

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 6, 2006 - TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - PENTECOST IX

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration with the Commemoration and Last Gospel of Pentecost IX. The morning Masses are before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Linger a bit in Church this morning to adore the Blessed Sacrament. Be sure to use a double (both knees) rather than a single genuflection this morning if you are able. Our day of adoration closes with Vespers and Benediction at 1:10 PM.

The Special Second Collection is for *Our Seminary and Mission Support*. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses.

✠ Alter Christus

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning. The ushers are collecting alms for the Alter Christus Confraternity to support priests who might not otherwise receive help. Please be generous.

✠ ANOTHER WEEK OF FEASTS...

Monday, following the 11:30 AM Mass we begin our *Triduum in Honor of the 14 Holy Helpers*.

Tuesday, the Octave Day of St. Peter's Chains, we celebrate the feast of the *14 Holy Helpers* and continue their Triduum, as well as the Thirteen Tuesdays devotion in honor of St. Anthony of Padua at 5:30 PM, before the evening Mass.

Wednesday we honor *St. John Vianney*, the patron saint of parish priests and conclude our Triduum in Honor of the 14 Holy Helpers, following the 11:30 AM Mass.

Thursday we keep the great feast of *St. Lawrence, Deacon*.

The lovely little miracle worker, St. Philomena, Lily of Purity and Red Rose of Martyrdom comes Friday for her feastday. Won't you? The Triduum in her honor begins after the 5:45 PM Mass and concludes on Sunday.

Saturday we celebrate the feast of *St. Clare of Assisi*.

Sunday, August 13th, we observe the fourth of the Fatima apparitions with our monthly *Fatima Rosary Procession* and the

conclusion of our St. Philomena Triduum.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Month. **Childrens' Confessions** will be heard at **10:30 AM**. N.B.: **Vespers and Benediction** are at **4:45 PM**. The Fatima Rosary Procession begins at 7:00 PM.

Set your missal: **August 13th. Pentecost X** with the commemoration of Ss Hippolytus & Cassian, Mm. **PREFACE: Trinity.**



"A SUMMER SUNDAY EVENING OF RECOLLECTION"

Today we dedicated Sunday Morning to Adoration for the great feast of the Transfiguration. Let us next Sunday similarly sanctify the evening hours, honoring Our Lady of Fatima particularly.

Our evening begins with the Church's evening prayer, *Vespers*, followed by *Benediction*. Feel free to fulfill your Sunday obligation by assisting at the *evening Mass at 5:45 PM*.

Finally, come out to Union Center (to the parking lot of the First Watch Restaurant at the corner of Union Center Blvd. and Floer Dr. The address is 9233 Floer Dr. Floer Drive runs parallel with Muhlhauser Road. You may enter Floer Drive from either Union Center Blvd. or Muhlhauser Road) for the Fatima Rosary Procession. How greatly we should pray for peace to avert the World War III, already scheduled by the conspiracy! Your prayers count! Come and pray

✠ Ushers

AUGUST 13, 2006

7:30 AM Kent Maki, John Wiesman, Joe Andreotta, Joe Bayer
9:00 AM Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, John French, Bernie Brueggemann
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Kirby Bischel, Dennis Hille, Tim Carney
5:45 PM Volunteer

✠ Servers

AUGUST 7, - AUGUST 13, 2006

•TUE 8/08 5:45 PM Low: Keaveney, Ritze
•WED 8/09 6:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson
•FRI 8/11 5:45 PM High: Briggs, Bayer, Ritze, Keaveney
•SAT 8/12 7:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson
9:00 AM High: Keaveney, Briggs
•SUN 8/13 7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM High: MC: A. Lotarski; AC: Cozzens Brothers; TH: A. French; TORCH: B. Lotarski, T. Simpson, Eilerman Bros.
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnert, C. Ritze
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: Miller

Collection Report

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2006 \$4325.11

Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

✠ POETRY CORNER

"FIAT"

To follow Thee to Thabor's height
Ah! 'twould be sweet!
With Peter, James and John to stay
At Thy dear feet.

Thy love has traced the way for me,
'Tis up a hill;
And lo! beneath Thy Cross I find
God's holy Will.

—R. M. C.

ST. LAURENCE

Within the broken Vatican
The murdered pope is lying dead.
The soldiers of Valerian
Their evil hands are wet and red.

Unarmed, unmoved, St. Laurence waits,
His cassock is his only mail.
The troops of Hell have burst the gates,
But Christ is Lord, He shall prevail.

They have encompassed him with steel,
They spit upon his gentle face,
He smiles and bleeds, nor will reveal
The Church's hidden treasure-place.

Ah, faithful steward, worthy knight,
Well hast thou done. Behold thy fee!
Since thou hast fought the goodly fight
A martyr's death is fixed for thee.

St Laurence, pray for us to bear
The faith which glorifies thy name.
St. Laurence, pray for us to share
The wounds of Love's consuming flame.

—JOYCE KILMER

NOT SNOW

Not snow, but the thought of it
as a white breast feather
or the first few steps
across a promised land.

The shadow of happiness
printed on muslin,
a nightgown folded
and sheets hung out.

Not snow, but a winter garden
blazoned with light,
curtains drawn back
from the drift of sleep.

—JOHN MOLE



✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

SHOLY HELPER VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, August 12th: Katie Bischak, Regina Gilliam, Beth Brueggemann.
Monday, August 14th: Jeanne Hille, Katie Bischak, Becky Uhlenbrock, Christa VanderPutten.

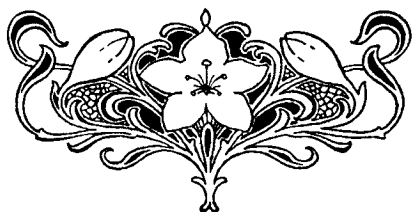


FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The beautiful summer feast of Our Blessed Mother, the Assumption, this year falls on Tuesday. It is traditional to bless

first fruits (herbs and produce) and flowers for this lovely feast, as she is the First Fruit of God's harvest of souls. Please plan to bring a basket to be blessed at the **9:00 AM High Mass**. We would be grateful for garden flowers to use in decorating Our Lady's tomb and for the childrens' procession. Please bring flowers *no later* than this Sunday morning, August 13th.

Bring your children, too, for the privilege of representing the angels in our little procession before the 9:00 AM Mass. After Mass there is a complimentary breakfast for all the children who take part in the procession. Our "*Childrens' Day*" continues with special activities, and the day concludes with Vespers and Benediction at approximately 2:00 PM.



A CATECHISM OF THE CHANGES

By Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn

(This week we continue with Bishop Sanborn's question and answer explanations of Vatican II, the Pope and the SSPX.)

35. Q. Are the Masses offered by the priests of the Society of Saint Pius X an option for us?

A. No. Their Mass is an *una cum* Mass, and although they certainly "mean well," their Mass nonetheless remains in union with a public heretic and false pope, and cannot be attended

The Society of Saint Pius X does not offer a Catholic solution, since on the one hand they recognize Benedict XVI as a true Catholic pope, but on the other hand they completely ignore him. In this they are like the Jansenists, Gallicans, Feeneyites and other sects who have acted similarly. If Benedict XVI is the Pope, then he *must* be obeyed. His teachings and his disciplines *must* be accepted. It is hypocritical to accept his authority but to obey him in virtually nothing.

The only Catholic solution is to reject Vatican II and its changes as *contrary to the previous teaching of the Catholic Church*, and to reject as non-Catholic and as non-popes those who have given us these poisonous changes. Only in this way does the Catholic preserve both the indefectibility of the Catholic Church and the identity of faith, discipline, and worship with its glorious past. The only Catholic solution to the intruding heretic who has penetrated into

an apparent position of authority is to declare him *anathema*.

36. Q. What if the priest is privately not una cum, as is the case with many priests of the Society of Saint Pius X?

A. It is true that many priests of the Society of Saint Pius X hold the position which I have expounded here, but are unwilling to quit that group.

But their secret adherence to our position does not alleviate the problem. For they do not publicly declare their position, and therefore are publicly presumed to profess the position of the Society to which they belong. Think of a Greek Orthodox priest who secretly was submitted to the pope but who continued to function in an organization which repudiated the pope. One could not attend his Mass for the same reason, for it would be a public adherence to the Greek Orthodox position. The same is true for the secret sedevacantists of the Society of Saint Pius X.

Furthermore, is it not a hypocrisy to publicly profess communion with Benedict XVI, but to secretly repudiate him? Could God be pleased with such a hypocrisy? "*But let your speech be yea, yea: no, no: and that which is over and above these is of evil.*" (Matthew 5: 37) "*But let your speech be yea, yea: no, no: that you may not fall under judgement.*" (James 5: 12)

(To be continued.)



OUR GOAL

100%

75%

50%

25%



JULY FINAL RECTORY FUND UPDATE

July Monthly goal	\$5000.00
Received to date	\$4100.00
Percent of goal received	82.00%
Possible contributors	200
Contributors to date	96
Percent contributing	48.00%

Your support is needed and appreciated!

THE MONTHLY RECTORY FUND

This appeal is *monthly*, and on-going. It is Summer, and June was very busy and there were a lot of activities going on at church to distract from the immediate need (*an extra donation*) and July typically is vacation and travel time. However, we *really do* need your \$25.00 a month donation, and it would help significantly if more of you could donate. (The numbers say it all!) Before you decide whether to donate this or month, or whether to become a regular monthly donor, consider this—the cost of one dinner at Mc Donalds for a family of four is approximately \$25.00!

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



MON	08/07/06	ST CAJETAN, C - ST DONATUS, BpM 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>For All of Our Holy Helpers, With Gratitude (Bishop Dolan)</i> Opening of Triduum in Honor of the 14 Holy Helpers
TUES	08/08/06	THE OCTAVE DAY OF ST PETER'S CHAINS Ss Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus, Mm - Feast of the 14 Holy Helpers 5:30 PM Tuesdays of St. Anthony VIII 5:45 PM Low Mass † <i>Rosemary & Clifford Breitenstein (Tom & Connie Kamphaus)</i> Triduum in Honor of the 14 Holy Helpers - II
WED	08/09/06	ST JOHN VIANNEY, C - VIGIL OF ST LAWRENCE, M ST ROMANUS, M - St Emigdius, BpM 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>Poor Souls (B. & F. Bradley)</i> 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>Special Intention (Barbara Kolenich)</i> Closing of Triduum in Honor of the 14 Holy Helpers
THUR	08/10/06	ST LAWRENCE, M 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Alice & Jack Hagerty - Parents (Sheila Hagerty & Joe Praszak)</i>
FRI	08/11/06	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY - Ss TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM - St Philomena, VM 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass , Novena, Opening of Novena in Honor of St. Philomena, Benediction, Confessions <i>Rita Brueggemann (Bob Brueggemann)</i>
SAT	08/12/06	ST CLARE, V 7:00 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass † <i>Ted Johnson (K. & J. Bischel)</i> 8:45 AM Confessions 9:00 AM High Mass , Confessions † <i>Patrick McGovern (Bernard Hall)</i> 4:30 PM Confessions
SUN	08/13/06	PENTECOST X - Ss HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM St John Berchmans, C - OL Refuge of Sinners 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>Bishop Dolan (M/M Victor Ritze)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude's</i> 10:30 AM Childrens' Confessions 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>Paul A. Evans (Shirle A. Downing)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>Doris Ritze (Rose Kuebler)</i> 7:00 PM Fatima Rosary Procession

The feast of the Transfiguration is the Church's *Midsummer* holiday. Formerly it was associated with the blessing of firstfruits, as is still today the Assumption of Our Lady. It has always been our custom at St. Gertrude to observe this day of faith and adoration by a solemn adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. This Sunday, then, we are spending in spirit on Mount Tabor, as we adore the Eucharistic Son of God, Jesus Hostia whose face in the monstrance "shines as the sun" and whose Eucharistic veils are "bright as snow."

Let us especially pray for peace in the Middle East (as well as in our midst,) the safe return of our troops, and for all of the innocent victims of the wars fomented by the Organized Forces of Naturalism, especially that people, once Our Lord's own.

Today Fr. Siordia and Fr. Saavedra open a crucially important Parish Mission in Cocoyoc, Morellos, Mexico. Fr. Mardones joins them tomorrow for the five days of sermons and confessions. Please sacrifice and pray for the devil to be dislodged from that town of predilection, home of the miraculous Lord of the Expiration.

Our mission to Albuquerque, New Mexico went well! A good beginning has been made, and we intend to continue regular Holy Masses with the assistance of Fr. Mardones. Fr. Cekada and I had a pleasant visit to the state dedicated to St. Gertrude the Great. The weather was surprisingly cool and rainy.

I received glowing reports of the very successful Summer Day Camps under the able directions of Fr. Saavedra, Fr. McGuire and Miss Connie Wozny. How important is this apostolate of our youth, and how blessed we are to have able apostles to carry it out. I hope this will be an annual tradition. Perhaps some of you parents will actually sign up on time next year... (Not only parents, but *all* St. Gertrudians are extremely reluctant to commit to anything until the last minute. Sign of the times?)

I wanted to mention the excellent July attendance for the Fatima Rosary Procession, Friday night Holy Hour and the Ladies Evening of Recollection. I hope we can do even better (since the enemy of our souls is now doing even worse) during this month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Doesn't the parking lot look grand, all refinished? Be sure to visit St. Philomena's shrine, with its striking dossal curtain, during August. May she favor us and all of our apostolic endeavors during this month.

It's good to be back! I send a blessing home with you.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ JESUS ON THE SUMMIT OF THE TABERNACLE

The Throne on which I see Thee, O my God, is the summit where Thou art transfigured. The Tabernacle is often a Tabor...but alas, is it not often a Gethsemane? In the Holy Eucharist, there is still a transfiguration, but how different from that of Mount Tabor. Here, the appearances of bread and wine, darkness, loneliness, instead of His glory.

By a new miracle, Jesus sometimes irradiates from the Sacred Host, like a sun as on Tabor; sometimes His Glory fills the Tabernacle as in the apparition to St. Margaret Mary. Even, sometimes during the solemn Liturgy, His brightness reminds us of the witness of Tabor. In our churches, the Tabernacle Throne is a Tabor when Jesus sees numerous faithful coming to receive Him in Holy Communion.

Yet often alas! the Tabernacle is a Gethsemane, where the Eucharistic Lord, is left in silence, humility and loneliness, to offer himself for the salvation of mankind; then it is not a mountain of Tabor but a mountain of agony and death, Gethsemane and Calvary.

My loving Jesus, in Thy earthly life I see but one day of honour and glorification, all the other days are days of sorrow and humiliation. Alas, is it not thus in Thy Eucharistic life; so few Tabor and so many Gethsemans...

O good Redeemer, I promise to lead a life, radiating faith and love for Thee, to make amends for the abandonment and outrages of Thy Altar Gethsemane and transform my heart into an intimate but loving Tabor.

✠ A SUNDAY AFTERNOON'S LIGHT SPIRITUAL READING

THE TRANSFIGURATION

O my soul, cost what it may, thou must pass through trial, sorrow, cross and death; it is the condition of thy transfiguration in Christ. "Our hours of Gethsemane are the tokens of God's predilection. Christ took a chosen few to witness His abasement, sorrow and torture of mind, so also the trial of His agony are a special and precious token of His particular love of us. Let us then raise our hearts up, towards the Thabor of eternal bliss. Let us remember it, during the course of our earthly life; let us not forget it, especially in our devotion to the Holy Eucharist; we may feel sweetness and delight in Holy Communion, but it is not a permanent state, this spiritual joy cannot be everlasting. To possess the neverending Thabor of Glory, we must climb the steep ascent of Gethsemane and Calvary. And as for Jesus, let the brightness and joy of Thabor, be the forerunner of the sorrows of the garden, but do not fear, Jesus full of compassion for our human weakness encourages us. "Do not fear in the midst of your sorrows." Arise and walk forward, the summit of Gethsemane towards which thou climbest is the Thabor of the victims of Christ...

My beloved Jesus, in order to meditate and to pray, often dost Thou retire from the crowds, towards the solitude and wilderness of the hills, Thabor or Gethsemane. I also, propose today to retire from the bustle of the world into the solitude and silence of the mysterious Tabernacle. Here again, re-echoes the voice of the Heavenly Father: "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*" *ipsum audite*, hear ye Him.

Often, my beloved Saviour, have I received Thee in Holy Communion, often also, did I hear Mass, and lovingly, did I visit Thee in the Blessed Sacrament; often too, O Loving Jesus, Thou hast transformed my Eucharistic feast into a delightful abode on Mount Thabor, so as to make me exclaim in joy; It is good for me to be here; let me rest here forever. O beloved Jesus, let me thank Thee heartily for these hours of delightful prayer, close to Thee.

BEFORE THE TABERNACLE

Oh what peace I feel, kneeling here,
Before Thee, my hidden Savior.

I speak no words
As I struggle to keep my mind
Free from all thought,
And receptive only, to whatever
Thou mayest have in store for me.

I thought my visit was of my own accord,
But I know now

That I'm only answering Your call to me.

The silence feels so comfortable,
And envelopes me,

Like a warm blanket, on a cold night.

The knowledge of Your love for me,
Is the comfort food of my soul.

And it is here, before Thee,

That I am most satisfied.

Thank You, "Sweet Jesus"

For loving me so.

—JOHN SEYFRIED



LOVE'S SOLACE

There is never a life without sadness,

There is never a heart free from pain;

If one seeks in this world for true solace,

He seeks for it ever in vain.

So, when to your young heart comes sorrow,

The first and the deepest you've known.

'Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest

Since He reaps in the fields He has sown.

—SISTER IMELDA, O.S.D.



JESUS, BRIGHTNESS OF ETERNAL LIGHT

What so gracious to the sight,

so beautiful, as light

From cloudless sky? It ravishes the heart,

Bidding all grief depart.

But how poor, how weak and dim,

Is this light compared to Him

Whose brightness shone in infinite degree

Through all eternity!

For Light from Light there shone

From out the Father's throne

Before creation's dawn—before all time.

Great mystery sublime!

—REV. JOHN J. RAUSCHER,

ON MOUNT THABOR

O Dearest Lord Jesus Christ, Who by the miracle of Thy Transfiguration on Mount Thabor didst strengthen the faith of Thine Apostles and prepare them for the coming scandal of the Cross, give also to us a strong faith in Thee, Whom the Father commanded us to hear, and Who alone hast the words of eternal life. May the glory which shone on Thabor through Thy human form, and which was but a faint glimpse of the Divinity that dwelt within, confirm our own hope of sharing one day Thy divine glory in Thy heavenly Kingdom. The Apostles saw only a few rays of that glory penetrating the veil of Thy humanity, and yet they were overwhelmed and beside themselves. In Heaven we shall see Thee face to face; we shall be like unto Thee, and shine in Thine own glory and enjoy Thine own divine happiness.

Dearest Lord, let this holy mystery of Thy Transfiguration thus confirm our belief in Thee as being very God, the Son of the Eternal Father, and the object of His infinite complacency. And may that same mystery, revealed on Thabor, show Thee to us as our only Saviour and Master, Whom we must hear and follow in order to share one day in that life of immortal glory to which Thou leadest us.

O Lord, what happiness is there awaiting us, prepared by Thine infinite love for those that love Thee! Heaven is naught else but Thyself, seeing Thee, possessing Thee, enjoying Thee, being like Thee. And as Thou art Infinite Good, therefore heaven is infinite joy in as far as a mere creature is capable of this. All the joys of time, and of all time, put together, are only a shadow of even the least joy of Thy heavenly Paradise.

Is it possible, dear Lord, that Thou hast chosen me to be there one day with Thee, with the Blessed Trinity, Thy Blessed Mother and all the Saints and Angels, in glory and joy everlasting, such as eye has not seen nor ear heard nor human heart can conceive? O Lord, I am not worthy, but oh! my heart longs after Thee, my soul hopes in Thee. I know that, in spite of my unworthiness, Thou lovest me with a divine love, hence I place all my trust in Thee, and I shall not be confounded. One day I shall see Thy beauty unveiled, be transformed into Thee, and enjoy forever the Infinite Goodness, which is Thyself.

—RT. REV. C. VAN DE VEN, D.D.