:25 AM**, and the **Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **8:50 AM**. Sunday Classes will be at **10:40 AM**. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** First Sunday of Advent. Second collect of St. Francis Xavier, third of Our Lady in Advent. Trinity Preface.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Recite on Saturday evening, Dec. 2, as you light the first candle on your Advent Wreath.)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.



Let us pray. O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Collection Report

Sunday, November 19th.....\$5,022.00

Thank you for your generosity.

THE FIRST BEATITUDES

The primary meaning of the word “beatitude” is supreme blessedness, felicity of the highest kind, consummate bliss; but in the minds of Catholics the word most generally connotes one of the eight declarations in which Christ, in His Sermon on the Mount, ascribed felicity or bliss to those who possess particular virtues. The first of these declarations, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,” is not always understood in its true meaning. They confound, in some subconscious fashion, being poor in spirit with poverty of spirit, or a lack of courage and manly self-respect. Such confounding of the two phrases is an egregious error. Amplified in its expression, the first Beatitude is this: Blessed are they who, however great their wealth, dignity, etc., acknowledge that before God they are poor; for in this life they enjoy celestial peace, and after death will partake of eternal felicity.

The poor in spirit are not the fools of the world, but the humble; and humility is the direct opposite of folly: it is the highest wisdom. The rich in spirit, on the contrary, are the proud—those who think much of themselves because of what they are or have. Being poor in spirit is not necessarily connected with actual poverty, nor is being rich in spirit a necessary outcome of actual wealth. If he intimately recognizes that all he possesses of earthly goods is valueless in God’s sight, even the multi-millionaire may be poor in spirit; and if the beggar prides himself upon some quality or talent he possesses, he is *not* poor in spirit. At the same time it must be admitted that, as a rule, it is far more difficult for the rich than for the poor to be truly poor in spirit. This is only another way of expressing the truth which Christ told to His disciples: “How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!”



THE RORATE MASS



During the season of Advent, a beautiful tradition is the observance of the *Rorate Masses*, High Masses sung early in the morning by candlelight, signifying our desire for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, at Christmas. We begin these Masses on Saturday, the vigil of Advent I.

STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE

Looking for gift ideas? The Bookstore/Gift Shop has been really busy with new items. Check out the display case for very high quality stone rosaries. Blankets to keep you cozy for the holidays featuring the Blessed Virgin Mary and Crusader Knights are on the movable stand. Pocketknives and pocket watches, more jewelry, indoor & outdoor statues and more have been added. There is a section for children with their gift giving in mind. There is something for everyone and every Christmas budget! Advent candles, wreaths, and calendars are outside the door on the stand. Look for extended shopping hours during December. Leave the public crowd behind and shop at our Catholic store.

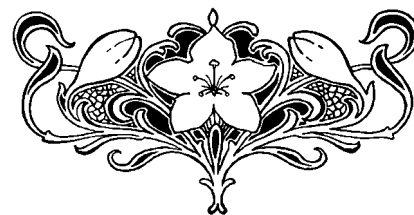


THE WINDS OF NOVEMBER

All the glory of October
Strews the wold.
In the trees, gray-brown and sober,
Gaunt and old.
Hear the sad winds of November
As they sing:
“You, at least, their friends, remember:
Suffrage bring.”

Angel-winds, they ask for pity
On the dead,
Till they reach God’s Happy City,
Comforted.
Sing, oh, sing, winds of November,
Requiem—
“You, at least, their friends, remember:
Pray for them.”

— *Bonaventure Schwinn, O.S.B.*



THE SILENT WAYS

The fields and lanes are carpeted
In sombre shades of brown,
With here and there a golden thread,
And now and then a glint of red—
Frayed bits from Autumn’s gown.

The distant hills are seamed and
scarred
Beneath the soft’ning haze;
The milkweed pods are brown and
hard,
The sumac cones hang black and
charred
Above the silent ways.

Though trees are bare and skies are
gray,
And brown nests empty swing,
The flow’rs will bloom again some
day;
So let’s be cheerful as we may,
While waiting for the Spring.

— *Mary M. Redmond*

Thanksgiving weekend is one of the few weekends in which we clergy can get a day or two of rest. The other one is the Fourth of July. **Fathers Simpson and Brueggemann** went to visit family for the day while **Fathers Lehtoranta, McKenna**, and I went to dinner somewhere downtown. I hope each one of you enjoyed Thanksgiving as much as we did!

It is easy to forget, amidst so many things happening, to keep you in the loop concerning some of the projects being done around here. Conrad Arlinghaus has been cleaning our gutters, doing odd jobs in the sacristy, and tidying up the garage in time for Advent. Thank you, Conrad!

The rectory addition project is going along. Joe Bayer is now working on getting the final blueprints ready to submit to the township/county. He hopes that we will be able to start building in the spring. Personally, I am hoping for a little sooner but I just might have to be patient. The addition includes three larger bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, two smaller rooms for guests, a kitchen, and a dining room. Our present kitchen will be turned into a laundry room. It will be good to have all the clergy under the same roof because, although we all work here, we often pass one another like ships in the night. I know I am repeating myself, but once the priests move into the rectory, the Oblates will be able to move into the convento, which would also enable us to receive more oblates in the future. We will be asking for some donations to be able to accomplish all of this. Right now, we have approximately half of what we need, if our estimations are correct. Say a prayer to the Mother of Good Counsel for the success of these necessary projects.

Work needs to be done to finish the cloister as well. I'm sure you have noticed that only half of the floor has stone and that some parts of the ceiling are damaged from the water. All these things are being tended to and will be taken care of over time. I am hoping to finish the cloister this Fall, as long as we have the help to do it. Volunteers?

Fr. Ercoli mentioned that the seminarians are doing very well. There are four of them now, and Father has received a number of other people from different countries who are interested in joining next year. Right now, the seminarians live in a house just a few minutes from the church. Some of them share rooms for now, but plans are being made to change this. I can remember sharing a room with another seminarian back in the days when Most Holy Trinity

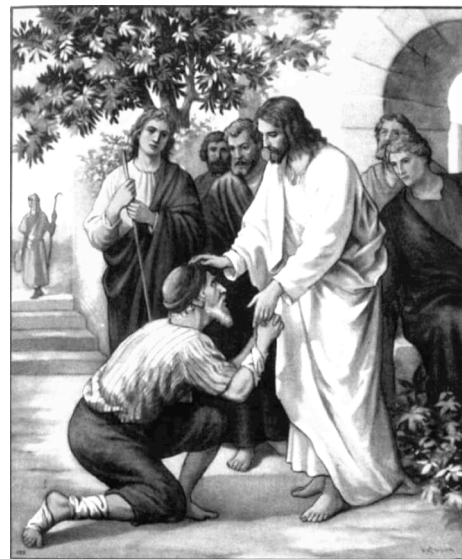
Seminary was still in Warren, Michigan. It wasn't all that bad, especially if one remembers that before the false Council of Vatican II, seminarians often had to share rooms. One doesn't enter the seminary for a comfortable life, but rather to study for the priesthood, to receive the discipline that a priest needs to have, and to sanctify himself.



I was just on the phone with **Fr. Siordia**, whom many of you probably remember. He worked here for a short time back in the mid-1990s when he was a young priest. I remember him for his piety as well as the advice that he gave me before leaving for the seminary, "Always love Our Lady." I am very happy to be working with him again. We are planning a trip to Mexico for the early part of February to do Confirmations and to meet with all the priests there. The time cannot come soon enough for me!

Next week is the First Sunday of Advent. It is not too late to start planning out your spiritual program. How will you spend this holy season "preparing the way of the Lord?"

– **Bishop McGuire**



SAVED BY SWEETNESS

For one soul saved by scolding and fault-finding, ten are saved by sweetness. For one soul saved by fear of hell, ten are saved by the thought of the love of God. A gentle voice and a pleasant face make religion beautiful to the miserable and the sinful, whereas gloomy looks and a harsh or condescending manner make religion seem a thing to be avoided. Do you wish to draw souls to God? Then let your souls reflect His love. Be gentle, be sweet, be patient. Practical people may sometimes condemn you, but only thus can you imitate our Blessed Lord.

✠ CALENDAR

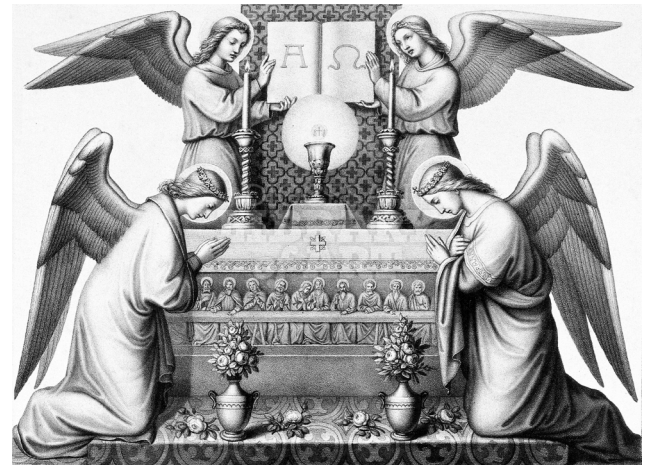
- MON 11/27/23 FERIAI DAY**
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
11:25 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
- TUE 11/28/23 FERIAI DAY • ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ**
7:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Mary McGuire & for the McGuire family (*Ben Morgan*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel – rest in peace (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Mary McGuire (*Christopher Browne*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
- WED 11/29/23 VIGIL OF ST. ANDREW • ST. SATURNINUS, M**
7:00 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Christopher Browne*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Andrew & Eliza Kiernan (*Victoria Cerise*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
5:10 PM Low Mass My mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng – rest in peace (*H.Y.*)
- THU 11/30/23 ST. ANDREW, AP – Beginning of Christmas Novena**
7:00 AM Low Mass †Leo Patrick Doyle (*Zach Doyle*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Intentions of our fellow Catholics (*Kolenich Family*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Bishop Dolan (*The Fathers*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
- FRI 12/1/23 FIRST FRIDAY • FERIAI DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention JRV (*K/V*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction †Jean Bischel (*St. Gertrude the Great School*)
5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
- SAT 12/2/23 FIRST SATURDAY • ST. BIBIANA, VM**
7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM Rorate Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
8:20 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions, Benediction
8:30 AM First Saturday Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass 20th anniversary of †Albert Kinnett's death (*Albert D. Kinnett*)
- SUN 12/3/23 ADVENT I ☸**
 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C
7:05 AM Rosary
7:25 AM Lighting of the Advent Wreath
7:30 AM Low Mass Julie Butler – thanksgiving & continued healing (*S. Kurtz*)
8:50 AM Procession, Blessing of Advent Wreath
High Mass The Lawrence Family (*Hudson Family*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
4:45 PM Advent Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor December 2023

- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Nathan McClorey, Tim Giese
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Nathaniel Arnold
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church of-fice immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS

O Lord God omnipotent, I beseech Thee by the Precious Blood, which Thy divine Son Jesus shed in the Garden, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one which is the most forsaken of all, and bring it into Thy glory, where it may praise and bless Thee forever. Amen.

500 days indulgence

Servers

- FRI 12/1** 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 12/2 7:30 AM HIGH: T. Lawrence
 8:40 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
SUN 12/3 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence TH: C. Arlinghaus ACs: D. Simpson, N. Kolenich TB: I. Smith, A. Constantino, F. Caggese, D. Hudson, T. England, M. Kolenich
 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, D. Simpson, I. Smith
 5:45 PM LOW: *Volunteer please!*