



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

*"Never have so few done so much so
well for so long!"*

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January 28th, 2024
Septuagesima Sunday
St. Peter Nolasco
St. Agnes 2nd time

✦ Announcements ✦

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of February and the blessing of Religious Articles will take at the altar rail after both masses.

Friday is the Feast of The Purification and Candlemas. There will be a High Mass that evening for this important feast.

Due to the length of the High Mass ceremony of Candlemas, there will be benediction following Mass, but there will not be the normal prolonged adoration for First Friday.

Saturday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise and the blessing of throats will take place after the Mass. This blessing will also take place after each Mass Sunday for all who were unable to receive it on Saturday.

Set Your Missal:

Mass Sexagesima Sunday, Comm. St. Andrew Corsini, Trinity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 51 souls, \$ 321

Low Mass: 38 souls, \$535

✠ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **Edith Toben (Shannon Schwab)**

Server Schedule

Friday February 2nd: High Mass: MC: Andrew Sandberg **TH:** David Sandberg **AC1:** Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** Timothy Sandberg **CB:** Christopher Scheeler

Saturday February 3rd: AC1: Chad McGinnis **AC2:** Volunteer

Sunday February 4th: High Mass: MC: Andrew Kimpel **TH:** Aleks Tobias **AC1:** Elias Larson **AC2:** Bennett Larson **CB:** Andrew Sandberg **TB:** Dominic and Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Tonu Tobias

Low Mass: AC1: Jeff Kimpel **AC2:** Sam Kimpel **Usher:** Chad McGinnis

Septuagesima Sunday

Easter falls at so early a date this year that Septuagesima seems to follow closely upon the heel of Christmas. From the joy which the birth of a Savior instills into Christian hearts, we pass to a period of penance. At the present day the penitential character of the season is apparent chiefly in the suppression of "Alleluia," and of the Gloria in Excelsis, together with the use of purple vestments by the officiating clergy. But in ages long past Septuagesima was far more rigorously observed than now: fasting and abstinence, though less severe than the Lenten practice, formed part of its discipline.

The spirit of the liturgy of this Sunday is one of humble fear lest by our unworthiness we lose our Father's favoring help. This is shown in the Introit of the Mass, which describes the necessary consequences of sin: "The groans of death surrounded me; the sorrows of hell encompassed me." But the confession of sin brings relief: "In my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice." The Collect, therefore, is a petition for mercy towards sinners: "Graciously hear the prayers of Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that we, who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered, for the glory of Thy Name."

The Two Feasts of St. Agnes

Five days after the martyrdom of the Virgin Emerentiana, the parents of the glorious St. Agnes visited the tomb of their child, during the night, there to weep and pray. It was the eighth day since her martyrdom. Whilst they were thinking upon the cruel death, which, though it had enriched their child with a Martyr's palm, had deprived them of her society, Agnes suddenly appeared to them: she was encircled with a bright light, and wore a crown on her head, and was surrounded by a choir of virgins of dazzling beauty. On her right hand there stood a beautiful white lamb, the emblem of the Divine Spouse of Agnes.

Turning towards her parents, she said to them: "Weep not over my death: for I am now in heaven, together with these virgins, living with him whom I loved on earth with my whole soul."

It is to commemorate this glorious apparition that the holy Church has instituted this Feast, which is called St. Agnes' Second Feast (*Sanctæ Agnetis secundo*). Let us pray to this fervent spouse of the Divine Lamb, that she intercede for us with him, and present us to him in this life, until it be given to us to possess him face to face in heaven. Let us unite with the Church in the following Prayer, which she uses in today's Office:

Ant. Standing at her right hand as a Lamb whiter than snow, Christ consecrated her to Himself as His Spouse and Martyr.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Let us pray: O God, who rejoicest us by the yearly solemnity of blessed Agnes, the Virgin and Martyr: grant, we beseech thee, that we may imitate her life to whose memory we pay this honor.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– The Liturgical Year

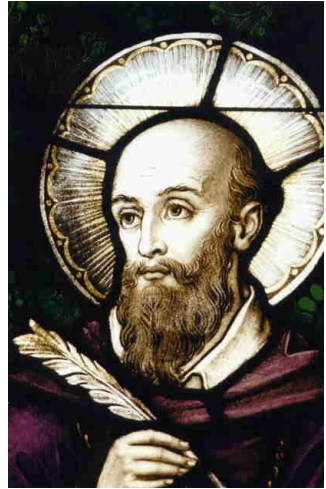
Prayer to Mary for the Feast of the Purification By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

O holy Mother of God, and my Mother Mary, thou wast so deeply interested in my salvation as to offer to death the dearest object of thy heart, thy beloved Jesus! Since, then, thou didst so much desire to see me saved, it is right that, after God, I should place all my hopes in thee. O yes, most Blessed Virgin, I do indeed entirely confide in thee. Ah, by the merit of the great sacrifice which thou didst offer this day to God, the sacrifice of the life of thy Son, entreat Him to have pity on my poor soul, for which this Immaculate Lamb did not refuse to die on the cross. I could desire, O my Queen, to offer my poor heart to God on this day, in imitation of Thee; but I fear that, seeing it so sordid and loathsome, He may refuse it. But if thou offerest it to Him, He will not reject it. He is always pleased with and accepts the offerings presented to Him by thy most pure hands. To thee, then, O Mary, do I this day present myself, miserable as I am; to thee do I give myself without reserve. Do thou offer me as thy servant, together with Jesus to the Eternal Father; and beseech Him, by the merits of thy Son and for thy sake, to accept me and take me as His own. Ah, my sweetest Mother, for the love of thy sacrificed Son, help me always and at all times, and abandon me not. Never permit me to lose by my sins this most amiable Redeemer, Whom on this day thou didst offer with so bitter grief to the cruel death of the cross. Remind him that I am thy servant, that thou wilt my salvation, and He will certainly graciously hear thee. Amen

Prayer to Obtain the Protection of St. Francis de Sales

O Great St. Francis, glorious apostle of Jesus Christ, seraph of the earth, who didst breathe but for the glory of God; perfect

imitator of thy meek and humble Saviour, and devoted child of the holy Mother of God, deign to receive me among the number of thy special clients; be henceforth my advocate, my counselor, my friend, and my father. Thy prayers, even on earth, were the instruments of innumerable miracles of grace. Oh, vouchsafe to offer one for me, now that their efficacy is so greatly increased in heaven. May my entire conversion now add another to the already countless triumphs of thy charity. Teach me, like thee, to see God in my fellow-creatures; and for His sake to make myself all to all, weeping with them that weep, rejoicing with them that rejoice. May the example of thy wondrous meekness sink into my soul and excite my earnest, persevering efforts to imitate it. Strengthen me, by thy prayers, to pursue the difficult practice of interior mortification, without which I can not hope to possess my soul in peace and patience. Oh, enkindle in my heart one spark of the heavenly fire of charity which glowed in thine! Teach me, like thee, to seek and find my happiness in God, and to feel that it is good to live, to labor, and rejoice in Him alone. Shield me against the many perils which beset my path: watch over my immortal interests, and obtain that my soul may die the death of the just, and my last end be like unto thine. Amen.



Prayer to St. John Bosco

O glorious Saint John Bosco, who, in order to lead young people to the feet of the divine Master and to form them in the light of faith and Christian morality, didst heroically sacrifice thyself to the very end of thy life and didst found a fitting religious Institute destined to endure and to bring to the farthest boundaries of the earth thy glorious work, obtain also for us from our Lord a holy love for young people, who are exposed to so many seductions, in order that we may generously spend ourselves in supporting them against the snares of the devil, in keeping them safe from the dangers of the world, and in guiding them, pure and holy, in the path that leads to God. Amen

(Indulgence of 300 days)

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I headed up to Park Falls, WI Friday for an unscheduled stop in order to offer a funeral mass for a relative of our coordinator there. Fr. Simpson, thankfully, had been able to give him last rites a couple of days before he died. Following the funeral, I returned south through Wisconsin to Milwaukee for Our Sunday Masses.

Fr. Simpson survived his foray to the frozen north last week. He seemed to dodge the heavy snows, as the whole country was plunged into a cold stretch, he found out that this is always a bit more apparent in North Dakota. He starts off his Sunday this weekend in Cincinnati before heading down to Dallas, where it is finally mild again, for a Sunday evening Mass.

Here at St. Gertrude's we had two families visiting us for the weekend from out of state; each contemplating moving here so their families can have a regular parochial life. I was able to meet one family, which came up from Florida, and provide them with a little tour of the church. Hopefully they felt welcome and choose to make St. Gertrude's their new home.

This Sunday is already Septuagesima Sunday. Even though it is still technically Christmastide, we begin to shift our minds ahead to the upcoming season of Lent. Prepare yourselves and take some time to think about what you might offer as a sacrifice for this holy season to make it as fruitful as possible.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	1/29/24	St. Francis de Sales, BpCD
Tue	1/30/24	St. Martina, VM
Wed	1/31/24	St. John Bosco, C
Thu	2/1/24	St. Ignatius, BpM
	6:00 PM	Holy Hour
Fri	2/2/24	Purification of Our Lady- Candlemas
	5:30 PM	Confessions, Rosary
	6:00 PM	High Mass, Benediction, Sacred Heart Devotions, (+) <i>Donald Streicker (Keith & Linda Kimpel)</i>
Sat	2/3/24	St. Blaise, BpM
	7:30 AM	Confessions, Rosary
	8:00 AM	Mass, Benediction (+) <i>Anton & Theresa Streicker (Keith & Linda Kimpel)</i>
Sun	2/4/24	Sexagesima Sunday
		St. Andrew Corsini, BpC
	8:00 AM	Confession & Rosary
	8:45 AM	High Mass <i>Thomas Christoff (Gary & Karen Dempsey)</i>
	10:45 AM	Confession & Rosary
	11:15 AM	Low Mass <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>

General Information

Baptism: By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

Confession: Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

Confirmation: Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

First Holy Communion: Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

Communion for the Sick: Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

Extreme Unction: Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

Decorum in Church: Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say “Amen” after the priest says “*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*”

Singing: The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.