

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies Me in corde Gertrudis"

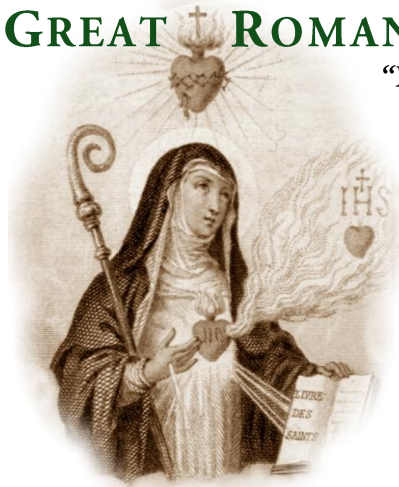
"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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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 26, 2026
EASTER III

Ss. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PpMM
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

¶ ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY

Today is the Sunday within the octave of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It is also the feast day of the Mother of Good Counsel, who has shown herself such a protector for us. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Mary's month of May opens on **First Friday**, also the feast of the Apostles Philip and James. Masses are at 8 and 11:25 AM, and 5:45 PM.

Opening **May Devotions** are at 3:10 PM. Honor our Blessed Mother by participating in this short but sweet service, which will be offered every school day at 3:10 PM plus most Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Don't forget your family May Altar!



¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM High Mass,
Sacred Heart Novena
All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In honor of the Sacred Heart and that all members of the Church Militant may grow in fervor in the practice of their holy Faith.



OUR LADY'S COURT

Congratulations to all our First Communicants, who passed their tests and made their First Confessions this past week. Those who scored the highest will be "Our Lady's Court" for the May Crowning:

Grace Ball, who crowns Our Lady
Siena Shultz, her attendant
Isaac Brueggemann, crown-bearer
Noah Schneider, his attendant

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass
8:10 AM *Regina Cali*, May Devotions
8:20 AM Benediction
8:30 AM Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

¶ **NEXT SUNDAY:** The feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross. The Blessing and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross will be available after all Masses. (The Blessing of Religious Articles will be moved to the following Sunday.) Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Finding of the Holy Cross, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Easter IV. Third collect of Ss. Alexander & Companions, Low Masses only. Vidi Aquam, Holy Cross Preface.

¶ MOTHER'S DAY

Mass remembrance envelopes are available in the vestibule.

To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass on Mother's Day, fill out an envelope and return to an usher or the bookstore, or drop it off at the church office.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 19th.....\$8,047.00
Thank you for your generosity.

PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH



Realizing St. Joseph's unique position as head of the Holy Family, and fully conscious of his great power before the throne of God, Pope Pius IX, on December 8, 1870, placed the entire Catholic Church under his patronage. The Pope referred to Joseph of the Old Testament who in Egypt was honored by the king and given charge of all the grain necessary to feed the famished people. Joseph of Egypt was a

type of the head of the Holy Family, who was now given charge of the whole Church. Just as Egypt's king told the starving people: "Go to Joseph," he will take care of you, so the Church today tells us to go with confidence to the foster-father of Jesus, just as the Christ Child obeyed him on earth, so now He will surely listen to his intercession in heaven.

Pope Leo XIII, in 1889, increased the devotion to St. Joseph. At that time he referred to the troublous times through which the world was then passing. As we read his encyclical we feel that he could be talking of the year 1949. He mentions that faith is growing cold, youth corrupted in morals and doctrine, the Church attacked on every side, and a vicious war raging against the Papacy. Isn't that exactly the picture today? Years of war have weakened the faith of thousands. The Church is being persecuted on many fronts and her loyal children are enduring imprisonment and death. Human remedies against the forces of evil are not enough. We must implore divine aid, says Pope Leo. We must appeal with the greatest faith and earnestness to Mary Immaculate and to her most chaste spouse, St. Joseph.

"Zealously he (Joseph) watched over his spouse and her Divine offspring with the most ardent love

and solicitude. By his labor he regularly provided for both of them such necessities of life as food and clothing. In seeking a place of refuge he warded off that danger to their lives which had been engendered by the jealousy of a king. Amid the inconveniences of the journey and the bitterness of exile he continually showed himself the companion, the helper, the consoler of the Virgin and of Jesus.

"Moreover, the Divine household, which Joseph governed with paternal authority, contained the beginnings of the new Church. The Virgin most holy is the Mother of all Christians since she is the Mother of Jesus and since she gave birth to them on the mount of Calvary amid the unspeakable sufferings of the Redemption. Jesus is, as it were, the first born of Christians, who are His brothers by adoption and redemption. From these considerations we conclude that the blessed Patriarch must regard all the multitude of Christians who constitute the Church as confided to his care in a certain special manner. This is the numberless family, scattered throughout all lands, over which he rules with a sort of paternal authority, because he is the husband of Mary and the father of Jesus Christ. Thus it is conformable to reason, and in every way becoming to Blessed Joseph, that as once it was his sacred trust to guard with watchful care the family of Nazareth, no matter what befell, so now by virtue of his heavenly patronage, he is in turn to protect and defend the Church of Christ." (Pope Leo XIII, encyclical *Quamquam pluries*, 1889.)

— St. Anthony Messenger



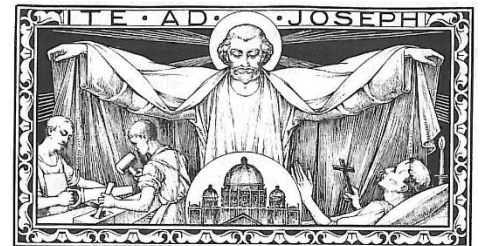
JOSEPH SPEAKS

A music murmuring in my brain
The Name of names I kept
From that far night when in my pain
That slept not when I slept
An angel of God His secret spoke,
And I awoke.

Oh, liltng like a waterfall,
Or thundering like the sea,
At work, at meat, at prayer—in all
That Name companioned me!
As lightnings sweep from pole to pole
It spanned my soul.

I laid the Name upon Him, I
Who little else have spoken,
When first His Blood was spilled and
nigh
His Mother's heart was broken.
And when beyond the grave I came
I brought His Name.

— Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C.



"GO TO JOSEPH"

"Go to Joseph." In thy joys
Thou wilt rejoice the more;
"Go to Joseph" in thy griefs,
When Death knocks at thy door.

"Go to Joseph." No matter when!
Thy refuge he will be;
He holds the key of Jesus' Heart—
Its treasures are for thee!

¶ LOOK AHEAD

- First Fatima Rosary Procession:** Wednesday, May 13
- Ascension Thursday:** May 14
- Confirmands' Day of Recollection (for children):** Thursday, May 21
- Confirmations:** Saturday, May 23
- First Communions:** Sunday, June 7
- Girls' Camp:** June 16-18
- YAG 2026:** July 10-12
- Boys' Camp:** July 28-30

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Blessed feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel! She is our Mother in a special way here at St. Gertrude the Great. About 16 years ago our church was in the midst of some pretty serious financial problems when a parishioner made a recommendation to Bishop Dolan that he should ask Our Lady for help. That kind soul even gave us an image of the Mother of Good Counsel, and Bishop started the twelve Sundays in her honor—a tradition we still continue today. Our Lady came through as she always does, and His Excellency kept promoting the devotion. His last tweet encouraged people to go to her. He died on her feast day. What a touching gesture on the part of Our Lady.



As you say a prayer to Mary, say a prayer for the repose of Bishop Dolan's soul. Today marks four years since he entered eternity. We must never forget the good he has done for us throughout the years, and return that good by remembering his soul in our prayers. It is edifying to hear how often people visit the graves of Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada. God bless you for your charity and good example.

The school choir sang the Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. They really did a great job! Oh, by the way, we might still have a few blessed St. Joseph Cords in the vestibule if you are interested. If you do not intend to use them, please leave them for someone who will. Along with the cord you will see a little leaflet explaining this wonderful devotion. Getting back to the topic of our school: they are planning a field trip to a little historical village on May 6th. I am sure that will be a most welcome break for them as the year winds down. It was a bit startling to hear that they only have about six weeks left before summer vacation. This year has passed very quickly.

Fr. Lehtoranta gave a good report about the First Communion Testing. Every child passed, and Our Lady's Court has been selected. Isaac Brueggemann will be the crown-bearer and Grace Ball will crown Our Lady. I am proud of our little ones, as well as their parents and teachers!



Fr. Brueggemann's parents were kind enough to bring their lamb, Margaret, on Good Shepherd Sunday last weekend. Margaret was a hit with the children! Casimir, lover of all animals, got his picture taken with her! Margaret is a little stinker though. Apparently, she got loose from her pin during one of the morning Masses and took off, the kids chasing her down the street to catch her! Eventually,

she allowed herself to be caught. What an image of the Good Shepherd and His flock. Sometimes we, too, try to run away from Him, but He continues to pursue us and brings us back upon His shoulders. May we all allow ourselves to be caught by the Good Shepherd!

Stay with Our Lady of Good Counsel today. She will take care of all. She is our Mother, after all!

– Bishop McGuire



"Apparition of the Madonna of Good Counsel," Prospero Piatti

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

May 2026

- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joseph Vines, Ian Ford
- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Tim Giese, Jim Phelan
- 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
- 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Anthony Caggese, Jim Stanislawski
- 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: Dan Stanislawski, Christopher Lorenz
- 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Philip Brueggemann
- 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
- 4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Bruno Siqueira
- 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.*

ATTENTION: If you are struggling to keep your hour and would like to resign it, please let us know. There may be someone who would like to take it.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/27/26	ST. PETER CANISIUS, CD <i>ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BPC</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass The Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Rose Beckerich
TUE	4/28/26	ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C <i>ST. VITALIS, M • ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C</i> <i>ST. PETER CHANEL, M</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Healing (<i>S. Kurtz</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to Blessed Trinity – prayers answered (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Teresa Boyd</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Jerome Klima (<i>Aimee Wnek</i>)
WED	4/29/26	OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH <i>ST. PETER MARTYR • ST. JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Marlene Corbin</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass For my dad – Merry Christmas! (<i>Anna Kolenich</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention – St. Joseph (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass The Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
THU	4/30/26	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V <i>HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Rose Beckerich 8:00 AM Low Mass Naomi Kosovich (KR) 11:25 AM High Mass Cassius & Ursie Clay – Marriage Blessings! (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass The Repose of the soul of †Eugene Michael Sand (<i>Isabella Carillo</i>)
FRI	5/1/26	FIRST FRIDAY • SS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES <i>ST. PEREGRINE, C</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Elsa Bowman (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction Natalia Kolenich (<i>Your Godmother</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass †Aunt Suzanne (<i>Levi Giese family</i>) Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
SAT	5/2/26	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. ATHANASIUS, BPCD <i>OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION</i> 7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM High Mass McConnell family – thank you! (<i>Ball Family</i>) 8:10 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions 8:20 AM Benediction 8:30 AM First Saturday Meditation 8:40 AM Low Mass My Family – Merry Christmas! (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
SUN	5/3/26	THE FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>EASTER IV • SS. ALEXANDER & COMPANIONS, MM</i> <i>BLESSING & VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS AFTER ALL MASSES</i>

THE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH

How faithful this heart was to Jesus and Mary! Jesus, in His early childhood, was nearly always in the arms—that is to say, on the heart—of Joseph, as his sweetest treasure. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (*Luke xii, 34*) It seems to us that these words may be applied in this sense. How boundless was the confidence with which Mary had inspired this chaste and faithful spouse! “The heart of her husband trusteth in her.” (*Prov. xxxi, 11*) These three Hearts of the Holy Family had absolutely the same thoughts and sentiments; the same tastes and aspirations heavenwards; whether they prayed together or conversed in their home at Nazareth, they expressed themselves in the same manner.

Never, then, let us separate them in our love; and let us terminate our exercise by a fervent prayer to the Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, have pity on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heart like the Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

Heart of Joseph, always faithful to Jesus and Mary, intercede for us.



SERVERS

FRI 5/1	5:45 PM HIGH: Capetillos
SAT 5/2	7:30 AM HIGH: I. Smith, F. Caggese BENEDICTION: MCs: M. Simpson TH: I. Smith TBs: F. Caggese, C. Lorenz 8:40 AM LOW: C. Lorenz
SUN 5/3	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: A. & N. McClorey TH: T. England ACs: M. Kolenich, M. Caggese TBs: B. Constantino, J. Smith, J. Stewart, I. & C. Wright, J. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACs: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: C. Lorenz

7:05 AM	Rosary
7:20 AM	Blessing of Palm Crosses
7:30 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad! (<i>Mary L. & baby</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass Thou Knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
10:40 AM	Catechism Class
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass †Nancy Seyfried (<i>JCS</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
