

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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October 25, 2026
CHRIST THE KING
PENTECOST XXII



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Today we resume the Forty Hours Devotion. **We need adorers this afternoon, especially between 1 and 4 PM!** There are no Classes today.

October Devotions with Rosary are at 4:00 PM. Solemn Vespers will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45. Closing ceremonies are at 6:45, followed by refreshments.**

¶ MEN'S GROUP

The Knights of St. Martin Men's Group have their meeting on **Thursday**, beginning with Mass at 5:30 PM.

¶ ALL HALLOWS' EVE

Saturday is the Vigil of All Saints. There is traditionally **no fast** on this day in the United States. The Saturday schedule will be as usual.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday. **Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!**



¶ POOR SOULS ENVELOPES

Envelopes for All Souls Day may be found in the vestibule. Fill one out with the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered in the Masses on All Souls Day, and return them in the collection, bookstore, or office.



**ALL SAINTS DAY
PROCESSION & PARTY
Sunday, November 1, 2026**

Children should come dressed as a saint (arrive in church at 8:50 AM) and may give a brief presentation (not obligatory), which should be given by heart. (No notes please.) After the presentations, all are welcome to the All Saints Party.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS

The **All Saints Day Procession** takes place before the High Mass next Sunday.

The children should arrive at **8:50**

AM, dressed as a saint. All are welcome to the All Saints Party that follows. The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory, and the

Little Church will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** will be available after all Masses.

The *Toties Quoties* Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls may be gained from noon Sunday until the church is closed on Monday. Double Vespers of the Sunday & All Souls will be at 4:30 PM, with October Devotions and Benediction.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** All Saints Day, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XXIII. Trinity Preface.

¶ TOTIES QUOTIES

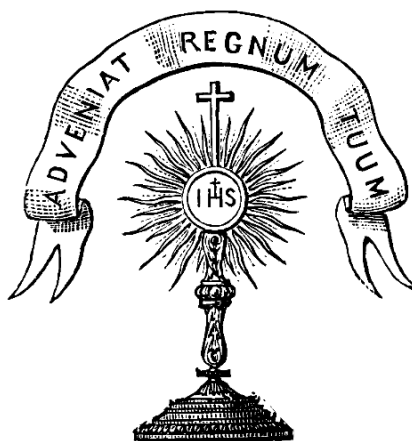
You may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions each time you make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, from noon November 1st until midnight November 2nd—praying six Paters, six Aves and six Glorias for the intentions of Holy Mother Church. This wonderful indulgence is applicable only to the Poor Souls.

Collection Report

Sunday, October 18th.....\$7,278.62
Thank you for your generosity.

WHY MAKE A VISIT?

Oh, if we only learned to realize that the Blessed Sacrament *is our God*, what a sense of joy and *protection* would enter into our lonely lives! God living here *with* me; God living here *for* me. We would haunt our altars at every untoward circumstance, at every grief and trial that crossed our path. Instead of which I have seen good, pious Catholics, who, when oppressed with sorrow, have shut themselves up *for days*, considering that the bitterness of their woe dispensed them from their daily Mass (or even Sunday!) and visit! Poor souls! How little they know Our Lord, to think that, because they are unable to go through their usual prayers and devotions, it is useless to come in before Him! They would not have acted thus in what they are pleased to call “the time of Our Lord.” They would have known that the mere sight of their tears was prayer enough for Him. God, the eternal, immutable God, is the same *now* as *then*, and now, as then, He never sees His children weeping in His presence without being moved to compassion.



¶ NOVEMBER UPCOMING

- **Wednesday, Nov. 4:** School's Indulged Cemetery Rosary Procession. Departing from church for St. Stephen's Cemetery in Hamilton at 1 PM. All are invited.
- **Sunday, Nov. 8:** Fall Fest
- **Sunday, Nov. 15:** Martinmas
- **Monday, Nov. 16:** St. Gertrude's Day. Quasi-Pontifical High Mass at 11:25 AM.
- **Sunday, Nov. 22:** Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great. Indulged Cemetery Rosary Procession, 3 PM at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Rosary Confraternity Members are especially asked to attend, but everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and gain the indulgences for the Poor Souls.
- **Sunday, Nov. 29:** First Sunday of Advent
- **Monday, Nov. 30, Feast of St. Andrew:** Christmas Novena begins. 15 recitations of the “Hail and Blessed” prayer each day until Christmas.

¶ MARTINMAS

Don't miss the Martinmas festivities! There will be a **lantern-lit procession** in the evening on **Sunday, November 15**, led by **St. Martin on horseback** and featuring special hymns to the saint. Some traditional Martinmas foods will be on offer in the social hall after the procession. A wonderful Catholic tradition!



CORPUS CHRISTI COMPLAINT

“I do not like to be alone—I want you!”

I have not seen your face today,
Where *were* you?
A hundred others came to pray,
Where *were* you?
From out My prison I have gazed
At many who have, kneeling, praised—
I wanted *you*.

I wanted you—you did not come,
Where *were* you?
I waited there, in silence, dumb—
Where *were* you?
Ah! Could you not one moment spare?
Ah! Surely you a little care!
I wanted *you*.

You had no time—ah! so you said,
Where *were* you?
While My sad Heart in silence bled,
Where *were* you?
Among your friends long hours you
spent,
While I—My loving Heart was rent,
In solitude.

I do not like to be alone,
I *wanted* you;
Much more than all the friends you
own,
I want *you*.
Tomorrow you will surely come,
Remember, I am helpless, dumb—
Uncomforted.

*Adorers are needed throughout the day today.
Plan to make a visit!*



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

It is just Thursday morning as these lines are being written and it is clear that Forty Hours is fast approaching. One can almost feel it in the air. Everyone is busy as a bee, as the saying goes. Theresa is doing a lot of the grocery shopping and prepping for the Chili Supper; the Sisters are preparing to decorate the sanctuary; the Fathers are getting their sermons and ceremonies ready; the Sunday choir and the school choir are gearing up for everything. So far, everyone is working calmly. We do have a good crew and each person sets a great example. I am very proud of them.



Congratulations to Quinn Kissell who was baptized and brought into the Catholic Church this past Tuesday. What a grace he has received from the good God! Events such as this are so very encouraging for the truly Catholic world. It was also very nice to meet his mother, who attended the baptism.

Last week's Sodality meeting seemed to have gone well. The girls cooked meals for some mothers who recently had babies, and then polished some candle followers for the sacristy. **Fr. Lehtoranta** ensures the girls have a good time while also performing acts of charity.

Fr. McKenna said that the drive through Montana was beautiful and I think he said he stopped by his old stomping grounds in Idaho for an overnight. That is a pretty area of the country! He finally made it to Seattle and reports that the sleeping quarters are a little rough for now, but he is muscling through. He will do very well out in Seattle and we must remember to keep him in our prayers.

That is the news for the week, at least what I can recall. Forty Hours is one of the best times of the year. Although it is quite busy, it is such a prayerful time. If ever there was a time to ask Our Lord for graces it is during this time! The devil always tries to disturb us beforehand by sending some sort of cross or another. This is a sign that Our Lord is about to give many graces. I hope you have made good use of these days and that you have spent some extra time with Our Eucharistic King. May God be glorified!

— Bishop McGuire



All Saints Sunday is Next Week!

Parents, help your children prepare a costume, and perhaps a brief presentation. The little saints should arrive in time for their procession at 8:50 AM next Sunday.



THANKSGIVING

"I will extol Thee, O God, my king, and I will bless Thy name forever; yea forever and ever." (*Ps. cxlvi. 1*) O ye angels, archangels, thrones and dominations, principalities and powers, virtues of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, adore our God for me; thank Him, and love Him with me. Patriarchs and prophets, apostles, all ye martyrs of Christ, holy confessors, virgins of the Lord, and all ye saints, adore Him, thank Him, love Him with me. Mother of God, adore Thy Son for me, thank Him, and love Him, for me. Oh, give thanks to the Lord because He is good, because His mercy endureth forever.



OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Virgin Immaculate, perfect lover of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we ask you to obtain for us the graces we need to become true adorers of our Eucharistic God. Grant us, we beg of you, to know Him better, to love Him more, and to center our lives around the Eucharist, that is, to make our whole life a constant prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition to Our Lord in the blessed Sacrament. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

✠ DEVOTIONS FOR A VISIT

MON 10/26/26	ST. EVARISTUS, PM
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
11:25 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Joseph Sperber (<i>Michael Hartings</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
TUE 10/27/26	VIGIL OF SS. SIMON & JUDE
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
11:25 AM	High Mass †Loren & †Mary McGuire (<i>Erika McKnight</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Low Mass Charles & Bev Simpson (<i>Ballesteros Family</i>)
WED 10/28/26	SS. SIMON & JUDE, APP
7:00 AM	Low Mass Mary Rake – Special Intention (<i>S.C. Kurtz</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
11:25 AM	High Mass The Oblates – thank you for all you do (<i>The Hudson Family</i>)
2:45 PM	Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction
3:10 PM	(approx.) Holy Communion
5:10 PM	Low Mass Special Intention
THU 10/29/26	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • FERIAL DAY
7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
11:25 AM	High Mass Jacob Young – Happy Birthday! (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:30 PM	Low Mass Will & Kayla Long Family – Thank you! (<i>Matthew & Leanne Giese</i>)
	Knights of St. Martin Meeting
FRI 10/30/26	FERIAL DAY
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
11:00 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Payne & their intentions – Thank you! (<i>The Oblates</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM	Low Mass Sara Cerise (<i>Victoria Cerise</i>)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 10/31/26	VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS
7:05 AM	Confessions
7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
8:05 AM	Salve, October Devotions
8:30 AM	Sermon
8:35 AM	High Mass Nathan McClorey (<i>Your sister</i>)
SUN 11/1/26	ALL SAINTS DAY • PENTECOST XXIII
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass Simon, Katherine Brueggemann & Family (<i>Cecilia Brueggemann</i>)
8:50 AM	All Saints Procession, High Mass †Nick Bollinger (<i>Lauren Caggese</i>)
	All Saints Party
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention
4:30 PM	Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Dear Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, be forever thanked and praised. Love, worthy of all celestial and terrestrial love, Who, out of infinite love for me, ungrateful sinner, didst assume our human nature, didst shed Thy most precious Blood in the cruel scourging, and didst expire on a shameful cross for our eternal welfare! Now, illumined with lively faith, with the outpouring of my whole soul and the fervor of my heart, I humbly beseech Thee, through the infinite merits of Thy painful sufferings, give me strength and courage to destroy every evil passion which sways my heart, to bless Thee in my greatest afflictions, to glorify Thee by the exact fulfillment of all my duties, supremely to hate all sin, and thus to become a saint.

100 days, once a day—Pius IX, Jan. 1, 1866.



O LORD JESUS, do Thou henceforth alone live within me. May the tongue whereon Thou hast rested never move to utter words other than such as would proceed from Thy meek and humble Heart. May the thoughts of my heart be in unison with Thine. May that mind which is in Thee be likewise in me. May I be consumed with the same desires; may I be one heart, one soul with Thee, O Jesus, Whom I bear within me. And let this union of my heart with Thine shed its influence over my whole life and conduct at all times and in all events, that so I may be able to draw other hearts to love Thee, and to devote themselves to Thy interests. This is the desire, O my Jesus, with which Thou dost inspire me—that Thy sweet Name may be hallowed, that Thy kingdom may come, and extend, and triumph over all hearts and nations, and that Thy will, which is ever one with Thy Father's, may be perfectly accomplished. Amen. – *The Voice of the Sacred Heart*

Servers

FRI 10/30	5:45 PM Low: J. Capetillo, A. Constantino BENEDICTION: MC: T. Capetillo, B. Constantino TH: J. Capetillo ACS: Ba. & A. Constantino
SAT 10/31	7:30 AM Low: Rabjohns 8:35 AM High: M. Simpson, J. Stewart, I. Smith
SUN 11/1	7:30 AM Low: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 8:50 AM PROCESSION & HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, F. Caggese TH: A. McClorey ACS: I. Smith, B. Constantino TBS: V. Siqueira, E. Carcia, V. Horton, Ma. Caggese, T. Stanislawski, J. Smith 11:30 AM Low: Capetillos 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: I. Smith, ACS: A. & B. Constantino CROSS: J. Smith 5:45 PM Low: C. Lorenz