

# 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



## February 18, 2024

### LENT I

### ST. SIMEON, BPM • ST. BERNADETTE, V

#### ¶ INVOCABIT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Don't miss the first of our short Lenten Stations at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45.

#### ¶ EMBER DAYS

**Wednesday, Friday and Saturday** of this week are the Lenten Ember Days. All Catholics, age seven or older, must keep the abstinence, partial on Wednesday and Saturday; total on Friday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 are obliged to follow the Church laws of fast anyway during Lent.

#### ¶ ST. MONICA'S CLUB MEETING

The St. Monica's Club will be meeting this **Wednesday**, with Mass at 5:10. The usual prayers, supper, and talk follow.

#### ¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

We continue the **Friday** Sorrowful Mother Novena all throughout Lent. Call or email the office with the names of those who are sick, to be remembered in the Novena.

#### ¶ LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS

Thank you for your generosity! All the Lenten Fridays have been taken but the last, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would still like to volunteer, contact the office.

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Dominic Radecki, Fr. Leo Carley, Fr. Luis Jurado, the continued recovery of Becky Uhlenbrock, and two sick babies, Gretta and August.



*Angels Ministered Unto Him*

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT II

Next Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Lent II, second collect of Our Lady and All the Saints, third for the Living and the Dead. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, Feb. 24:** Sodality Fieldtrip
- Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Children's Lenten Day of Reflection
- Tuesday, March 19:** St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor.
- Monday, April 8:** The Annunciation

#### ¶ SODALITY MEMBERS:

Please RSVP for the fieldtrip to the Maria Stein Shrine soon! Note that this trip is only for the Sodality of Charity members and any guardians thereof that may wish to attend. At the latest, please RSVP for a seat in the bus by February 22 to: [pinkcherryblossom015@gmail.com](mailto:pinkcherryblossom015@gmail.com). If you missed the emailed details, contact Fr. Lehtoranta.

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

#### ¶ DISH DILEMMA

The clergy are most grateful for all the hard-working cooks who bring them meals, but the cabinet where dishes are returned for pickup is full to bursting—so much so that dishes have started falling out and breaking! *Please* collect your dishes by next Sunday, or they will have to be thrown away. Thank you!

*Lenten Friday Evening of  
Recollection—February 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**5:45 PM** Low Mass

**6:45 PM** Lenten Supper: *Cheese Enchilada Casserole, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Ceviché with chips & Guacamole, Fruit Salad, Cornbread*

**7:30 PM** Stations of the Cross,  
Sorrowful Mother Novena,  
Blessing of the Sick, Benediction

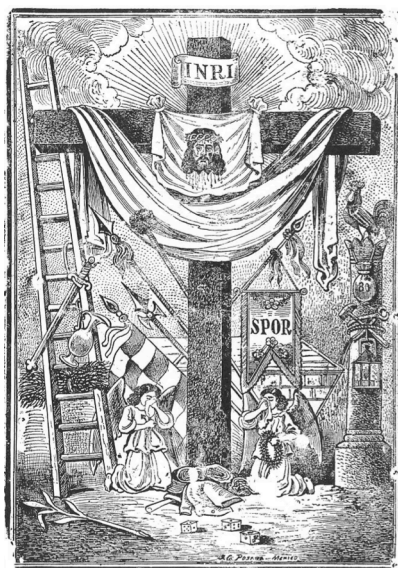
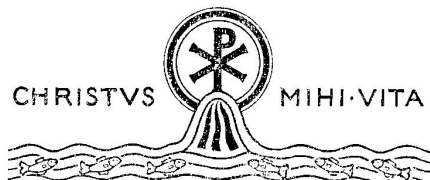
**8:30 PM** (approx.) Distribution  
of Holy Communion

#### Collection Report

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,590.00  
Bake Sale.....\$755.00

**WOUNDED BY A SPEAR**

The Son of God was not satisfied with giving us proofs of His love during life, but it was His Will to give us additional proofs of it even after death. It was His Will thereby to show us that His love was not quenched by death. Therefore He permitted that His sacred side should be opened with a spear after His death, so that we might behold His divine Heart pierced for love of us. ...His sufferings might deprive Him of life, but not of love, which, like a mighty fire, burned more brightly and clearly still, when fed with the fuel of sufferings. ...Those wounds which bleed no longer because every vein is emptied of the last drop of its Blood, tell us loudly how great, how excessive, is the love of God for us, since it has reduced Him to such a condition for our sake. But why add a fresh wound to the lacerated Body, from which the soul is already separated? Oh, truly precious wound, inflicted by reason of the excessive charity of God, whose desire it is to make known to us how great, even after death, is His love for man! His Heart is a furnace of love, which not all the waters of the sea can ever extinguish. ...Enter, my soul, enter into the burning furnace of the tender Heart of Jesus, enter it frequently in spirit, and there thy incredible hardness of heart will be softened, and thy icy coldness warmed; thou wilt be inflamed with holy love for thy God. Behold the last drop of warm Blood issuing from that Sacred Heart, and bathing the soldier who has inflicted the wound! The scourges had not drawn that last drop, neither had the thorns, or the nails, but now, at last, the spear opens it a passage and it flows forth! O surprising and excessive charity of Jesus! Who gives even the last drop of His Heart's Blood, and gives it for the good of those who inflict the wound upon Him!



**THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2024**

**First Confessions & Testing:** April 13

*(Baptismal certificate and registration form must be submitted before the test.)*

**Day of Recollection:** May 16

**Confirmations:** May 18

**First Communion:** June 2

**Children's Day of Recollection  
Wednesday, February 28**



*The day begins at 9:00 AM & concludes at 3:00 PM. A lunch will be provided. No charge. Please call the school if your children will be attending: 513-645-4216*



**MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

Not woman-faced and sweet, as look  
The angels in the picture-book;  
But terrible in majesty,  
More than an army passing by.

His hair floats not upon the wind  
Like theirs, but curled and closely  
twined:  
Wrought with his aureole, so that none  
Shall know the gold curls from the  
crown.

His wings he hath put away in steel,  
He goes mail-clad from head to heel;  
Never moon-silver hath outshone  
His breastplate or his morion.

His brows are like a battlement,  
Beautiful, brave and innocent;  
His eyes with fires of battle burn—  
On his strong mouth the smile is stern.

His horse, the horse of Heaven, goes  
forth,  
Bearing him off to South and North,  
Neighing far off, as one that sees  
The battle over distances.

His fiery sword is never at rest,  
His foot is in the stirrup prest;  
Through all the world where wrong is  
done  
Michael the Soldier rideth on.

Michael, Commander! Angels are  
That sound the trumpet and that bear  
The banners by the Throne, where is  
The King one nameth on his knees.

Angels there are of peace and prayers,  
And they that go with wayfarers,  
And they that watch the house of  
birth,  
And they that bring the dead from  
earth,

And mine own Angel. Yet I see,  
Heading God's army gloriously,  
Michael Archangel, like a sun,  
Splendid beyond comparison!

— Katherine Tynan

How good it is to be back home at St. Gertrude's again! When I left my boyhood home at 18 years of age I never thought I would be able to call any place other than Chillicothe home. However, after 14 years spent living at this church among good clergy and sharing so much time with so many of you, no other place this side of heaven can ever again be called home. I know that many of you feel the same way about SGG, and that is not a small part of why this place is so special. Bishop Dolan, God rest his soul, always wanted it to have a very welcoming and family-like atmosphere, in which we are all centered upon worshiping God and saving our souls—and I believe that he accomplished just that.

Thank you for all the prayers for a safe trip to Mexico.

There was quite a bit of controversy over my visit to see an old friend, **Fr. Siordia**. Everyone seems to want to take away his chapel in Cocoyoc! While I was there I did a Sunday Mass and conferred Confirmation on some of the faithful. Every other group that is fighting over the chapel showed up to my Mass and stood



outside the open church doors taking pictures or videos, curious about what I would say, probably expecting that something very controversial would be said from the pulpit. Instead, my message to everyone was that charity must prevail. After all, what good is a church building if those in the building (priests and layman, alike) do not save their souls? That is the purpose for churches, is it not?! The whole reason we left our beautiful basilicas, parishes, seminaries and convents after Vatican II was that we could no longer save our souls in those buildings. Masses were offered in hotels, basements, and homes. We left the beautiful churches because the Faith was no longer taught in those places. Now that we have our own churches, seminaries and convents which teach the true Faith, we must preserve charity in them. Sadly, this is the virtue—or lack of it—which destroys so much of the work that we could do. Well, charity starts at home...so why don't you and I focus on that greatest of the virtues!

Ash Wednesday was well attended, and now **Fr. McKenna** and **Fr. Simpson** are away to ensure that the faithful in all of our missions receive their blessed ashes. **Fr. Brueggemann** brought Holy Communion and the blessed ashes to our sick and now leaves for Holy Face mission this afternoon.

The surveyor stopped by this past Thursday to take all the proper measurements for our future addition to the rectory. It took quite some time for him to set up a time to get here because of family illness. I will keep you posted as the plans progress. We are hoping that we will be able to start building in the spring, but as the saying goes, "Man proposes; but God disposes." All in God's good time!



The seminary in Seattle seems to be running quite smoothly under the guidance of **Fr. Ercoli**. Fr. Brueggemann spent about a week out there, teaching and visiting with the priests and seminarians. As of now, there are still four seminarians. Do remember our seminarians and the faculty in your prayers this week. The Ember Days are, historically, days on which the different orders are bestowed on seminarians, and therefore are customarily days during which we remember vocations in our prayers and sacrifices.

May the Angels, our "big brothers," continue to assist you this Lent.

– **Bishop McGuire**

#### IN TIME OF TEMPTATION

Help us, O Lord our God, since we cannot flee from the body, nor the body flee from us. We must needs carry about the body, because it is bound up with us. We cannot destroy it; we are forced to preserve it. But the world surrounds us and assails us through the five gateways of sense. – *St. Bernard*

Long prayers are useless to me when I am under pressure of the devil, from my lower nature, from the enticement of sinful pleasure. I pray quite simply, but quite desperately, for help.

Lord, source of strength, give me strength against the powers of evil. Lord, who resisted Satan in the desert, resist him now again in his attack upon my soul. Lord, whose Passion is the price paid for the redemption of my soul, let not another sin of mine contribute to Thy pain on earth.

Pattern of every virtue, source of all good, be with me now when all the good that I possess is threatened. Lord, perfection itself, let not the perfection which my soul is aiming at be disqualified by the evil which is trying to draw me away from Thee.



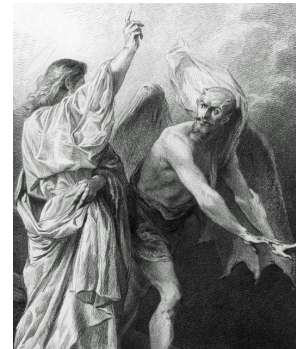
Grant me, O God, the presence of mind which will let me see the issue as it really is; grant me the grace to remain firm. Awaken in me the love which is stronger than the desire for present satisfaction. Show me how to place all my trust in Thee. – *Dom Hubert van Zeller*

<b>MON</b>	<b>2/19/24</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>FAST</i> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> †Juan Carlos Araneta ( <i>Victoria Cerise</i> ) <b>11:25 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †James D. Hanna Jr. ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William Oleyar &amp; family</i> ) <b>12:25 PM</b> <b>Vespers</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>2/20/24</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>FAST</i> <b>7:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> †Gary Creedon ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Christopher Knoll</i> ) <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Holy Souls ( <i>Kolenich family</i> ) <b>11:25 AM</b> <b>High Mass</b> †Rosa Barre – 46 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 9/7 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) <b>12:25 PM</b> <b>Vespers</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> †Jean Bischel ( <i>David Kobza</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/21/24</b>	<b>EMBER WEDNESDAY</b> <i>FAST &amp; PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> <b>7:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> †Thomas E. Simpson – 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 8/4 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †James D. Hanna Jr. ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Hanna &amp; family</i> ) <b>11:25 AM</b> <b>High Mass</b> My son Jay Tseng – restoration of health ( <i>H.Y.</i> ) <b>12:25 PM</b> <b>Vespers</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> <b>Children’s Stations, Holy Communion</b> <b>5:10 PM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Intentions of the St. Monica Club <b>St. Monica Club Meeting</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>2/22/24</b>	<b>ST. PETER’S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH</b> <i>FAST</i> <b>7:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Lois Anson ( <i>Marlene Corbin</i> ) <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Special intention – H.L. ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) <b>11:25 AM</b> <b>High Mass</b> Mrs. Wright & her family – Thanks! <b>12:25 PM</b> <b>Vespers</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Edward Knoll Family ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Christopher Knoll</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>2/23/24</b>	<b>ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD • THE LANCE &amp; NAILS</b> <b>EMBER FRIDAY</b> <i>FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</i> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Thank you, Saint Philomena ( <i>Nathalie Andreotta</i> ) <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM</b> <b>High Mass</b> Thank you St. Anthony, Holy Ghost ( <i>S. Kurtz</i> ) <b>12:25 PM</b> <b>Vespers</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> <b>Confessions, Rosary</b> <b>5:35 PM</b> <b>Infant of Prague Novena IX</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> My family – Thank you! ( <i>Sr. Eulalia</i> ) <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> <b>Lenten Supper</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> <b>St. Francis of Assisi Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena V, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction</b> <b>8:30 PM</b> <b>(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/24/24</b>	<b>ST. MATTHEW, AP</b> <b>EMBER SATURDAY</b> <i>FAST &amp; PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> <b>7:10 AM</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Special intention ( <i>Victoria Cerise</i> ) <b>8:10 AM</b> <b>Ave Regina Cœlorum, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM</b> <b>High Mass</b> †Sharon Patton, anniversary ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )

**With regard to fasts**, note that just as fasting exists to sanctify us in opposition of bodily vices, so prayer does the same in regard to spiritual vices. Jerome says: “By fasting the body is cured of its plagues, and by prayer, the mind.” Perfect holiness means being purified from both things: *Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting sanctification* (2 Cor 7:1).... Prayer is to be joined to fasting so that every kind of demon may be the more stoutly resisted.

There are many fasts that are not accepted by God. *Why have we fasted, and You have not regarded?* (Is 58:3). We must labor to make the fasts holy...just as food is sanctified by prayer, as it is written (1 Tim 4:5). And thus prayer is to be joined to fasting so that the fast, being sanctified by prayer, may be accepted by God.

– *Blessed Humbert of Romans*  
*Blessed Humbert (c. 1200–1277) was a French Dominican friar and a prolific author who served as Master of the Order of Preachers from 1254 to 1263.*



**This Sunday** is held so sacred by the Church that it can never be set aside by any feast, however solemn. For although we regard Lent as beginning on Ash Wednesday, in the early ages of the Church this Sunday was looked upon as the formal entry upon the season of penance. St. Gregory, in one of his homilies, bears witness to this fact. He speaks of the thirty-six days of fasting (the exact number of days in Lent, omitting Sundays, which are never fast-days) as the tenth part of the year,—our “tithe” offered to God. The four weekdays from Ash Wednesday were added later, to bring the exact number up to forty.

**Servers**

<b>FRI 2/23</b>	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>LOW:</b> T. Lawrence, M. Simpson
<b>SAT 2/24</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>LOW:</b> J. & L. Rabjohns
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>HIGH:</b> MC: D. Simpson <b>TH:</b> M. Simpson <b>ACS:</b> C. & M. Brueggemann <b>CROSS:</b> M. Caggese <b>TB:</b> J. & I. Smith, Ma. & P. Caggese
<b>SUN 2/25</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>HIGH:</b> MCs: M. Simpson, S. Richesson <b>TH:</b> D. Hudson <b>ACS:</b> J. Rabjohns, T. England <b>TB:</b> L. Rabjohns, B. & A. Constantino, J. & I. Smith, F. Caggese
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>LOW:</b> Kolenichs
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, I. Smith
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>LOW:</b> P. McClorey

<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/25/24</b>	<b>LENT II • ST. WALBURGA, V</b>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Ken & Regina Gilliam – Happy Birthdays ( <i>All our love, Kenny, Melissa &amp; family</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special intention deceased ( <i>M. Sutton</i> )
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Short Stations</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †James D. Hanna Jr. ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dave Campbell</i> )
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers, Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## DAILY PRAYER

Angel of God and well-beloved brother, I trust myself to your beneficence and implore thee humbly to intercede for me with my Savior so that He may forgive me my sins, strengthen me in well-doing, help me by His grace to correct my faults, and lead me to Paradise, there to taste the fruition of His presence and to possess eternal life. Amen.

– St. Lydwine of Schiedam

## MONDAY IN LENT I

**Meditation:** “Ever at our sides there is a golden life being lived.

A princely spirit is there, who sees God and enjoys the bewildering splendours of His Face even there, where he is, nearer to us than the limits of our outstretched arms.”

– Fr. Faber on our Guardian Angel

**Practice:** Beginning today, I resolve to say daily the Guardian Angel prayer. If I am the forgetful type, I here and now ask my holy Guardian Angel to remind me of this resolution.

**Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here; ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide. From sinful stain, O keep me free, and in death’s sorrow, my helper be. Amen.**

## TUESDAY IN LENT I

**Meditation:** “An unseen warfare is raging round our steps: but that beautiful bright spirit lets not so much as the sound of it to vex our ears. He fights for us, and asks no thanks, but hides his silent victories, and continues to gaze on God.” – Fr. Faber on our Guardian Angel

**Practice:** To say in moments of temptation and trial: “O holy Angels, our Guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment.”



## WEDNESDAY IN LENT I

**Meditation:** “His office will last beyond the grave, until at length it merges into a still sweeter tie of something like heavenly equality, when on the morning of the resurrection we pledge each other, in those first moments, to an endless blessed love. Till then we shall never know from how many dangers he has delivered

us, nor how much of our salvation is actually due to him.” – Fr. Faber on our Guardian Angel

**Practice:** Give thanks to your Guardian Angel for all the love and care which until now he has bestowed upon you.

## THURSDAY IN LENT I

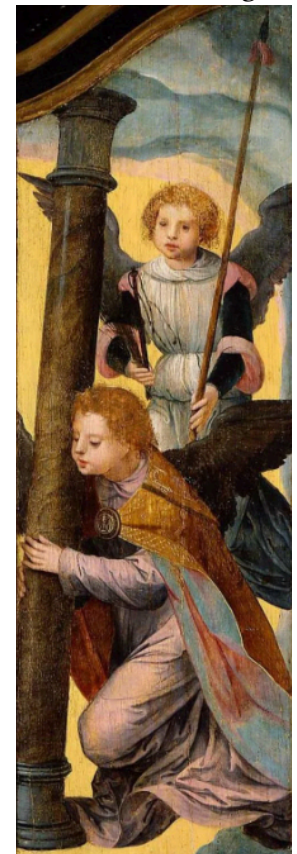
**Meditation:** “Meanwhile he merits nothing by the solitudes of his office. He is beyond the power of meriting, for he has attained the sight of God. his work is simply a work of love, because his sweet presence at our side he knows to be a part of God’s eternal and creative love towards our particular soul.”

– Fr. Faber on our Guardian Angel

**Practice:** In gratitude to your Guardian Angel’s unselfish love, try especially hard today to avoid whatever may displease him, and do all that is agreeable to him.

## FRIDAY IN LENT I THE LANCE AND NAILS

**Meditation:** During the soul’s shorter or longer sojourn in Purgatory, the Guardian Angel will often visit the soul to bring it relief and comfort. In the writings of the Holy Fathers, it is revealed that the angels descend to the altars of earth, and drawing the



Precious Blood of Jesus from the golden chalice during the thousands of holy Masses daily celebrated, they shower it like a beneficent dew upon the flames of Purgatory.

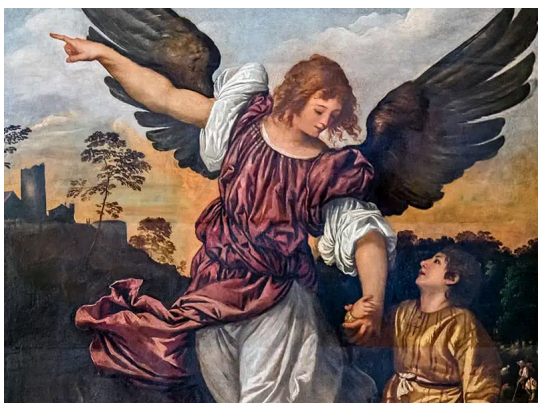
– *St. Michael and the Angels*

**Practice:** To offer up my fasting, prayers, and sacrifices in honor of the Guardian Angels of those souls in Purgatory, for the purpose of relieving the suffering of the souls detained in that place of purgation.

### SATURDAY IN LENT I

**Meditation:** When at last the soul is freed from every stain and debt of sin, at “Mary’s bidding, the Queen of Angels and of Saints, the Guardian Angel will fly with it to the celestial Jerusalem, escorted as the Church so beautifully sings, by the jubilant company of the martyrs and the choirs of angels, all exulting with him, for the crown is won.”

**Practice:** O Mary our Mother, Mother of Grace, Mother of Mercy, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. O Eternal Father, through the most Precious Blood of Jesus and through the Sorrows of Mary have pity upon the souls in Purgatory. Amen.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT *THE TRANSFIGURATION*



“...and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow.”

– *from the Gospel of Lent II*

**Meditation:** Whatever else may be the occupation of the angels, they never lose sight of God. They love Him and they sing forever the song of love. Their will is ever one with His and they are at all times full of melody in His praise. – *St. Michael and the Angels*

**Practice:** O Angels of Paradise, God’s resplendent Courtiers who continually gaze upon the Blood of our Redemption “in Its consummate glory and beautified immortality,” we beseech you to intercede for us, that we, too, may attain to that unending bliss and sing with you the eternal song of the Elect, in praise of the Precious Blood which has merited Heaven for us. Amen.

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## Lent with the Angels



*Angel of the Transfiguration, Theodor Kracun*

Daily Thoughts and Prayers  
Lent 2024