

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

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



February 4, 2024 SEXAGESIMA ST. ANDREW CORSINI, BPC



¶ SEXAGESIMA



The **Blessing of Throats** in honor of St. Blaise will be given at the Communion rail following all Masses today. (The Blessing of Religious Articles will be moved to next Sunday.) Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

The novena to the Sorrowful Mother, with the Blessing of the Sick, continues this Friday evening following the 5:45 PM Mass. Be sure to bring the sick to be blessed, and call or email the office with their names, to be mentioned during the novena.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Jane Fitzgibbon, Henry Sieverding, Pat Kolb, Barbara O'Connor, Michael Faith, and Nathan Harkleroad.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14: Ash Wednesday
February 24: Sodality Field Trip
February 28: Children's Lenten Day of Recollection

Collection Report

Sunday, January 28th.....\$6,900.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



Nothing glorifies the Good God so much as a soul who, whilst seeing her nothingness and misery, confides in the merits of Jesus Christ and in the Heavenly Father's mercy. Those who do not know their misery believe themselves good and agreeable to God on account of their personal goodness. They do not feel an extreme need of Jesus; they give little glory to God. Jesus is our all. He is the complement of our misery, of our poverty, and He gives Himself to those who are "poor in spirit."
— Union with God

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: QUINQUAGESIMA

Next Sunday is Holy Face Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Our **St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale** takes place next Sunday.  Come back to Helfta Hall and peruse the selection of goodies! Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.
 **Set Your Missal:** Quinquagesima, commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Trinity Preface.

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



TODAY'S GOSPEL

St. Gregory the Great justly remarks that the Gospel's parable needs no explanation, since eternal Wisdom Himself has told us its meaning. All that we have to do is to profit by this divine teaching and become the good soil, wherein the heavenly seed may yield a rich harvest. How often have we hitherto allowed it to be trampled on by them that passed by, or to be torn up by the birds of the air! How often has it found our heart like a stone that could give no moisture, or like a thorn plot that could but choke! We listened to the word of God; we took pleasure in hearing it; and from this we argued well for ourselves. Nay, we have often received this word with joy and eagerness. Sometimes, even, it took root within us. But alas! something always came to stop its growth. Henceforth, it must both grow and yield fruit. The seed given to us is of such quality that the divine Sower has a right to expect a hundred-fold. If the soil, that is, our heart, be good; if we take the trouble to prepare it by profiting of the means afforded us by the Church, we shall have an abundant harvest to show our Lord on that grand day when, rising triumphant from His tomb, He will come to share with His faithful people the glory of His Resurrection.

— From the Liturgical Year



BOOKSTORE: Crusader items are in and on the new movable stand. Come check it out! New displays inside as well. **First Communion items are coming soon.**

SODALITY MEMBERS:

A field trip to the Maria Stein Shrine in Ohio is scheduled for February 24. Mark your calendar! This will take the place of our usual meeting routine and you don't want to miss it! Please note that this trip is only for the Sodality of Charity members and any guardians thereof that may wish to attend. The girls have worked hard over the last couple of years and it is beginning to show! Please RSVP for a seat in the bus by February 22 to: pinkcherryblossom015@gmail.com More details will be posted.

Please also note that our yearly elections for sodality offices are postponed until our regular routine is resumed.



St.
Apollonia,
pray
for
us!



Our Beloved Dead - February

Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Richard Smith	2-04-2019
Carol Jean Mincey	2-07-2009
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Patrick Kurtz	2-12-2021
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Estrella I. Simpson	2-14-2012
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Tom Peter	2-18-2011
Bernard Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Frank Beckerich	2-23-2021
Sharon Patton	2-24-2018
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994

WE WANT TO SEE JESUS

This is the Kingdom of God,
Here where the eye cannot follow.
This is the home of the seed,
Its blanket and pillow.

Sight has no relevance here,
Where even the darkness is weeping.
Know without sight that the seed
In its cradle is sleeping.

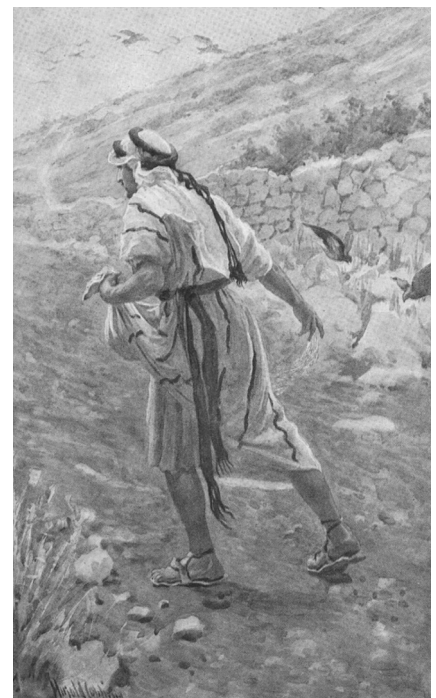
Safe in the loam of the heart,
Wrapped in a terrible slumber,
Hidden and blinded and held,
Lingers the seed in its winter.

Be not too eager for spring,
For meadows of flowering riot.
Wait with the seed, be content
With darkness and quiet.

Eyes only see what they know;
They need to be newly instructed,
Baptized in seasons of want,
And freshly created.

Furrows will green at their will,
And spring has a way of appearing
When new-crafted eyes will behold
The Sought One returning.

— Sr. Miriam Pollard, O.C.S.O.



The always so beautiful Candlemas with all of its ceremonies is over, and we have officially celebrated the last of the Christmas feasts. Now we must, if we wish to follow the mind of the Church, enter into the spirit of Septuagesima, a time of preparation for Lent. Accordingly, we ought to spend time in serious reflection on what we wish to accomplish during Lent, as well as how we wish to accomplish it. Is there a particular attachment that often causes you to fall out of the state of sanctifying grace? Perhaps a habitual venial sin that needs to be gotten rid of? It is not enough to simply get rid of vice, but it is essential to cultivate positive virtue. Are you patient enough with the little inconveniences of life? Do you practice self-forgetfulness in order to be more aware of the needs of others? Oh! don't forget the virtue of humility, the virtue that is the foundation of the spiritual life and usually the last to be perfected. The Church gives us penance in the form of fasting. Will you do it just because you have to do it? Better is to do it out of the love of God and make up for those times when you loved God so little. Will you come to extra Masses? What a perfect way to make up for all those lost years spent serving sin. Lent is coming fast! Be prepared. Enter into the spirit of this short period of the liturgical cycle which we call Septuagesima.

We priests don't often have guests over for dinner, but were happy to have the opportunity to do so with Tom Gardner, the coordinator of Holy Face Mission in Effingham, Illinois. He was just passing through the area on his way home and decided to stop by for the evening Mass. It was good to visit with him again.

The school children finished their exams and received their report cards. The majority of them did very well, most even improved their grades from the last quarter. It must be very rewarding, not only for the students, but for the teachers to see the progress of the children. The High Schoolers are going on a field trip to the Cincinnati History Museum and the Museum of Natural History tomorrow with **Fr. Lehtoranta**. Mrs. Richesson, one of our teachers, agreed to go as well. It sounds like a fun time and is certainly a much needed break for the students.

Fr. McKenna woke up on Wednesday morning with some awful discomfort in his eye. I thought it was just some irritation or pink eye, but it turned out that he has an ulcer in his eye from falling asleep wearing his contacts. Did you ever know such a thing existed?! Father is taking special eye drops to solve the issue. It

didn't stop him from his short jaunt to St. Hugh of Lincoln, thankfully. There, he carried out the Candlemas ceremonies and the Blessing of Throats.



Our other young Fathers are traveling as well. **Fr. Simpson** is in Dallas, where the number of parishioners keeps growing. **Fr. Brueggemann** departs for our seminary in Seattle later this afternoon and will be gone a full week, returning home by way of Dallas.

I am off to do Confirmations at **Fr. Siordia's** church of Our Lord of the Expiration in Cocoyoc, Mexico, and will only be gone for the weekend. After the Confirmations are finished, there will be a conference for the priests and faithful who are there. Hopefully, we will be able to calm down some of the controversies that have been taking place down there. I would be very grateful if you would say a prayer to the Mother of Good Counsel for a fruitful visit.

Our annual Holy Face Triduum begins on Holy Face Sunday next week and ends on the following Tuesday, the feast of the Holy Face. This is another of our favorite devotions here at St. Gertrude the Great. By means of this devotion we console Our Lord for all the blasphemies committed and in return Our Lord promises to settle all the affairs of our household. May the light of His Countenance shine upon you!

– **Bishop McGuire**

THOUGHTS FOR FEBRUARY



I would like you to note down in a little book the following things. Every day read each item over and put a little cross after it so that you may have constantly

before your mind what you have to do and your faults.

1. Number of aspirations made. Number should be increased slowly but steadily.

2. Number of acts of self-denial. Same remark; you have been going back, not forward lately.

3. Fighting against worry, anxiety, etc.

4. Patience, gentleness, sweetness with everyone. This especially when you are busy, rushed, annoyed.

5. Absolute charity in words.

6. Quiet and calmness, exterior and above all interior.

7. Trying to see the hand of God in *everything* that happens to you or your work, and rejoicing in this in your higher nature, for one cannot help feeling certain things.

8. Steady persevering effort to acquire interior union with God in your soul.

– *A Year's Thoughts, William J.G. Doyle*

✠ CALENDAR

✠ *Most Masses are webcast. Please check www.sgg.org*

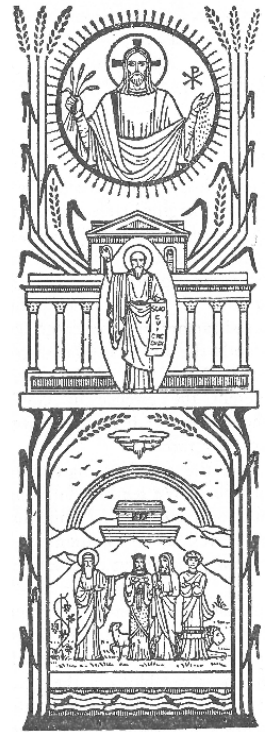
- MON 2/5/24 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**
 ST. AGATHA, VM • ST. PHILIP OF JESUS, M
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
11:25 AM High Mass Special intention MB (*KIV*)
- TUE 2/6/24 ST. TITUS, BPC • ST. DOROTHY, VM**
 COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION
7:00 AM Low Mass Special intention AV (*KIV*)
11:25 AM High Mass Special intention D.S. (*Rebecca Hinton*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*A.M.B.*)
- WED 2/7/24 FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH**
 ST. ROMUALD, AB
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention CB (*KIV*)
11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:10 PM Low Mass Marlys Arlinghaus – recovery/healing (*Joseph & Elizabeth Prell*)
- THU 2/8/24 ST. JOHN OF MATHA, C**
7:00 AM Low Mass †Marianne Belansky (*Collin Smith*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Dr. James Lang (*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski*)
11:25 AM High Mass Congratulations Sr. Ulrica & Sr. Eulalia (*Mom & Dad/McClure Family*)
- FRI 2/9/24 ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD**
 ST. APOLLONIA, VM
8:00 AM Low Mass †Joe & †Hollis Wright, †Gary & †Ruth Ann Bolte (*Dan & Rose Wright*)
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Bill Young – Happy Birthday (*Terri*)
5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VII
5:45 PM Low Mass My mother, †Jean Bischel (*Jennifer Richesson*)
6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena III with Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 2/10/24 ST. SCHOLASTICA, V**
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Terri Young – Happy Birthday (*Bill*)
8:10 AM Ave Regina Cœlorum, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Private intention (*Collin Smith*)
- SUN 2/11/24 QUINQUAGESIMA • OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
 OPENING OF THE TRIDUUM TO THE HOLY FACE
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Paul & Lisa McConnell*)
9:00 AM High Mass Marlys Arlinghaus (*Maria Miller*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Mike Volz (*Kuebler*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

SEXAGESIMA

Never let us forget that the knowledge of our weakness is our real strength. But for Jesus Christ *alone* to live in us nature must die, and nature dies with difficulty. In the Epistle of last Sunday's Mass St. Paul enumerates all the wonderful things he had done and suffered for Jesus Christ, and he ends by saying, "Therefore I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

If we could only understand this mystery of our weakness being our strength! In the same way as poor beggars glory in their hideous sores and, far from hiding them, show them in order to attract the compassion of the charitable, so we ought to rejoice in the thought that we can do nothing without Jesus. Tell Him so often and be glad when the opportunity presents itself of feeling the depth of your misery and weakness. "The more you are confounded by the sense of your misery," Our Lord said to St. Margaret Mary, "the more I stoop down to embrace you in the power of My love."

– *Union with God*



What may drive sinners away is the fear that God might reproach them for their offenses. This is common enough with men who forget past injuries for a while, only to remember them again at the smallest provocation. Not so with the Lord. He goes so far as to say that if the sinner repents, He wants to forget his sins as though they had never been committed. Hear His very words: *If the sinner repents, he shall be forgiven, and I shall forget all his iniquities* (Ez 18:21-22).

SERVERS

- FRI 2/9 5:45 PM LOW:** Capetillos
SAT 2/10 7:30 AM LOW: L. & J. Rabjohns
8:20 AM HIGH: T. Lawrence, J. Stewart, M. Simpson
SUN 2/11 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence **TH:** N. Kolenich
ACs: M. Kolenich, S. Richesson **TB:** J. & I. Smith, J. Hudson, B. Constantino, M. Caggese, T. England
11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClure