



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

April 28, 2024

EASTER IV • ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C • ST. VITALIS, M ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C • ST. PETER CHANEL, M

¶ EASTER IV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the feast of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick. Mary's month of May starts on **Wednesday**. **May Devotions** begin every weekday of May at 3:10 PM. The St. Monica Club meets on **Saturday** after the Low Mass.

¶ Ss. PHILIP & JAMES

First Wednesday, May 1st, is the feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. High Mass is at 11:25 AM. Low Masses are at 7 & 8 AM and 5:10 PM.

¶ HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Come to a holy hour for priests on **First Thursday, May 2nd**, at 5:00 PM.

¶ THE HOLY CROSS

First Friday, May 3rd, is the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross. The blessing and veneration of the Relic of the True Cross takes place after all Masses. Blessed Palm Crosses will be available.

¶ THE ROGATION DAYS

The Rogation, or *Asking* Days are next week, Monday-Wednesday (May 6, 7, 8). The Processions and Litany precede the 11:25 AM Masses. Come with your intentions to be offered up with those of the Church during these great days of powerful prayer.



The Finding of the True Cross



Congratulations

to John & Julie
Brueggemann on their
wedding, which took place
on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 21st.....\$7,576.00
Lenten Donation Folders.....\$1,745.00

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass & Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart, and asking St. Pius V for unity for the Catholics who are left.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass
8:20 AM Devotions & Benediction
8:30 AM Meditation & Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Mary's Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER V

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Easter V, second collect of St. Pius V. Preface of Easter.

¶ THE CHURCH'S MAY CALENDAR

5/9: Ascension Thursday (*Holy Day*)
5/12: May Crowning, Mother's Day
5/16, Thursday: Confirmands' Day of
Recollection (for children only)
5/18, Saturday: Confirmations
5/19: Pentecost Sunday
5/26: Trinity Sunday (*last day to make one's
Easter Duty!*)
5/30, Thursday: Corpus Christi

**A GREAT SECRET FOR
PRESERVING PEACE OF HEART**

A great secret for preserving peace of heart is to do nothing with over-eagerness, but to act always calmly, without disquiet. We are not asked to do much, but to do well. At the *Last Day* God will not examine whether we have performed a multitude of works, but whether we have sanctified our souls in doing them. Now the means of sanctifying ourselves is to do everything for God and to do perfectly whatever we have to do. The works that have as their motive vanity or selfishness make us neither better nor happier, and we shall receive no reward for them.

Happiness, as it can exist here below, consists in peace, in the joy of a good conscience. Our conscience will be joyous and peaceful if it know not remorse; it will not know remorse if we are careful not to offend God. To fly from sin is, therefore, the chief source of happiness on earth. If our conscience is pure, our life will be happy. There are none happier than saints, for there are none more innocent.

Let us do good; let us avoid evil, and we shall be happy. "There is but one way," said a man of genius, "of being happy, and it is to do well all one's duties."

To continually maintain your peace of soul, keep in mind the presence of God, and do all things to please Him. Think also of your good Guardian Angel who is ever at your side; it will help you to avoid what is wrong and to preserve your equanimity.



Free gas stove and refrigerator to any parishioners in need. Contact Albert Daniel Kinnett at 513-205-9225 or albertkinnett@zoomtown.com.

LIFTED UP

Christ willed to die lifted up, first of all, to cleanse the heavens: for since He had cleansed the things on earth by the sanctity of His life, the things of the air were left to be cleansed by His death: "through Him He should reconcile all things to Himself, whether on earth or in the heavens, making peace through His blood" (Col 1:20). Secondly, to triumph over the demons who prepare for war in the air: "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2). Thirdly, He wished to die lifted up to draw our hearts to Himself: "I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to Myself." And fourthly, because in the death on the cross He was lifted up in the sense that there He triumphed over His enemies; so it is not called a death, but a lifting up: "He will drink from the stream on the way, therefore He will lift up His head" (Ps 109:7). Fifthly, He willed to die lifted up because the cross was the reason for His being lifted up, i.e., exalted: "He became obedient to the Father even to death, the death of the cross; on account of which God has exalted Him" (Phil 2:8).

Now the fruit of Christ's passion is eternal life; hence He says, *so that everyone who believes in Him, performing good works, may not be lost, but have eternal life*. And this fruit corresponds to the fruit of the symbolic serpent. For whoever looked upon the serpent of bronze was freed from poison and his life was preserved. But he who looks upon the lifted up Son of Man and believes in the crucified Christ, he is freed from poison and sin: "Whoever believes in Me will never die," and is preserved for eternal life. "These things are written that you may believe...and that believing you may have life in His name."

— St. Thomas Aquinas

TRUST AND REST

Fret not, poor soul, while doubt and fear
Disturb thy breast;
The pitying angels, who can see
How vain thy wild regret must be,
Say, "Trust and rest."

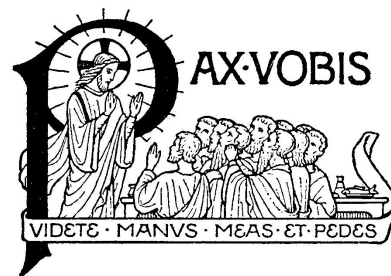
Plan not, nor scheme—but calmly wait;
His choice is best:
While blind and erring is thy sight,
His wisdom sees and judges right;
So trust and rest.

Strive not, nor struggle; thy poor might
Can never wrest
The meanest thing to serve thy will;
All power is His alone; be still,
And trust and rest.

Desire not; self-love is strong
Within thy breast;
And yet, He loves thee better still,
So let Him do His loving will—
And trust and rest.

What dost thou fear? His wisdom reigns
Supreme confessed:
His power is infinite; His love
Thy deepest, fondest dreams above—
So trust and rest.

— Adelaide A. Procter



¶ **LIVESTREAMED MASS**

The daily livestreamed Mass is always available directly from our website, www.sgg.org, if the livestream on YouTube is ever unavailable. (Please note, only Masses said on the main altar are livestreamed.)

¶ **MOTHERS DAY ENVELOPES**

You can find envelopes in the **vestibule** for Mothers Day. Please fill these out and return them, via the collection, bookstore, or office, by Friday, May 10, so that the names will be on the altar for Mothers Day.

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

The cats are not very expert at finding and getting rid of the mice over at the church...Judy, on the other hand, announced that she has caught four mice. We have other good hunters, too. **Fr. Brueggemann** has caught a number of raccoons and even a squirrel that have somehow made their way into the church ceiling or walls. All in a day's work here at St. Gertrude the Great!

We had two birthdays last week, **Fr. Simpson's** on April 23rd, and **Fr. Lehtoranta's** on April 26th. The two young fathers have been away for quite a while and the older fathers have been holding down the fort. It has been different without them and they are missed, but they come back this weekend. May 1st is **Bishop Nkamuke's** first anniversary of episcopal consecration. Say a prayer for him. A lot has happened in a year and his apostolate has grown by two more priests so that they now have as many in Nigeria as we have here at St. Gertrude's. It might seem like a lot of priests, but it still is not enough to do all the work that needs to be done. Just when another priest is ordained and we think we will finally be able to accomplish that work, even more work is added. Well, that is the way it should be in Our Lord's vineyard. The work should always be slightly more than one can handle or else we might be inclined, through fallen human nature, to rest on our laurels and become content with the status quo. This is not good enough, either in the spiritual life or in the apostolate. Our Lord intends for us to be constantly growing, increasing. If we begin to rest easy in the status quo then we begin to fall backwards—even in the apostolate. But all is the work of God and is brought to fruition by God's grace. We are always unprofitable servants.

Patricia Beck, a virtual parishioner from New Hampshire, died this past week. She had a rather aggressive form of cancer. She was a devout woman who has been, since the days of Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada, a good friend of us here at St. Gertrude's. Each year she would ask us to bless Epiphany Water (which Fr. Lehtoranta always kindly did), and she would send some little treats to us. I think she really enjoyed talking to our secretary, Theresa, too. In her last days she especially asked Theresa to pray for her. I thought that said a lot. Now we will do our best to get Mrs. Beck to heaven as soon as we can by our prayers and sacrifices. God rest her soul!

There are a lot of feast days to choose from this week, but don't neglect to come to Mass on First Friday, the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross. The

Relic of the True Cross will be exposed for veneration at each Mass. Oh! and don't forget to get your blessed Palm Crosses that day! You could come to the quiet 8am Mass if you wish, or the beautiful High Mass with incense at 11:25; or swing by for the evening Mass and make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. But do come! There is a Holy Hour for Priests on First Thursday; St. Monica's Club will meet on their patroness's feast after the morning Masses on First Saturday. Personally, I have always liked St. Peter Martyr, while many in our day have a devotion to St. Athanasius, but we all have a love for the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick. Their feast days come this week as well. I think you get the idea...come celebrate at least one of the feast days in church with us!

Time to sign off now. I send you a blessing.

– Bishop McGuire



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor May 2024

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 4/29/24 ST. PETER MARTYR • ST. JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
11:25 AM Requiem Low Mass †Juko Prtenjaca, rest in peace (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)

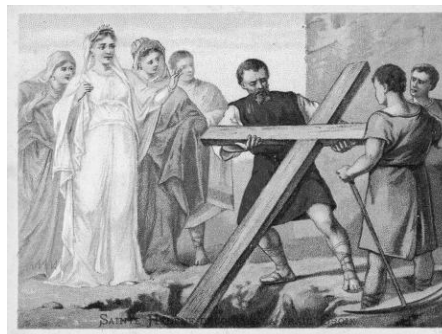
TUE 4/30/24 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V
HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK
7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (*AMB*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Patrick Kurtz – rest in peace (*Love, Mom*)
11:25 AM High Mass Oblates of the Holy Face
5:00 PM Low Mass My mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng, rest in peace (*H.Y.*)

WED 5/1/24 SS. PHILIP & JAMES, APP
 FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
7:00 AM Low Mass For all who helped install the new camera (*Fr. Brueggemann*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Mr. & †Mrs. Ron Clingman (*C. Simpson family*)
11:25 AM High Mass Holy Family & All Saints – Thank you for prayers answered (*MaryAnn Marko*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:10 PM Low Mass My Goddaughter & her sisters (*Renee Arlinghaus*)

THU 5/2/24 FIRST THURSDAY • ST. ATHANASIUS, BPCD
7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Simpson (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Valerii (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
11:25 AM High Mass Clergy of SGG (*Alter Christus*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass & Holy Hour for Priests For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

FRI 5/3/24 THE FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS
 FIRST FRIDAY
 VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS
8:00 AM Low Mass Gerry Keaveney (*Mr. & Mrs. Wilker*)
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Maria & Julieanna Kunkel (*Doloris Ritze*)
Blessing of Palm Crosses
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Robert W. Seyfried (*JCS*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena
All Night Adoration

SAT 5/4/24 FIRST SATURDAY • ST. MONICA, W
7:10 AM Confessions, Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass Special Intention – C.B. (*C. Simpson family*)
8:20 AM May Devotions, Benediction
8:30 AM Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass Intentions of the St. Monica Club (*St. Monica Club*)
St. Monica Club Meeting



GOD'S GARDEN

Then right away our soul is transformed into a garden with fragrant blossoms of holy desire. And in the center of the garden is planted the tree of the most holy

cross, the resting place of the spotless Lamb. He bathes and waters this glorious garden, irrigating it with His blood; and He Himself bears the mature fruit of true solid virtues. If you want patience, He is the bedrock of meekness, since not a murmur of complaint was heard from the Lamb. He is the bedrock of deep humility, since God stooped down to humanity, and the Word stooped to the shameful death of the cross. If you want charity, He is that charity—and even more, for it was the power of love and charity that kept Him nailed fast to the cross. The cross and nails never could have held the God-Man, had not the power of charity held Him.

I'm not surprised that those who make of themselves a garden through self-knowledge are strong in the face of the whole world, for they are conformed and made like unto Christ our life to have a foretaste of eternal life. They control the world by making light of it. The devils are afraid to get near to a soul on fire with divine charity. So up...I don't want you sleeping any more in irresponsibility and sensual love. No, with a boundless blazing love get up and take a bath in Christ's blood; hide in the wounds of Christ crucified.

– St. Catharine of Siena

SERVERS

FRI 5/3 5:45 PM LOW: D. Simpson, T. Capetillo
SAT 5/4 7:30 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, F. Caggese
8:40 AM LOW: Kolenichs
SUN 5/5 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, A. McClorey **TH:** D. Hudson
ACS: L. Rabjohns, F. Caggese **TBS:** B. & A. Constantino, N. & J. Hudson, Ma. Caggese, C. VanderPutten
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

SUN 5/5/24 EASTER V • ST. PIUS V, PC
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Francisco McConnell (*Ball Family*)
9:00 AM High Mass For our Godchildren (*Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giese*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Thank you, St. Anthony (*Richard & Gloria Z.*)
4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great