

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



January 28, 2024

SEPTUAGESIMA • ST. PETER NOLASCO, C
ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME)



¶ SEPTUAGESIMA

Today we begin the short pre-Lenten season. Catechism Classes are at 10:40. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Monday is the feast of the Patronal Saint of the Diocese of Cincinnati, St. Francis de Sales, whose meekness and gentle strength are the embodiment of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us for three special Masses in honor of our Patron: Low Masses at 8 AM & 5 PM, and Solemn High Mass at 11:25 AM.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass

11:25 AM Low Mass

5:00 PM Confessions, Sacred Heart Novena

5:15 PM Infant of Prague & Sorrowful Mother Novenas

5:30 PM Blessing of Candles & Procession, Solemn High Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Winter Soup Supper

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart, for our young people.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary

7:30 AM High Mass

8:15 AM Devotions, Benediction, Meditation, Blessing of Throats

8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: Reparation for immodest fashions and sins of the flesh.

CONGRATULATIONS to Isaac and Kristy Brueggemann on the baptism of their son, **Theodore Isaac**, on Sunday, January 21, 2024.



Feast of the Purification of Our Lady

Gandlemas

Friday, February 2

5:30 PM Blessing of Candles
Procession

Solemn High Mass

Winter Soup Supper following

Bring your favorite soup to share!

¶ SOCIAL HALL SITTING AREA

The little sitting area in the social hall is often used by the clergy as a place to meet with visitors. We're always careful to keep it in meticulous order, so it will always be ready for use—hence Fr. Cekada's signs stating "No Food, No Drinks, No Children." These signs were taken down as the years went by, but this space must still be respected and kept in order. Recently church staff has noticed increasing damage—tears and stains on the couches, rug, and even a broken end table. **PARENTS: Please supervise your children if they are in this sitting area.** Otherwise Fr. Cekada's signs may have to go back up. These couches and chairs are not for napping or roughhousing. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our church looking its best!

¶ FEBRUARY 3 – FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Saturday is First Saturday and the feast of St. Blaise. The Blessing of Throats will take place between the Masses.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEXAGESIMA

The **Blessing of Throats** in honor of St. Blaise will be given at the Communion rail following all Masses. (The Blessing of Religious Articles will be moved to the following Sunday.) Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM. 📖 *Set Your Missal:* Sexagesima, with a commemoration of St. Andrew Corsini. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Zapp, Becky Uhlenbrock, Michael Faith, and several other intentions for the sick.

CANDLEMAS

February 2—This day is commonly called Candlemas Day, but in the language of the Church is known as the Feast of the Purification. Under this latter title it commemorates the occasion when the Blessed Virgin, forty days after the birth of Our Lord, presented herself in the Temple to be purified from the legal defilement contracted by childbirth. The witnesses of the ceremony were Simeon and Anna, the former of whom expressed his gladness at the divine fulfillment of the promise previously received, and spoke of Christ as one who would be “a light to the revelation of the Gentiles.” It was probably this saying of Simeon which suggested the custom of blessing on this day the candles to be used by the Church during the year.

Candles are used in nearly all ecclesiastical functions: the custom goes back to the earliest ages of the Church. “Throughout the churches of the East,” says St. Jerome, “lights are kindled when the Gospel is to be read, although the sun is shining, not indeed to drive away the darkness, but as a sign of spiritual joy.” Another early writer declares: “According to the Roman order, we never say Mass without lights, ...using them as a type of that Light without which even in midday we grope as in the night.”

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2024

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 13 (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed *before* the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

CHILDREN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, May 16

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 18

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2

¶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 14: Ash Wednesday.

February 28: Children’s Day of Recollection.



OUR PARISH

Just as every Christian belongs to a family, so also he belongs to a parish. The parish should be the necessary complement of the family, in which everyone cannot receive the complete formation which he needs. The family is the first cell in the organism of the Church. The parents should regard their duties as sacred and, in a way, priestly. They are joined together not only for the purpose of procreating children, but also of educating them. This is a lofty honor and responsibility. They do not possess, however, the means of completing the education of their children. They can do a great deal, but they cannot do everything, for they are not, in fact, priests possessing the necessary means of communicating the supernatural life through the Sacraments and through the authoritative Word of God.

Parents are the natural guardians of their children, but in the Church there is a spiritual father to assist them, namely, the parish priest. No good Christian should ignore the existence of his parish priest and of his parish. In his parish church he has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, made his First Holy Communion, and received, perhaps, the nuptial blessing at his marriage. There will come a day when he will be borne to his parish church for the last time, to receive from the priest his final blessing and prayers for the repose of his

soul. We should love our parish, therefore, in the same way as we love our family, and we should cherish our parish church. It is not enough to visit any church, but we should give pride of place to our own, which houses our spiritual family and holds for us so many precious memories of the past. We ought to make a special point of attending it in order to give good example.

There is another reason for frequenting our parish church. Priests today feel very isolated and inadequate to look after all the needs of the faithful entrusted to their care. Good parishioners ought to help them and should consider it an honor to cooperate in the work of the apostolate. The parish clergy are no longer competent to deal with all the situations which arise. Many people keep them at a distance, almost as if they feared them. Good laymen should realize that they can help bridge this gap and should be anxious to cooperate in parish work. They can help in the teaching of Christian doctrine to the young and can assist in the various fields of Catholic Action.

This will mean sacrifices, because they have their own personal interests and occupations to absorb their time. But true Christianity entails sacrifice and unceasing dedication.

Let us resolve, therefore, to be active in our own parish. Let us give good example by our prayers, by frequenting the Sacraments and attending Holy Mass, and by collaborating with the clergy in the sanctification of souls.

It was for this purpose that we received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We should always remain soldiers of Jesus Christ, especially in our own parish.

— Antonino Cardinal Bacci,
from “Meditations for Each Day”

Lumen Christi

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

For a stray soul & the Grace of Faith
(Annette Hosie)

The very short pre-Lent season of Septuagesima-tide begins today. Interestingly, the feast of Candlemas, which normally marks the official end of the Christmas season, falls at the end of this week. The Church has given us this short period of three Sundays to begin preparing ourselves for Lent. This is very wise and shows that she takes into consideration our human nature—after all, it would be difficult to go directly from a time of joyful festivity to a time of severe fasting and penance. As with so much in life, we need time to process things, to shift our focus, and to plan. We have three Sundays, but only two and a half weeks to plan out our Lent. This year we are dedicating the season to the Angels, so if you are looking for reading material and devotions that fit in with the Lenten theme, you will have much to choose from!

Fr. Valerii wrote to me the other day to thank everyone for their generosity to him. Sadly, he does not have any parishioners due to some old controversies in Ireland, where he resides. Even his own people, the Ukrainians, will not approach him since the local Ukrainian bishop to Ireland forbids them from approaching Father for the traditional sacraments. Do pray for Father and for a growth in his apostolate. If ever there was a time when the Ukrainian people needed the true Faith and a true priest, that time is now when they are persecuted from all sides.

I promised you that I would give you more information on the recent ordinations done by **Bishop Nkamuke** in Nigeria. Here is a snippet from the letter he wrote to me shortly after they occurred:

“I am pleased to tell you that we had a successful Ordination ceremony in the 6th of this month. It was a remarkable event, not only because it was unique to everyone involved. There were visitors from near and far. Some Novus Ordo priests even came to witness the event. I learnt yesterday that a particular Novus Ordo parish priest within the locality even told his faithful to come witness a pre-Vatican II Ordination.

“Next day, 7th, **Fr. Benjamin Ikhiaemoh** said his first Mass in the same location. It went well generally speaking. And then we had to travel to the native place of **Fr. Jonathan Okafor** for his own First Mass which took place two days later, on the 9th. Mass was said in the open. It was a success, although the sun was scorching so much that I was glad I was not among the ministers. Next day, 10th I said Mass in my own home and blessed our compound. Now I am in Owerri, Imo State, trying to recover from the stress.”

Fr. Thomas Zapp, one of “the Nine,” was recently in the ICU with heart problems, but **Fr. Larrabee** kindly let us know that he should be okay and was to be released from the hospital. Fr. Zapp is a very down-to-earth priest,

of whom I have very good memories. He used to attend some of the retreats when I was still just a young seminarian and would often ask about my father. When I told him that my father wasn't even a Catholic, he told me, “Storm heaven with prayers for his conversion.” Those words, and the fact that he had also promised to pray for my father were a great consolation. In the end, Dad converted, and I am sure it was partly due to Fr. Zapp's prayers.



Fr. Lehtoranta and the rest of the teachers have been busy giving exams to the students this past week. It must be a long week for them, preparing, monitoring, and then grading the tests. Each and every one of the teachers is doing an excellent job this year. I have noticed that they really know their students, not just superficially, but as Catholic educators should know them. They assist them not only in academics, but in forming their characters, making corrections when necessary and giving encouragement whenever possible. We do have a lot of new families here at St. Gertrude's—all with young children—and I hope to see the school grow one day. Homeschooling certainly has its advantages, but a Catholic school is the ideal. The parent and the priest must work together in the education of youth. In order to form dedicated Catholics out of the children, the priest must count on the fact that parents will provide a Catholic environment in the home; but the parent must realize, too, that a wholesome homelife, no matter how good, cannot replace what only a priest can give the children—the true Mass, the true sacraments. A Catholic school ensures that the children receive all this on a daily basis.

Well, I think I've said enough now. May the Holy Angels help you to prepare for a good Lent!

– **Bishop McGuire**

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor – February

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 office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

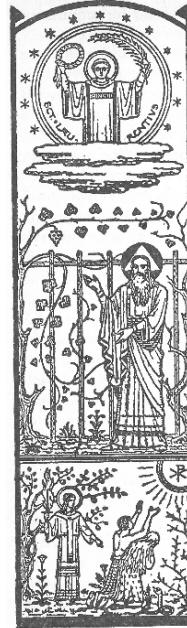
☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

✠ CALENDAR

MON	1/29/24	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass For my Godmother – health (<i>Jason Murray</i>) 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (<i>Michael Reardon</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (<i>Charles & Barbara McClorey</i>)
TUE	1/30/24	ST. MARTINA, VM <i>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Neil Joseph Montello (<i>The Puglielli Family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Paul Faith (<i>L. Faith & Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass On behalf of my mother, thank you Fr. Lehtoranta († <i>Jean Bischel & Carolyn McClorey</i>) 5:00 PM Requiem Low Mass with Absolution †Judy Parlett (<i>Sister Ulrica</i>)
WED	1/31/24	ST. JOHN BOSCO, C 7:00 AM Low Mass For those who suffer in Purgatory and are forgotten (<i>Lisa McConnell</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mrs. Jean Bischel – may she rest in peace (<i>Dan & Rose Wright</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Our Lady, Health of the Sick for Maria (<i>TRCS</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Special intentions (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	2/1/24	FIRST THURSDAY ~ Pray for Priests ST. IGNATIUS, BPM • <i>ST. BRIGID, V</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Francis Caggese – Happy Birthday! (<i>Dad & Mom</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. McMahon (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Ahern (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 5:00 PM Mass & Holy Hour for Priests For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
FRI	2/2/24	PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY • CANDLEMAS FIRST FRIDAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Elaine Freeman – needs of mind, body & soul (<i>From Mom</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 5:00 PM Confessions, Sacred Heart Novena 5:15 PM Infant of Prague Novena VI, Sorrowful Mother Novena II with Blessing of the Sick 5:30 PM Blessing of Candles, Procession, Solemn High Mass Special intention & their family (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>) Exposition, Winter Soup Supper <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	2/3/24	FIRST SATURDAY • OUR LADY'S SATURDAY ST. BLAISE, BPM 7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM High Mass †Jean Bischel (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) 8:15 AM Ave Regina Cœlorum, First Saturday Devotions 8:20 AM Benediction, First Saturday Meditation Blessing of Throats 8:40 AM Low Mass St. Martha – In thanksgiving & continued answered prayers (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
SUN	2/4/24	SEPTUAGESIMA • ST. PETER NOLASCO, C ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME) <i>BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER ALL MASSES</i>

THOUGHTS ON THE SUNDAY'S LITURGY

January 28, Septuagesima Sunday



Easter falls at so early a date this year that Septuagesima seems to follow closely upon the heel of Christmas. From the joy which the birth of a Savior instills into Christian hearts, we pass to a period of penance. At the present day the penitential character of the season is apparent chiefly in the suppression of "Alleluia," and of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, together with the use of purple vestments by the officiating clergy. But in ages long past Septuagesima was far more rigorously observed than now: fasting and abstinence, though less severe than the Lenten practice, formed part of its discipline.

The spirit of the liturgy of this Sunday is one of humble fear lest by our unworthiness we lose our Father's favoring help. This is shown in the Introit of the Mass, which describes the necessary consequences of sin: "The groans of death surrounded me; the sorrows of hell encompassed me." But the confession of sin brings relief: "In my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice." The Collect, therefore, is a petition for mercy towards sinners: "Graciously hear the prayers of Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that we, who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered, for the glory of Thy Name."

Collection Report

Sunday, January 21st,\$6,132.00
 Thank you for your generosity.

Servers

FRI 2/2	5:30 PM SOLHIGH: <i>Posted in Sacristy</i>
SAT 2/3	7:30 AM HIGH: D. & M. Simpson 8:40 AM LOW: Kolenichs
SUN 2/4	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, A. McClorey TH: C. Richesson ACs: D. Hudson, J. Rabjohns TB: L. Rabjohns, Ma. & P. Caggese, N. Hudson, A. Constantino, I. Smith 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: C. & J. Plucker

7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mrs. Jean Bischel (<i>D. McConnell</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday, Dad (<i>Arlinghaus kids</i>) (from 8/6)
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass †Richard H. Smith – 5 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great