



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

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

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Easter IV
St. Paul of the Cross
St. Vitalis

✦ Announcements ✦

Please keep Vincent Modryzk, Barbara's son, in your prayers as he has been in the hospital.

Next Friday and Saturday are the first Friday and first Saturday of the month of May. See schedule for details.

The blessing of religious articles will take place after both masses next Sunday.

Mothers' Day Remembrance Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Fill them out and have them handed in before Mother's Day, May 12th, to ensure that your intentions are remembered during the Masses that day.

Set Your Missal:

Mass Easter V, 1st Comm St. Pius V, Paschal Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 56 souls, \$639.01

Low Mass: 42 souls, \$327

✠ The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following intention: **Fr. Anthony Cekada (Neil and Shannon Schwab)**

Server Schedule

Friday May 3rd: AC1: Chad McGinnis **AC2:** Steve Heckenkamp

Saturday May 4th: AC1: Bennett Larson **AC1:** Elias Larson

Sunday May 5th: High Mass: MC: David Sandberg **TH:** Elias Larson **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Timothy Sandberg **CB:** Dominic Scheeler **TB:** Dominic and Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Tonu Tobias

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

God's Garden

Then right away our soul is transformed into a garden with fragrant blossoms of holy desire. And in the center of the garden is planted the tree of the most holy cross, the resting place of the spotless Lamb. He bathes and waters this glorious garden, irrigating it with His blood; and He Himself bears the mature fruit of true solid virtues. If you want patience, He is the bedrock of meekness, since not a murmur of complaint was heard from the Lamb. He is the bedrock of deep humility, since God stooped down to humanity, and the Word stooped to the shameful death of the cross. If you want charity, He is that charity—and even more, for it was the power of love and charity that kept Him nailed fast to the cross. The cross and nails never could have held the God-Man, had not the power of charity held Him. I'm not surprised that those who make of themselves a garden through self-knowledge are strong in the face of the whole world, for they are conformed and made like unto Christ our life to have a foretaste of eternal life. They control the world by making light of it. The devils are afraid to get near to a soul on fire with divine charity. So up...I don't want you sleeping any more in irresponsibility and sensual love. No, with a boundless blazing love get up and take a bath in Christ's blood; hide in the wounds of Christ crucified.

– *St. Catharine of Siena*

A Great Secret for Preserving Peace of Heart

A great secret for preserving peace of heart is to do nothing with over-eagerness, but to act always calmly, without disquiet. We are not asked to do much, but to do well. At the *Last Day* God will not examine whether we have performed a multitude of works, but whether we have sanctified our souls in doing them. Now the means of sanctifying ourselves is to do everything for God and to do perfectly whatever we have to do. The works that

have as their motive vanity or selfishness make us neither better nor happier, and we shall receive no reward for them.

Happiness, as it can exist here below, consists in peace, in the joy of a good conscience. Our conscience will be joyous and peaceful if it know not remorse; it will not know remorse if we are careful not to offend God. To fly from sin is, therefore, the chief source of happiness on earth. If our conscience is pure, our life will be happy. There are none happier than saints, for there are none more innocent.

Let us do good; let us avoid evil, and we shall be happy. "There is but one way," said a man of genius, "of being happy, and it is to do well all one's duties."

To continually maintain your peace of soul, keep in mind the presence of God, and do all things to please Him. Think also of your good Guardian Angel who is ever at your side; it will help you to avoid what is wrong and to preserve your equanimity.

Lifted Up

"Christ willed to die lifted up, first of all, to cleanse the heavens: for since He had cleansed the things on earth by the sanctity of His life, the things of the air were left to be cleansed by His death: "through Him He should reconcile all things to Himself, whether on earth or in the heavens, making peace through His blood" (Col 1:20). Secondly, to triumph over the demons who prepare for war in the air: "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2). Thirdly, He wished to die lifted up to draw our hearts to Himself: "I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to Myself." And fourthly, because in the death on the cross He was lifted up in the sense that there He triumphed over His enemies; so it is not called a death, but a lifting up: "He will drink from the stream on the way, therefore He will lift up His head" (Ps 109:7). Fifthly, He willed to die lifted up because the cross was the reason for His being lifted up, i.e., exalted: "He became obedient to the Father even to death, the death of the cross; on account of which God has exalted Him" (Phil 2:8).

Now the fruit of Christ's passion is eternal life; hence He says, so that everyone who believes in Him, performing good works, may not be lost, but have eternal life. And this fruit corresponds to the fruit of the symbolic serpent. For whoever looked upon the serpent of bronze was freed from poison and his life was preserved. But he who looks upon the lifted up Son of Man and believes in the crucified Christ, he is freed from poison and sin: "Whoever believes in Me will never die," and is preserved for eternal life. "These things are written that you may believe...and that believing you may have life in His name."

– *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Augustine's Voyage was not Prevented

God often does not grant our prayers because what we ask would be hurtful to us. St. Monica, the mother of the great St. Augustine, for many years prayed for her son's conversion without receiving an answer to her petition. Presently Augustine, who was professor of rhetoric in Carthage, informed her of his intention of going to Rome, in order to have a wider sphere of action. His mother, fearing that the great city would offer fresh dangers and temptations for her son, wept bitterly and endeavored to dissuade him from carrying out his project. She spent the whole of the next night in prayer, beseeching God to prevent him from embarking on the voyage; but, the next morning, to her grief, she heard that he had already set sail. Why, it may be asked, did almighty God not grant her prayer? Because Augustine's residence in Italy was to be for his spiritual profit; for in Milan he made the acquaintance of Bishop Ambrose, whose eloquent discourses had the effect of converting him. Later on Augustine himself said: "O Lord, Thou didst not at that time fulfill my mother's desire, in order to grant her that for which she had for so long a time besought Thee."

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

There have been some really nice spring days lately here at St. Gertrude's. It hasn't been too warm and even sometimes it has been a little cool, but the sun has been shining and a pleasant breeze accompanies the days as well. The only problem with these nice days has been the return of the carpenter bees, which eat at our banisters and covered steps leading to the doors of our houses...If anyone has a good way of getting rid of these pests, I am all ears. Some of the spots are really difficult to get to with spray and so far, the best solution I can come up with, aside from burning the whole thing to the ground, is to keep a tennis racket by the door and forehand volley a couple of these buggers into the afterlife each time I go into the house. It's good sport, but for every one I swat, it seems two more replace them.

We had a beautiful Pontifical Requiem Mass on Friday to mark the second anniversary of the death of Bp. Dolan. I can't believe that two years have already passed by. It was also Fr. Lehtoranta's birthday, but Bp. McGuire and I took him out to celebrate on Thursday evening...a sort of "first vespers" of his birth. It was a very nice time.

The young priests have been gone for the week, leaving just us "elder statesmen" here to hold down the fort at St. Gertrude's. Fr. Simpson has been traveling to all places in the north and concludes his journey at St. Hugh this weekend. Fr. Brueggemann went out for his monthly trip to Seattle to visit the seminary. He will stay there for Sunday and Fr. Ercoli, instead, will cover Mass in Dallas.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	4/29/24	St. Peter Martyr
Tue	4/30/24	St. Catherine of Siena, V <i>Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick</i>
Wed	5/1/24	St. Philip & James, App
Thu	5/2/24	St. Athanasius, BpCD 6:00 PM Holy Hour
Fri	5/3/24	Finding of the Holy Cross 5:00 PM Exposition, Rosary, Sacred Heart Devotions 5:20 PM Confessions 6:00 PM Mass, Holy Face Devotions, Adoration <i>Mary Simpson-Final Perseverance (Neil Schwab)</i> 7:50 PM Benediction
Sat	5/4/24	St. Monica, W 7:30 AM Confessions 8:00 AM Mass & Benediction <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (Joanne Heckenkamp)</i>
Sun	5/5/24	Easter V St. Pius V, PC 8:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass <i>Robert Schwab-Final Perseverance (Neil Schwab)</i> 10:45 AM Confessions, 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.