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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



April 7, 2024 LOW SUNDAY

¶ LOW SUNDAY

Today is the Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE ANNUNCIATION

Tomorrow is the transferred feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come and honor our Blessed Mother on this very great feast. Low Masses are at 8 AM and 5 PM, and Solemn High Mass at 11:25 AM.

¶ FIRST COMMUNION

TESTING

First Communion Testing and First Confessions are on **Saturday**, April 13, at 9 AM. Your child must be preregistered.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter II, second collect of St. Justin, third of Ss. Tiburtius & Companions. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.



EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Charlotte Kiernan
Michael & Grace Santacrocce
Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan

 **Alex Joseph Keith**
Brent Keith

Donald Scanlon, Sr.
Maria Raimond Hinnars
Maureen Scanlon



PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

Please note these important dates:

Children's Day of Recollection: Thursday, May 16
Confirmations: Pentecost Vigil, Saturday, May 18
First Communion: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Solemnity of St. Joseph: April 17
Girls Camp: June 18-20
YAG 2024: July 12-14
Boys Camp: July 23-25

Collection Report

Sunday, March 31st.....\$6,662.00
Easter Collection.....\$5,793.00

Lumen Christi

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

†**Bishop Daniel Dolan**
(Dave & MaryAnn Marko)





LOW SUNDAY MEDITATION

Jesus comes when the disciples are within, and the doors are shut. He knoweth our sitting down and our rising up (Ps. 138:2), and He watches for the moment when His grace can be given to us with the greatest advantage. If any of the disciples had been late, they would have missed that blessed Pax; if they had been absent without real necessity, they would not have seen Jesus. Oh, let us be fervent and punctual in our duties, whatever they may be, lest our risen Lord should come seeking for us, and we should lose His blessing and His presence! Jesus comes when the doors are shut. If we desire the visits of our dearest Lord, we must be “within,” that is, we must not only be at the post of duty, but we must also have our thoughts at home, fixed on God, and on the employment in which we are engaged for Him. If our thoughts are straying and wandering, we are not “within.” And we must have the “doors shut,” and locked with the golden key of love and a pure intention, for our enemies, “the Jews”—our self-love, our sinful inclinations, the demons who seek to destroy us, or at least to injure our work—are prowling without, and our hearts are the “upper room” where Jesus would abide always, if we admitted none but Him therein....



LOW SUNDAY

The name by which this Sunday is popularly known has originated in its closing the octave of the highest of festivals. Its proper ecclesiastical title is that of *Dominica in albis (depositis)*,—“Sunday for laying aside the white garments” by the newly baptized. The custom of baptizing converts at Easter, which prevailed in the early centuries, has left many allusions to those neophytes in the liturgy of today. This is particularly apparent in the Introit: “As newborn babes, Alleluia; desire (ye) the rational milk without guile.” These are words addressed by St. Peter to newly-made Christians, exhorting them to imbibe eagerly the nourishment of divine teaching (“rational milk”) offered to them by their mother, holy Church. It may be that the choice of the Church of St. Pancras, the boy-martyr of fourteen, as the Stational church in Rome for this day, bears reference to the same subject; the simplicity and innocence of youth, which ought to shine in souls newly-born to the Faith, suggest the possibility of such connection.



BEYOND EMMAUS: A POEM

On Easter’s road we meet the Mystery,
half seen, half hidden from unwilling
eyes
that know the invitation but resist
lest we be burst asunder by surprise
and find ourselves made new before we
take
farewell of what we were, before it dies.

The taste of daily bread seems passing
sweet,
though yesterday we found it hard and
thin.
New leaven makes a wilder loaf that
breaks
in fragments we can barely gather in,
for all our baskets now have grown too
small
to hold the feast we hardly dare begin.

The wine is heady as it spills from cups
that careful craft cut shallow by intent
to mete out life by sips too cautious now
to hold in check the vintage that has rent
our wineskins with a stone-displacing
force
erupting from a fountain never spent.

We thought we knew You when You
spoke to us
the word that seized our lives and turned
them round
to face a different sun than we had seen
along the roads we tramped, eyes on the
ground
to measure steps with care lest pebbles
trip
or unsuspected crossroads, met, con-
found.

What fools we were—we never knew
You then,
who hardly know You now by voice or
Face,
but only in the breaking of the bread
catch sight of what You are and
were. The grace
spills through Your wounded hands and
floods the room
with fragrance from some strange, famil-
iar place.

—Sister Genevieve Glen, OSB
This poem seeks to express Easter’s effect, using Emmaus, Eucharistic imagery.

As I write, I reflect on the graces and favors Our Lord gave us during the solemn time of Holy Week and Easter—and there were many. Attendance was excellent, even at Tenebrae and Easter Matins! Your devotion is truly edifying and I am thankful for your good example in this regard. The choir and schola sounded fantastic, and it was nice to have Andrew Richesson back at the organ after forty days of silence (a true penance for our organist!). Our servers did a fine job, as usual. **Fr. Simpson** commented that all the sacristy helpers this year were 21 years old or younger, while Sr. Ulrica mentioned how very tranquilly the stressful work was being carried out. I am so proud of everyone.

Easter week was not so quiet as it normally is. We had a nice, albeit short, visit from **Fathers Contreras** and **Richards**, who had to return early to beat a huge snowstorm in the Boston area. There was, of course, dear Pat Kolb's funeral on Easter Wednesday. Then **Fr. McKenna** had to return to Boston to see his dying grandmother. Please do pray for her and for the McKenna family! It is nice to have **Fr. Lehtoranta** back after his week long trip to Washington, D.C. I was glad to hear that he was able to do some sightseeing on his way back—but boy, did we miss having him and Fr. McKenna, especially on Friday!

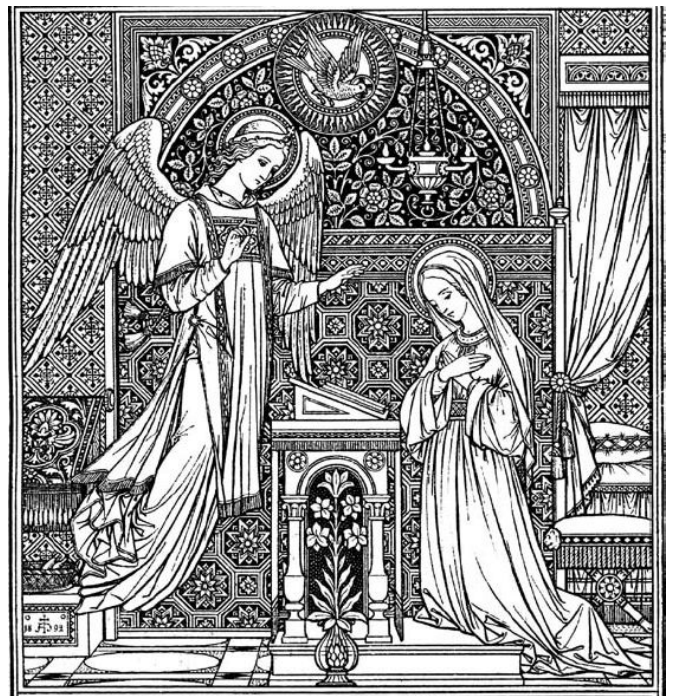
There has been a lot of talk about the eclipse on Monday, but please don't let it cause you to forget that it is the feast of the Annunciation! The eclipse of the sun will be a sight to see, but Mary's "Fiat" is what brought "The Light" to the earth to enlighten our darkness and to redeem the sinful world which was lost to the powers of darkness. Surely, you could make one of the morning Masses before heading out to see the eclipse—or make it to our evening Mass afterwards?? It would be a good way to thank God for such a beautiful occurrence of nature.

This Saturday is the feast of the great St. Hermenegild, who refused to receive the valid Holy Eucharist from an Arian bishop. This would cost the saint his life. Why, you ask, was it so imperative for him to not receive the valid Eucharist? Because the Holy Eucharist is a sign of unity. When we receive Holy Communion we are united to Christ, and through Christ with one another. He is the Head, we are the members. Had he received Holy Communion from the Arian bishop, he would have shown unity with a false sect. This is one of the reasons why we here at St. Gertrude the Great hold very firmly that one cannot attend Mass or receive Holy Communion from the SSPX. No matter

how traditional their Mass looks, or how conservative their views on other questions of the Faith, they are in union with a false sect (the Novus Ordo). So many people fraternize and compromise with the SSPX, but the group is just as inimical as is the Novus Ordo. They (as an organization) as well as the Novus Ordo, ought to be disbanded and condemned, not sympathized with. We have our example in St. Hermenegild. To act any differently toward the SSPX would be to compromise Catholic principles.

May Our risen Savior grant you peace and an increase of Faith during this holy season. "If you be risen with Christ, mind the things that are above."

– Bishop McGuire



Many interior souls are struck most by Mary's total self-forgetfulness at the Annunciation, and see in it the highest humility. She thought only of God's will, of all that the Incarnation would do for His glory and for our salvation. And God, Who is the greatness of little ones, regarded her humility, and made her faith, her confidence, and her generosity all they were called to be by her participation in our redemption. There are men who think that their greatness consists in their genius and their gifts of nature. Mary, the greatest of creatures, turned her gaze from herself, and sought her greatness in God. O God, Who art the greatness of the humble, reveal to us the greatness of Mary, the loftiness of her charity.

– Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.

MON	4/8/24	ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Jim Soli</i>)
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass Easter Novena IX
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special intention
TUE	4/9/24	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass In thanksgiving to St. Martin (<i>Levi Giese</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Terry Becker (<i>The McConnell Family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass My mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng – rest in peace (<i>H.Y.</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Jean Marie Bischel (<i>Elizabeth Buckler</i>)
WED	4/10/24	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass The Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>The McConnell Family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our Beloved Dead – January (<i>A.M.B.</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday, Joel! (<i>Love, Rebekah & the children</i>)
	5:10 PM	Low Mass A friend (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	4/11/24	ST. LEO I, PCD
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention RBH (<i>K/V</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Sr. Ulrica – Merry Christmas (<i>D.M.</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass SGG Clergy (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
FRI	4/12/24	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Aunt Gina & Uncle Kenny (<i>Lucia McConnell</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass Doris Ritze (<i>Mary & Joe Kunkel</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions, Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Thou Knowest O Lord (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	4/13/24	ST. HERMENEGILD, M <i>THE HOLY SEPULCHER</i>
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Regina & Ken Gilliam (<i>Dan & Mary & family</i>)
	8:10 AM	Regina Coeli, Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday Elaine & Francis (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>)
		First Communion Testing, First Confessions
SUN	4/14/24	EASTER II • ST. JUSTIN, M SS. TIBURTIUS & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Rosemarie D. Zuccaro (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Kirby Bischel (<i>Sr. Ulrica</i>)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †David Landry (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT



Leo was born at Rome, where he was made deacon by Pope St. Celestine I, and under him and Sixtus III had very responsible duties in the Church. On the death of Sixtus, Leo was chosen pope, and consecrated bishop in 440. It was a time of terrible trial. Vandals and Huns were wasting the provinces of the Empire, and Nestorians, Pelagians and other heretics wrought grievous harm to religion. Whilst Leo's zeal made head against these perils, there arose the

new heresy of Eutyches, who taught falsely regarding the two natures of Christ. Leo set out the true doctrine of the Incarnation in his famous "tome," but the heresy gained a strong hold amongst many Eastern monks and bishops. After three years of unceasing toil, Leo brought about its solemn condemnation by the Council of Chalcedon, the fathers signing his tome and exclaiming, "Peter has spoken by Leo!" Soon after, Attila and his Huns broke into Italy, and marched through its burning cities upon Rome. Leo went boldly out to meet him, and prevailed on him to turn back in return for tribute. Three years later the city fell a prey to the Vandals; but even then Leo saved it from a general massacre. St. Leo was one of the greatest of the popes, fearless, strong and straightforward, a good theologian who avoided needless speculation, always acutely conscious of his responsibilities as St. Peter's successor. He died in 461, and is venerated as a doctor of the Church.

Astonished to see the terrible Attila, the "Scourge of God," fresh from the sack of Aquileia, Milan, Pavia, with Rome within his grasp, turn his great host back to the Danube at Leo's word, his chiefs asked him why he had acted so strangely. It is said that he replied that he had seen, standing beside Leo, a majestic pontiff, who with drawn sword and terrifying gesture threatened him unless he did the saint's bidding. If the perils of the Church are as great now as in St. Leo's day, St. Peter's watchfulness is not less.

SERVERS

FRI 4/12	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 4/13	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, Brueggemanns
SUN 4/14	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, S. Richesson TH: C. Arlinghaus ACS: P. & F. Caggese TBS: A. Constantino, L. & J. Rabjohns, T. England, J. Smith, C. VanderPutten 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey