

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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November 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS' DAY
PENTECOST XXIII

¶ ALL SAINTS' DAY

The second collection today is for our Oblates, and the Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. All are welcome to the **All Saints' Party** that follows the High Mass today. The *Toties Quoties* Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls (six Paters, six Aves and six Glorias for the intentions of Holy Mother Church) may be gained from noon today until the church is closed on Monday. **Please note a correction from last week in the evening schedule:** Exposition, October Devotions & Benediction will be at **5 PM**, followed by the usual 5:45 PM Low Mass. **Double Vespers** of the Sunday and All Souls will be at **7:00 PM**.

¶ ALL SOULS' DAY

Nine Masses will be offered **tomorrow**. The principal Mass is sung at 11:25 AM, with sermon and Absolution. The *Toties Quoties* indulgence may be gained all day. Be sure to turn in your envelopes with the names of your dead, for whom Masses will be offered all November.

¶ CEMETERY ROSARY PROCESSION

Join our school children for an indulgenced Rosary Procession on **First Wednesday**. Beginning at 1:15 PM at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Hamilton.

Collection Report

Sunday, October 25th.....\$7,013.62



¶ **FIRST THURSDAY:** We have our Holy Hour for Priests at 5 PM, with the altar boys' pizza party following.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM High Mass
6:30 PM Novena, Benediction

NO All Night Adoration

Intention for First Friday: For our own Poor Souls in Purgatory.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Confessions, Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass
8:05 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions
8:30 AM High Mass
Intention for First Saturday: In reparation for all who spurn devotion to Mary, deny it or downplay it.

¶ SODALITY OF CHARITY

The Sodality meets on **Saturday**, with Mass at 8:30 AM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we begin our annual novena of the Twelve Sundays in Honor of Our Mother of Good Counsel. The **Fall Festival Craft Booths** will be available in the social hall after the morning Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXIV, second collect of the Octave Day of

All Saints, third of the Holy Four Crowned Martyrs. Trinity Preface.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Christopher & Laura Scholer on the baptism of their daughter, Anastasia Grace, on Thursday, October 29.

Lumen Christi

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

The offering of our children to the Blessed Virgin Mary (The Allen Family)

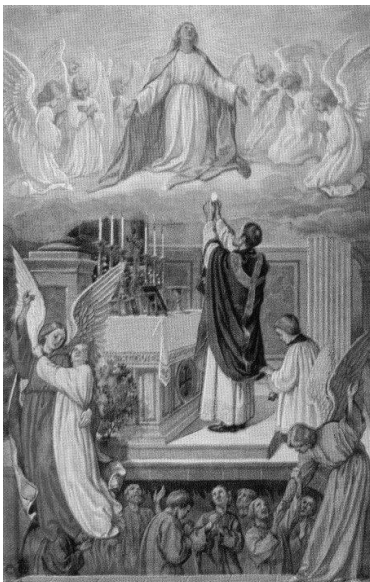


The souls in purgatory, as far as I can understand the matter, cannot but choose to be there; and this by God's ordinance, Who has justly decreed it so. They cannot reflect within themselves and say, "I have done such and such sins, for which I deserve to be here"; nor can they say, "Would that I had not done them, that now I might go to paradise"; nor yet say, "That soul is going out before me"; nor, "I shall go out before him." They can remember nothing of themselves or others, whether good or evil, which might increase the pain they ordinarily endure; they are so completely satisfied with what God has ordained for them, that He should be doing all that pleases Him, and in the way it pleases Him, that they are incapable of thinking of themselves even in the midst of their greatest sufferings. They behold only the goodness of God, Whose mercy is so great in bringing men to Himself, that they cannot see anything that may affect them, whether good or bad; if they could, they would not be in pure charity. They do not know that their sufferings are for the sake of their sins, nor can they keep in view the sins themselves; for in doing so there would be an act of imperfection, which could have no place where there can be no longer any possibility of actually sinning. — *St. Catherine of Genoa*

Sufferings...are not the only cause which renders the state of the poor souls deplorable in our eyes, and moves us to commiseration. There is yet another reason, which, though it occurs less frequently to our minds, yet, if duly considered, will prove a powerful incentive to charitable exertion on behalf of the souls of our departed brethren. I allude to their ardent yearning for God, and their sincere desire of being united with Him forever in heaven; a desire which, as long as it is not satisfied, will be no less painful to them than the keenest flames of their place of torture. We should, then, with the same eagerness with which we try to deliver the poor souls from the pain of fire, endeavor to obtain for them the accomplishment of their ardent longing to be united with their heavenly Spouse. I say: *All that can increase the pain of desire and eager yearning in our hearts makes the longing of the poor souls after God and heaven immeasurably great and tormenting.*

Let us now reflect on this, and endeavor, if possible, to open for them today the gates of their heavenly home.

O Mary, Mother of mercy, obtain for us the grace to hasten to the relief of thy suffering children in purgatory, and to offer them, even this day, to thy maternal embrace!



ON ALL SAINTS DAY

Oh come, great Morning Star,
And lead us to the mountain,
Where saints
Like fields of burning sweet grass
Sing His exultation.

Oh come, our Lady,
Gather us
As firewood for the King.

Oh come, sweet Lady,
Take us in your arms
And bear us to the Lord,
In whose consuming Fire
We'll blossom
Like orchards late in May.

Oh come, our Lady,
Gather us,
Before we die
In this captivity.

—*Vincent Williams*



Our Beloved Dead - November

Ida Youngworth	11-05-2012
Robert M. Deardorff	11-07-2003
Judith E. LeBlanc	11-08-1996
John Madaffari	11-10-2016
Blanche Ciarkowski	11-10-2016
Thelma Sieverding	11-10-2017
Viola M. Ripperger	11-12-2019
Edward P. Fradl	11-13-1989
Larry J. Adams	11-13-2011
Patrick S. Meredith	11-14-1987
Charles S. Blase	11-15-1999
Paul J. Leurck	11-17-2017
Fr. Martin Stepanich	11-18-2012
Geraldine Gilker	11-18-1993
Gertrude Bollhauer	11-19-1982
Alex Bearov	11-20-2011
Helen A. Herz	11-20-2023
Judy M. Parlett	11-20-2023
Edward Sayre	11-21-2010
Patricia A. Buckley	11-23-1987
Nick DiBerardino	11-26-1999
Frank Alban Sr.	11-27-1987
Iris Wilson	11-27-2013
Elaine Manuele	11-27-2019

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Here we are at the beginning of another month. October, like May, always seems a little busier than most months, as we have daily devotions in honor of Our Lady. It is one of the best ways to spend one's time though, so it is well worth the effort. We are often told in the lives of the saints of how souls would gladly come back to earth just to say well one Hail Mary. They understood how much merit is gained by this prayer, and therefore how much it can increase one's glory in heaven. How much more does one Rosary, well said, do the same! Always honor Our Lady. Always say your Rosary, and sprinkle your day with lots of Hail Marys!

The Forty Hours Devotion went really well, didn't it?! Your devotion to Mary's Son in the Blessed Sacrament is very edifying. I know how much sacrifice you make to attend the ceremonies and Holy Hours. May God reward you for every single one of them! The ending of Forty Hours is always bittersweet. After all, such moments with Our Lord are very powerful and greatly influence our spiritual life. Now that it is over we should not forget that Jesus remains daily in the tabernacle, waiting for visitors upon whom to shower His graces.

Today, we honor the saints in Heaven; tomorrow, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Nine Masses are scheduled, plus the last of the October Devotions. So there are plenty of opportunities to help our dear friends in Purgatory. Some of them are so close to being admitted to the Beatific Vision, and some are so far away from it; some have no family on earth to pray for them; some have no family on earth who still believes in Purgatory and therefore have no one to pray for them. Wouldn't it be amazing to find out in heaven that you were the one whose individual prayer or sacrifice was the one that cut the last thread holding back a soul in Purgatory?! It might very well be the case. One extra Mass, one extra Hail Mary, one little sacrifice, might be all it takes for one of those Holy Souls. Do at least a little extra for them on their day!

On Wednesday the school children are going to St. Stephen's Cemetery, where Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada are buried, for their yearly Rosary Procession for the Poor Souls. You can join them if you wish. We will have our parish Cemetery Rosary Procession later this month, on November 22nd.

Bishop Nkamuke is coming to town for a little vacation. I am glad he feels at home enough here to spend his time off with us. There are a lot of good developments in the Nigerian missions. I will share with you some of the writings that I received from the Fathers, and I am sure His Excellency will tell us all about it too!



Today, I am sure that each of the saints in heaven is offering prayers for us. May each one of you one day join the ranks of God's saints!

– Bishop McGuire

SPECIAL OFFERING OF THE MASS FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O God of love, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, on this altar behold the unbloody sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Thy Son, representing that of His most holy death and grievous passion, which He, the great High-Priest, offered Thee on Calvary. In consideration of this holocaust of sweet odor, have mercy on the souls in purgatory; open to them the gates of Heaven, that they may love and praise Thee, and enjoy Thee eternally in the abode of the saints. Together with the sufferings of Thy Divine Son, I likewise offer Thee the sorrows of His Blessed Mother, whose soul was crucified at the foot of her Son's cross; for the lance which pierced the side and Heart of Jesus, Thine adorable Son, also transfixed the soul and heart of Mary, according to Simeon's prophecy, and made her the Queen of Martyrs. Behold them, O heavenly Father! the disfigured countenance of Thy Son on the cross and the sorrowful heart of His Mother at the foot of the cross; and by the merits of all the sufferings of Thy Son and of His Blessed Mother, grant eternal repose to the souls in purgatory.



¶ NOVEMBER UPCOMING

- **Sunday, Nov. 15:** Martinmas
 - **Monday, Nov. 16:** St. Gertrude's Day. Semi-Pontifical High Mass at 11:25 AM, followed by pizza.
 - **Sunday, Nov. 22:** Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great. Indulgent 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.
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✠ CALENDAR

MON 11/2/26 ALL SOULS DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass All the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM Low Mass The Mind of the Church
9:00 AM Low Mass Those whose names are on the altar
11:25 AM Requiem High Mass, Absolution
 All the Faithful Departed
12:30 PM (approx.) Low Mass The Mind of the Church
1:00 PM (approx.) Low Mass Those whose names are on the altar
3:00 PM October Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass All the Faithful Departed
5:30 PM Low Mass The Mind of the Church
6:00 PM Low Mass Those whose names are on the altar

TUE 11/3/26 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
BL. MARTIN DE PORRES, C
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Madison Wilker (*The Stafford family*)
11:25 AM High Mass Madeline Young – Happy Birthday! (*Grandma & Grandpa Young*) (from 11/1)
5:00 PM Low Mass Anastasia Prell – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)

WED 11/4/26 ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, BPC
 SS. VITALIS & AGRICOLA, MM
 FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention deceased – SB (*Jacinta Giese*) (from 11/2)
11:25 AM High Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
1:15 PM School's Indulged Rosary Procession at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Hamilton
5:10 PM Low Mass Happy Feast Day Charles & Charlie

THU 11/5/26 FIRST THURSDAY
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
THE HOLY RELICS
7:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
11:25 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young IV – Happy Anniversary! (*Mom & Pop Young*)
5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
Altar Boys' Pizza Party

FRI 11/6/26 FIRST FRIDAY
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
8:00 AM Low Mass Sylvia (KR) (from 11/2)
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM High Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
6:40 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
NO ALL NIGHT ADORATION



EXCERPT FROM ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO'S PRAYER TO HIS GUARDIAN ANGEL

O my dearest Guardian Angel!
 Let my soul be placed in thy charge, and when it has gone forth from the prison of this body, do thou deliver it into the hands of its Creator and Redeemer, that with thee and all the Saints, it may gaze upon Him in the bliss of Heaven, love Him perfectly and find its blessedness in Him throughout eternity. Amen.

– St. Charles Borromeo

Servers

FRI 11/6 5:45 PM HIGH: T. Lawrence, I. & J. Smith
BENEDICTION: MCS: F. Caggese, J. Smith **TH:** I. Smith **ACS:** S. Smith, E. Garcia
SAT 11/7 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
8:30 AM HIGH: F. Caggese, B. Constantino, Ma. Caggese
SUN 11/8 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, F. Caggese **TH:** M. Caggese
ACS: J. Hudson, T. England **TBS:** S. & I. Smith, I. & D. Wright, N. Hudson, A. Constantino
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: A. Constantino **ACS:** B. Constantino, J. Smith **CROSS:** I. Smith
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

SAT 11/7/26 FIRST SATURDAY
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Elisabeth & Sylvia (KR)
8:05 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions
8:30 AM High Mass My husband & our marriage on our 6th wedding anniversary (*Victoria Cerise*)
Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN 11/8/26 PENTECOST XXIV • OCTAVE DAY OF ALL SAINTS
 HOLY FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS
 OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE • PATRONAGE OF OUR LADY
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
9:00 AM High Mass Special Intention
Opening of the 12 Sundays to Our Mother of Good Counsel
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Steve Heckenkamp*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great