

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Invenies Me in corde Gertrudis"*

*"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"*

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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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**April 5, 2026**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**



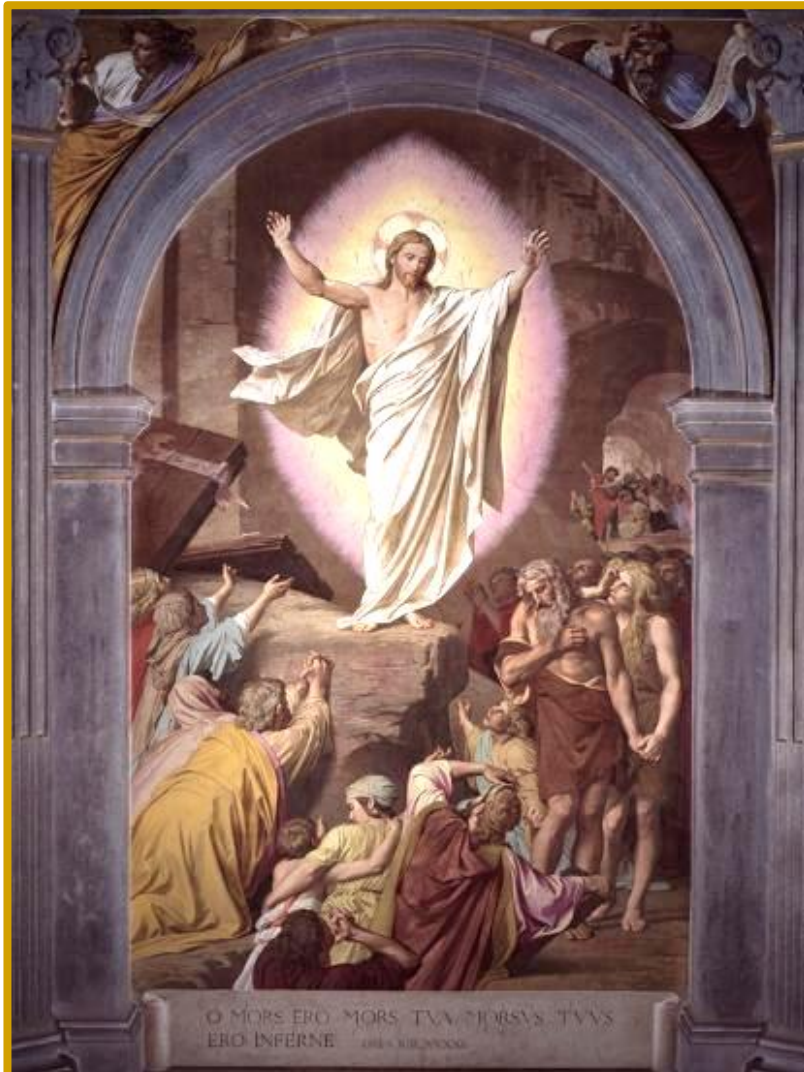
## ¶ RESURRECTION DAY

*A blessed Easter* to all of our parishioners, friends, family, visitors, and as well to the members of our internet congregation around the world. The High Mass today is the first of the Easter Novena, offered for all those whose names are on the altar. The Second Collection is for our Oblates, and the Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. There are no Sunday Classes. Easter Vespers are at 6:00 PM. Please note, there is **no 5:45 Mass today**.

## ¶ EASTER OCTAVE

**Monday** and **Tuesday** are feasts of devotion. Please see the Calendar for the special weekday Mass times. We hope everyone has an opportunity to *"head back to church"* this week.

Careful! Return to "normal life" slowly after the heights of Holy Week. Taper off with a Mass or two this beautiful *Easter Week*. Don't leave the lilies alone to adore, and the quiet loveliness of the daily Masses go unattended. Meet the Risen Lord in Galilee, as did the disciples. See you in church!



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. Sunday classes for adults & children resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Low Sunday, Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

## ¶ FIRST COMMUNION TESTING

Testing and First Confessions for First Communicants takes place on **Saturday, April 18**. The baptism certificates and registration forms must be submitted before the test, or your child **will not be tested** on the day. **Children in the school or who attend Sunday Catechism Class must still be registered with the form.** Please contact the office as soon as possible to receive the form.



## Congratulations to

*Edward & Renee Fernandez on the baptism of their son, Edward Ross, on Holy Saturday, April 4.*

## Collection Report

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,487.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

## Lumen Christi

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

**Special Intentions**  
(Lyda Azelton)

ALLELUIA

On Easter Sunday and throughout the Paschal time, the word *Alleluia* is used so frequently in the liturgy that every Catholic is familiar with it. And still—like many other words which we use so often—we know very little about it.

The word is formed from two Hebrew ones: *allelu*, meaning song or praise; and *Iah*, and abbreviation of the ineffable Name of God. It appears more than once in the Old Testament, and in the Apocalypse St. John says that he heard legions of angels chanting it in heaven.

In the early Church the word was used in the liturgy at all seasons; but Pope Gregory decreed that it should not be sung between Septuagesima and Easter. Somewhat later it was banished from the Masses for the dead, because of all words it is the most joyous.

Long centuries ago, when their faith literally filled the lives of Christians, as it does now of only the unusually devout, the word *Alleluia* was sung everywhere. Boatmen intoned it as they rowed, laborers repeated it frequently as they worked. Before bells were used for church purposes it served as a signal for monks to assemble.

During a visit to England in 430, St. Germanus of Auxerre gave *Alleluia* as the battle cry to the British soldiers when he led them against a plundering band of Picts and Scots. The latter, terrified by the exultant shouts of their opponents, retreated in confusion. The event is known in English history as the “Alleluia Victory.” — *The St. Anthony Messenger*



**O Jesus**, I adore Thee in the mystery of Thy holy death, Thy burial and Resurrection. I give Thee thanks for the glory Thou didst give Thy Father in these mysteries, and for the thoughts and plans Thou didst have in them for me. For Thou didst always think of me in all these mysteries, and at every moment of Thy life, and Thou didst always have a special plan for me. Thy special Providence was to imprint on my soul, by Holy Baptism, an image of Thy death, burial and Resurrection, causing me to die to myself and to the world, hiding me in Thyself, and with Thee in the bosom of the Eternal Father, and raising me up again and causing me to live like Thee a new life, altogether celestial and divine. For this, be Thou blessed forever. Alas, by my sins I have destroyed in myself the great effects produced by Thy goodness, and for this I beg Thee, with all humility and contrition, to forgive me. I give myself to Thee, O Good Jesus, I surrender myself to the spirit and the power of the mystery of Thy death, burial and Resurrection, that Thou mayest hide me in Thyself and with Thyself in the bosom of Thy Father; that Thou mayest dissolve my mind in Thy mind, my heart in Thy Heart, my soul in Thy soul, my life in Thy life; and that Thou mayest establish in me the new life into which Thou didst enter by Thy Resurrection, so that I may no longer live, save in Thee, for Thee and by Thee.

— *St. John Eudes*



JESUS RISEN

*All hail! dear Conqueror! all hail!  
O what a victory is Thine!  
How beautiful Thy strength appears,  
Thy crimson wounds, how bright they shine!*

*Thou camest at the dawn of day;  
Armies of souls around Thee were,  
Blest spirits, thronging to adore  
Thy flesh, so marvelous, so fair.*

*The everlasting Godhead lay  
Shrouded within those limbs divine,  
Nor left untenanted one hour  
That sacred human Heart of Thine.*

*They worshipped Thee, those ransomed souls,  
With the fresh strength of love set free;  
They worshipped joyously, and thought  
Of Mary while they looked on Thee.*

*And Thou, too, soul of Jesus! Thou  
Toward that sacred flesh didst yearn,  
And for the beatings of that Heart  
How ardently Thy love did burn.*

*They worshipped, while the beauteous soul  
Paused by the body's wounded side—  
Bright flashed the cave—before them stood  
The living Jesus glorified.*

*Down, down, all lofty things on earth,  
And worship Him with joyous dread!  
O Sin! thou art outdone by love!  
O Death! thou art discomfited!*

*Ye heavens, how sang they in your courts,  
How sang the angelic choirs that day,  
When from His tomb the imprisoned God,  
Like the strong sunrise, broke away.*

*O I am burning so with love,  
I fear lest I should make too free;  
Let me lie silent and adore  
Thy glorified humanity.*

*Ah! now Thou sendest me sweet tears;  
Fluttered with love, my spirits fail—  
What shall I say? Thou know'st my heart;  
All hail! dear Conqueror! all hail!*

— *Fr. Frederick W. Faber*



## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Blessed Easter to each and every one of you! Today is the feast of all feasts, the most important on the entire liturgical calendar. If Our Lord had not risen from the dead, everything else would not matter. This miracle proved His divinity and, therefore, the veracity of everything He taught. Furthermore, His Resurrection brings great hope to us since we know by Faith that we will one day be raised from the dead and live forever. May yours be a glorious resurrection!

It is a quiet week here at the church with the children on Easter break. The Easter week Masses are so peaceful! I hope you can come to some of the High Masses. This year, most of them are in the evenings, by exception. Easter Monday and Tuesday used to be Holy Days, but they are not any longer. Still, they are very high-ranking feast days, and it is commendable to attend Mass on those days. As Bishop Dolan always like to say: "Don't leave the lilies alone in church to adore."

Palm Sunday went off without a hitch. Even Carrie, the mule, did a fine job. This year, she did not munch on any of the children's blessed palm either! I keep forgetting to ask someone to take pictures at these major ceremonies so that they can be posted in the bulletin, but at the same time, I am glad that you were "present in the moment," as they say, and were able to just take it all in. A big thank you to EVERYONE who helped in any way during this Holy Week. May Our Lord reward your generosity.

St. Gertrude the Great has been a most edifying companion during our Lenten journey through the desert, and I pray that you profited from her revelations and virtues. Maybe some of you will stay with her through the Easter season, too. You can be sure that she was interceding for us during this holy season, so don't forget to say a prayer of thanksgiving to her!



– Bishop McGuire

### Servers

- MON 4/6** 5:30 PM HIGH: **MCs:** D. Simpson, N. Kolenich **TH:** T. Lawrence  
**ACs:** M. Kolenich, A. Constantino **TBs:** J. & I. Smith, J. Kolenich, B. Constantino
- TUE 4/7** 5:30 PM HIGH: **MCs:** C. & S. Richesson **TH:** J. Rabjohns **ACs:** B. Constantino, I. Smith **TBs:** L. Rabjohns, V. Siqueira, E. Garcia, J. Smith
- WED 4/8** 8:00 AM HIGH: **MC:** D. Simpson **ACs:** A. & B. Constantino
- THU 4/9** 8:00 AM HIGH: **MC:** N. McClorey **ACs:** I. & J. Smith
- FRI 4/10** 5:45 PM HIGH: **MCs:** M. & D. Simpson **ACs:** T. & J. Capetillo  
**BENEDICTION:** D. Simpson, T. & J. Capetillo, I. Smith
- SAT 4/11** 7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns  
8:15 AM HIGH: **MC:** T. Lawrence **ACs:** V. & M. Brueggemann
- SUN 4/12** 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: **MCs:** N. McClorey, M. Simpson **TH:** T. England  
**ACs:** J. & D. Hudson **TBs:** V. Horton, T. Stanislawski, L. Rabjohns, C. & I. Wright, A. Constantino  
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: **TH:** D. Simpson **ACs:** I. Smith, A. Constantino **CROSS:** B. Constantino  
5:45 PM LOW: C. Lorenz



*Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia! For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia!*

<b>MON</b>	4/6/26	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Daniel & †Dolores MacDonald <i>(Karen Simpson)</i>
	5:30 PM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena II
<b>TUE</b>	4/7/26	<b>EASTER TUESDAY</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Shirley Reagan – 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death <i>(Michelle Mikesell)</i>
	5:30 PM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena III
<b>WED</b>	4/8/26	<b>EASTER WEDNESDAY</b>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Aunt Gina & Uncle Kenny <i>(Leo &amp; Katelyn Arlinghaus)</i> (from 4/6)
	8:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena IV
	5:10 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Hubbard Children <i>(Deborah Hubbard)</i>
<b>THU</b>	4/9/26	<b>EASTER THURSDAY</b>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our children & God/grandchildren <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	8:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena V
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Martha Brueggemann <i>(Claire McConnell)</i> (from 4/5)
<b>FRI</b>	4/10/26	<b>EASTER FRIDAY</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Thou Knowest, O Lord <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	11:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy Easter Mom & Dad <i>(Brueggemann Family)</i>
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena VI <b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	4/11/26	<b>EASTER SATURDAY • ST. LEO I, PCD</b>
	7:05 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our children & God/grandchildren <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	8:05 AM	<b>Regina Coeli, Sermon</b>
	8:15 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena VII
<b>SUN</b>	4/12/26	<b>LOW SUNDAY</b>
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Brendan O'Connor <i>(Patsy McConnell)</i>
	9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Easter Novena VIII
	10:40 AM	<b>Catechism Class</b>
	11:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Dennis & Ann Jones <i>(David Jones)</i>
	4:45 PM	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it,” sings the Church on Easter morning, and like sentiments should fill the heart of every Christian as this great feast returns, for even though we must be grateful and rejoice every day, on no day have we so much cause to rejoice and be grateful as we have on the anniversary of Our Lord’s greatest miracle.

The birth of the Savior at Bethlehem must touch the heart of the most hardened sinner and bring tears of repentance to his eyes. The good the Lord did from the time He changed water into wine at Cana until He raised Lazarus from the dead and pardoned the thief on the cross must convince all of God’s love for man, while the tortures Jesus suffered during His passion

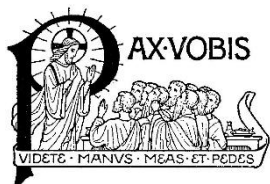
and death leaves no doubt as to His hatred of sin, because it was sin that caused Him to permit His Divine Son to undergo these torments. Each act, each move, each word of the Savior is significant and impressive, and gives us reason to rejoice that He walked before us as the way, the truth and the life; but no miracle, however astounding in itself and far-reaching in its consequences, can compare with the miracle of His own resurrection, since by His resurrection He proved Himself all that He claimed to be, and thus put the Divine Seal on His newly-founded Church, and assured us and all true Christians till the end of time that if we keep His commandments and those of the Church He founded, we, too, shall arise gloriously from the dead and be with Him, body and soul, forever in heaven.

He walked before us as our Model and our Guide. He not only told us how to meet the difficulties, the hardships, the vicissitudes that are part and parcel of every man’s life, but He showed us the way to combat and conquer every temptation. Before His passion and death He found ways and means of remaining in our midst while He rejoices the angels in heaven—He instituted the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and became our daily food—and He gave us the Church with which He promised to stay all days, even to the consummation of the world, and this Church, which received its power and Divine approval on the first Easter Day, still continues to guide the souls of men all the days of their life upon earth, and prepares them for the glorious resurrection of which the Lord’s own resurrection is an earnest.

Depression, sickness, famine, death, what are they as long as our salvation is assured? Truly Easter Day is the day of the Lord. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. He Who cured the sick, fed the hungry and raised the dead to life will care for us as long as we do our best cheerfully and trust in Him.

A joyous Easter to each and every one!

– Edgar B. Casey, O.F.M.



*O Jesus, give me Thy peace, for Thou dost not give as the world giveth. O, give me grace to follow in Thy steps, that I, Thy little one, may love the Father, and may strive with all my heart and soul to keep*

*the commandments which Thy Father has given me, and to do His work. Thou hast said Thyself, “I go to My Father and to your Father, to My God and your God.” Give me grace, O King and Spouse, to listen always to Thee, and see Thy light and follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Amen.*



# EASTER LILY MEMORIALS



**Kyle & Mary McGuire**  
Fr. Thielen  
*Bishop McGuire*

†**Lorie Mikesell**  
*Michelle Mikesell*

**Jeff, Mark, Lucis Riddering,**  
**Ruth & Jeanne Raux, Trey**  
**Goldsmith, Edith, Grampa**  
**Wilson, Tim Gillory,**  
**Thomas Simpson,**  
**Fr. Cekada, Bp. Kelly,**  
**Bp. Dolan, Achbp. Lefebvre**  
*Lucia Constantino*

**Melvin & Rita Prell**  
**Richard & Elizabeth Smith**  
*Joseph & Elizabeth Prell*

**Elaine Perry & Victor Ritze**  
*Judy*

**Margaret & Albert Kinnett**  
*Albert D. Kinnett*

**The O'Connell Family**  
*F. O'Connell*

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St. Gertrude the Great  
Deceased Faithful of  
St. Gertrude the Great  
*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*

**Our parents**  
*Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock*

**Augstine, Ethel & Maria, all**  
**of the Moses family, Dad,**  
**Delores, grandparents**  
*Family*



**David Turis Miller**  
*Maria Miller*

†**Mike Briggs**  
†**Deceased St. Gertrude Choir**  
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*A.M.B.*

**Grandpa & Grandma**  
**Brueggemann**  
**Grandpa & Grandma**  
**Schappacher**  
**Bishop Dolan, Frs. Cekada**  
**& Thielen**  
*Cecilia Brueggemann*



**Grandpa & Grandma**  
**Schappacher**  
**Grandpa & Grandma**  
**Brueggemann**  
*Maria Brueggemann*



**Our Parents:**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Richard**  
**Brueggemann**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Stanley**  
**Schappacher**  
*Dan & Mary Brueggemann*

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**Fr. Thielen & Sister**  
**Gerard Vincent**  
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*Jay McKeever*

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**Richard VandeRyt, Victor**  
**Ritze**  
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**Elaine Perry, our dear friend**  
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**my dear parents**  
**Grace & Michael Santacroce,**  
**my dear parents**  
*Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan*

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*Thomas & Lois Lemonda*

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**Richard, Fred & Alex**  
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**Peter, & our parents**  
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*Your Godparents*

**Olivianna**  
**Corazon Garcia**  
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Lourdes Mabutas**  
*Alfredo Mabutas*

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Deceased members of the  
Rodricks family  
Deceased members of the  
Lobo family  
Holy Souls of Clergy,  
Hierarchy & Religious  
Holy souls in Purgatory**  
*Anonymous*



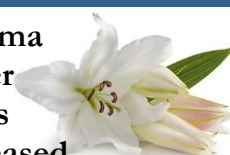
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Margaret Soli**  
*Mary Lacy*

