

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 12, 2026
LOW SUNDAY



☞ SUNDAY IN WHITE

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

☞ THIS WEEK

Our regular Mass schedule resumes this week. Please see the Calendar. The St. Monica Club meets on **Tuesday** after the 11:25 AM Mass.

☞ FIRST COMMUNION TESTING

Testing & First Confessions for First Communicants takes place on **Saturday** at 9 AM. Only those children who have been preregistered with the office will be tested. Thank you for your cooperation.

☞ NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday after Easter. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM.

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Easter II, Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 5th.....\$12,160.00
Easter Collection.....\$6,537.00
Second Collection.....\$5,085.00



☞ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the recovery of Cari Hudson and Hugh Stanislawski; the repose of the soul of †Eugene Walsh, Sr., and for all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

Easter Lily Memorials

Marianna Pula
Wiktoria Smutek
Andrzej Pula
Dorian Pula

Donald Scanlon, Sr.
Maureen Scanlon

All Our Beloved Relatives,
Friends & Extended
Families, Living &
Deceased
Lu & Ben Trinidad

Jason Santistevan
Rey Martinez
Marty Martinez
Ernest Quintana
Penny Ann Quintana

Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada,
Fr. Thielen, Sr. Claretia, Joe
& Hollis Wright, Wright &
Geckle grandparents
Dan & Rose Wright



*We wish to express
our sincerest thanks to
everyone who helped
with the Holy Saturday
luncheon, which was
a great success. May
God reward your
generosity!*

Now it was for the instruction of persons of this class that our Lord spoke those words to Thomas: "Blessed are they who have not seen, and have believed." Thomas sinned in not having the readiness of mind to believe. Like him, we also are in danger of sinning, unless our faith have a certain expansiveness, which makes us see everything with the eye of faith, and gives our faith that process which God recompenses with a superabundance of light and joy. Yes, having once become members of the Church, it is our duty to look upon all things from a supernatural point of view. There is no danger of going too far, for we have the teachings of an infallible authority to guide us. "The just man liveth by faith." Faith is his daily bread. His mere natural life becomes transformed for good and all, if only he be faithful to his Baptism. Could we suppose that the Church, after all her instructions to her neophytes, and after all those sacred rites of their Baptism which are so expressive of the supernatural life, would be satisfied to see them straightway adopt that dangerous system which drives faith into a nook of the heart and understanding and conduct, leaving all the rest to natural principles or instinct? No, it could not be so. Let us therefore imitate St. Thomas in his confession, and acknowledge that hitherto our faith has not been perfect. Let us go to our Jesus, and say to Him: "Thou art my Lord and my God! But alas! I have many times thought and acted as though Thou wert my Lord and my God in some things, and not in others. Henceforth I will believe without seeing; for I would be of the number of those whom Thou callest blessed!"



Our Beloved Dead – April

Andrew Courter	4-03-2012
Carole K. Rogers	4-04-1987
Florence Roth	4-04-1988
Mary L. Blase	4-04-2004
Veronica Golembeski	4-08-1996
John M. Reis	4-10-1994
Sue (Maggie) Mincey	4-10-2007
Ellen G. Amyx	4-12-2005
Louis R. Bickett	4-12-2010
Cheryl Maki	4-13-2004
Alberta Courter	4-15-2008
Iole G. Feighery	4-16-2005
Walter C. Elbert	4-19-2001
Helen Tschosik	4-20-2020
Most Rev. Daniel Dolan	4-26-2022



In the joy of the resurrection we shall see the countenance of the Friend who has loved us, sorrowed for us, died for us; the countenance of Christ fixed upon each one of us; His voice speaking to us as He spoke to Mary at the sepulchre, calling us each one by name. – Manning

AN EASTER RONDEL

Rejoice, O Heaven's Queen!
 Thy night of woe is o'er;
 Exult as ne'er before:
 Thy Jesus has been seen,
 Has vanquished Death terrene,
 And lives for evermore.
 Rejoice, O Heaven's Queen!
 Thy night of woe is o'er.

All glorified His mien
 Which late such anguish wore,
 Each wound is now a door
 Whence flows supernal sheen:
 Rejoice, O Heaven's Queen!
 Thy night of woe is o'er.

– Arthur Barry



EASTER JOY

Skimming the dew as you pass,
 Chirp, little bird, through the grass.
 Was it ever so green,
 Had it ever such sheen
 As on this Easter morning?

Soar, little bird, through the air,
 Over the hilltops fair!
 Purple sea, blooming land,
 Were they ever so grand
 As on this Easter morning?

Sing, little bird, in the sky,
 To heaven's pearly gates nigh!
 Were clouds ever so bright,
 Were hearts ever so light
 As on an Easter morning?

Passed are the sorrow and gloom,
 Open the door of the tomb.
 Hark to all Nature's voice:
 "Jesus is risen! Rejoice
 On this glad Easter morning!"

– Sylvia Hunting

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠


Already eight days have passed since Easter Sunday, tomorrow is the last day of our Novena of Masses, and the children return to school. It has been a very peaceful Easter week, made even more so by the daily High Masses. The contemplation of the mysteries surrounding Our Lord's Resurrection really put everything else in proper perspective. Our Lord rose from the dead, therefore our Faith is true. He rose from the dead, and thus gave us a pledge of our own future resurrection. And so we must more and more live, not for earth, but for heaven. It is as the liturgy reminds us this season: "If you be risen with Christ, mind the things that are above."

I think this year's Holy Week ceremonies were among the best yet. Our young MCs have really mastered the most difficult ceremonies of the year. The sacred ministers filled their roles most professionally. The choir was excellent! The sacristy help knew exactly what they were doing. The Altar of Repose was most beautifully decorated. Attendance at all the ceremonies was remarkable! Oh! and the ladies did a fantastic job for the Holy Saturday potluck! It is a relief to have a crew of people who do not need much direction in these matters. Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada would have been proud of everyone this Holy Week. I know I am! May Our Lord be forever thanked and praised.

Holy Saturday ceremonies took just shy of five hours this year, but they were made even more special by the baptisms of two babies after the blessing of the baptismal water. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Ribar's baby, Emmett James; and Eddie & Renee Fernandez's baby, Edward Ross. God is good! 9 months ago, the odds that little Edward would make it to see this world were slim to none. I think the doctors gave him a 1% chance of survival. Yet, here he is safe and sound, and now a child of God. It is another testament to how prayer works.

Just before Holy Week, **Fr. Simpson** was at church late in the evening patching parts of the hallway ceiling. The cloister floor was finished during Easter week, and it looks wonderful! Thank you for that, Joseph Simpson and JMJ Handyman LLC. We are still fighting the insurance company and the roofing company about our roofs, which are in a bad state and worsened by all the windstorms in the past couple of months. Fr. Simpson and **Fr. McKenna** are getting it taken care of though. We are trying to make it through Corpus Christi before getting the sanctuary floor fixed. This repair will most likely require removing most, if not all, of the tiles and will prevent us from using the

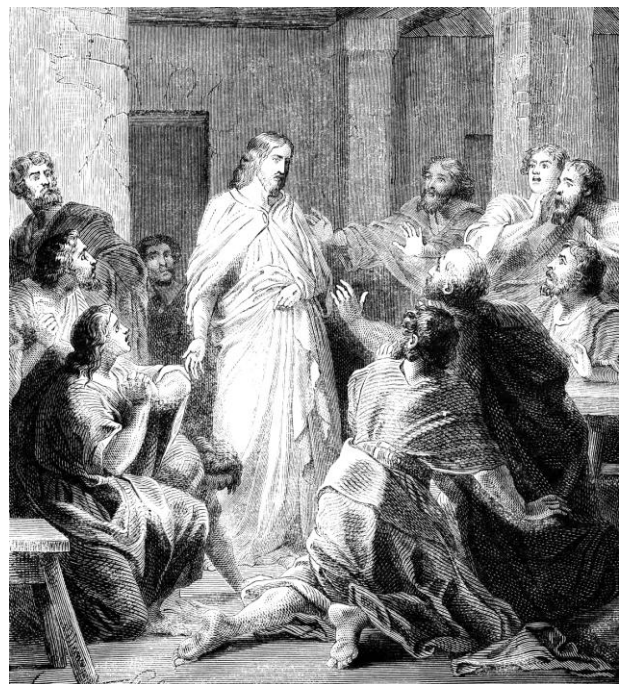
main altar for Sunday Mass for a bit during the summer.

Fr. Ercoli, the rector of our seminary  in Seattle, took the seminarians to Rome for Easter week, but Poncho Capetillo and Chris Brueggemann should be home sometime this week for the rest of their vacation. It will be nice to see them again. I hope they had a nice trip to Italy!

I noted that once we entered the Holy Week tunnel, there was a lot more peace from the world's troubles, particularly those in Iran. It's funny how they all seemed to vanish and how the world did not end just because we stopped paying attention to its silly problems, isn't it? But that is the point. The world is like a narcissist who will cause all sorts of trouble for you and ruin all of your peace for as long as you listen to it and allow yourself to be swayed by its problems. What am I saying?! The world is controlled by the prince of darkness, who does want to entangle you in all of the world's problems for the very purpose that you lose peace of soul, forget your last end, and lose your soul. Again, the Easter lesson holds true: "If you be risen with Christ, mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth."

Our Lord, entering the room where the Apostles were, greeted them with the words: "Peace be to you." This same peace I wish to each and every one of you this second week of Easter. If you wish to find this peace, it all starts by looking heavenward!

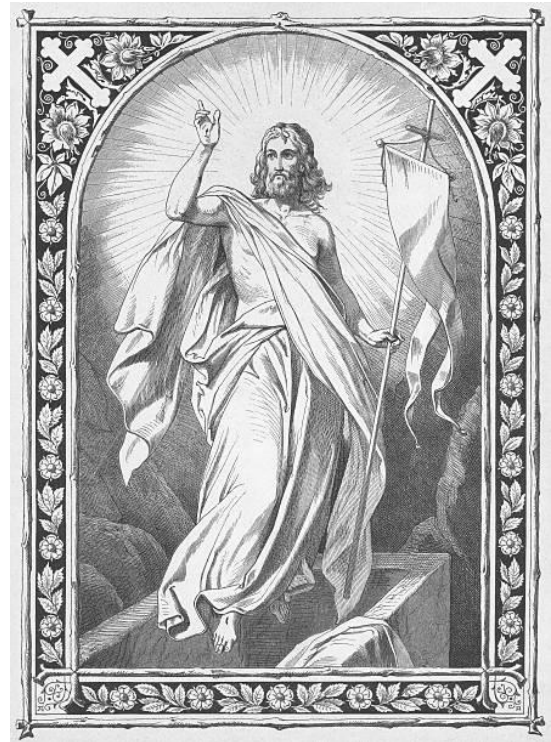
– Bishop McGuire



✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/13/26	ST. HERMENEGILD, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Elaine & Frank <i>(Diane Puglielli)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass Easter Novena IX
TUE	4/14/26	ST. JUSTIN, M • SS. TIBURTUS & COMPANIONS, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass Trish Noe – surgery & health <i>(Mom & Dad)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Joseph Kustra – Happy Birthday! <i>(Grandma & Grandpa Young)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass For our fallen-away children <i>(St. Monica Club)</i> St. Monica Club Meeting 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad! <i>(Your children)</i>
WED	4/15/26	FERIAL DAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Dale & Debbie Wilker – Happy Anniversary <i>(The Stafford family)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Jacob Joseph Kitchen <i>(Marge Kitchen)</i> 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:10 PM Low Mass Our children & God/Grandchildren <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
THU	4/16/26	FERIAL DAY • ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Miss Mary Brueggemann – Merry Christmas! <i>(Cora Arlinghaus)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton <i>(Rebecca Hinton)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass Aunt Regina & Uncle Kenny <i>(Maria Brueggemann)</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass The Holy Souls <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
FRI	4/17/26	ST. ANICETUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Gerald Wilker <i>(Stafford family)</i> (from 4.18) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Julie <i>(Maria Brueggemann)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. J. Simpson <i>(C. Simpson family)</i> Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	4/18/26	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • THE HOLY SEPULCHER 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Grandma Tina Vigil <i>(Garcia Family)</i> 8:05 AM Regina Coeli, Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass †Thomas G. Simpson – 1 st year anniversary <i>(Karen Simpson)</i> First Communion Testing, First Confessions
SUN	4/19/26	EASTER II 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Rosemarie Zuccaro – Rest in peace <i>(Dave & MaryAnn Marko)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass †Tom Simpson – 1 st Anniversary <i>(C. Simpson family)</i> (from 4.18) 10:40 AM Catechism Class 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass In Thanksgiving for my sight restoration <i>(Joe Druecker)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Readiness to oblige is the small coin in the treasury of happiness, and it is within the reach of the poorest among us. It is the cheerful compliance with which one grants a request, receives a visit, or puts up with an annoyance. It is the amiability of expression, the pleasant smile which is so universally attractive. It is a trifling service promptly and gladly rendered, or perhaps requested with unassuming simplicity. Sometimes it is thanks gracefully paid, or a cordial word of encouragement to a disheartened fellow-laborer. All these appear small matters, but do not on that account neglect them. God will repay you for them abundantly. – *Anon, The Ave Maria*



Jesus, through the merits of Thy bitter Passion and death and through Thy glorious Resurrection, I beseech Thee, have compassion on the poor souls and grant them a happy and glorious admission into heaven. Let them enter into that peace so long desired; let them contemplate the splendor of the beatific vision; let them bless eternally Thy mercy. Amen.

SERVERS

FRI 4/17	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos BENEDICTION: Capetillos, J. Smith, V. Siqueira
SAT 4/18	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:15 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, Brueggemanns
SUN 4/19	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, N. Kolenich TH: C. Richesson ACS: M. Kolenich, J. Rabjohns TBS: D. & G. Wright, B. Constantino, J. Kolenich, N. & J. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. & J. Smith CROSS: A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey