

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006 - PENTECOST XVI - OUR LADY OF RANSOM - ANGEL SUNDAY
CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE AND DURING ALL MORNING MASSES.

Childrens' Confessions will be heard at **10:40**. The **Blessing of Children** and the dedication to their Guardian Angel takes place today after all Masses.

Vespers and Benediction are at 1:10 PM

✠ NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

On Tuesday we honor "saints from our soil", the North American Martyrs, at the **11:30 AM High Mass**. Please join us.

✠ MICHAELMAS

Friday is the feast of the Guardian Protector of the Church, **St. Michael the Archangel**, with the childrens' **High Mass at 11:30 AM**. Come and implore this powerful messenger and intercessor to beg God, for us, to restore our Church. The **Low Mass and Benediction is at 5:45 PM**.

✠ LESSONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Bishop Dolan or Father Cekada are now offering a systematic study of the Catholic Faith — for all — especially converts and interested non-Catholics, or Catholics who would simply like to learn more about their Holy Faith. Please invite, and even accompany, anyone who may be interested. Join us Saturdays at 3:00 PM.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses. The **Second Collection** is for our *Seminary and Mission Support*. At **1:10 PM** we have the **Opening of the Month of October** with the **Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, and Benediction**.

Set your missal: October 1st. Pentecost XVII with the commemorations of St. Remigius, BpC and Our Lady and All the Saints. **PREFACE: Trinity.**

✠ MASS STIPENDS

We are always delighted to receive your stipends for Holy Mass. Please fill out a **form** (sent by mail with the National Newsletter) or an **envelope** (available in the vestibule and at the Gift Shop) for each Mass requested.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ CATHOLIC MEN & BOYS

For almost five years, now, it has been our policy that Catholic men and boys are to wear a suit coat or jacket, and a tie, to Sunday Mass. This old Catholic custom both expresses and teaches respect for God's Day and House and Sacrifice. There always are a few who take a stand "on principle" to appear at Sunday Mass in very casual or even sloppy dress. They will be asked to appear somewhere else if they refuse to follow this reasonable little rule. **"Deo Optimi Maxima—To God the Greatest Our Best"**.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 8th - Blessing of Roses and Rosary Procession after the 9:00 AM Mass.** The annual **Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast** follows the procession. Cost: \$7/person, \$20/family.
- **October 13th - Final Fatima Rosary Candlelight Procession** following the 5:45 Friday Night evening Mass, at approximately 7:15 PM.
- **October 29th - Christ the King and the All Saints Childrens' Procession.**



The Rosary Confraternity will meet at the Auburn St. Abortion Clinic, Saturday September 30th, to recite the Rosary in reparation for the crime of abortion. We will meet at 11:00 AM following the 9:00 AM Mass and a light breakfast. Everyone is invited to attend.

✠ HOLY HELPER VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, September 30: Katie Bischak.

✠ HELPERS

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7:30 AM Kent Maki, Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus
 9:00 AM Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Dale Wilker, Bernie Brueggemann
 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Kirby Bischel, Dennis Hille, John French
 5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ SERVERS

SEPTEMBER 25, - OCTOBER 1, 2006

*TUE 9/26 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveny
 *WED 9/27 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
 *FRI 9/29 5:00 PM EXPO, BENEDICTION & LOW: Briggs, Bayer, Ritze, Keaveny
 *SAT 9/30 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
 9:00 AM HIGH: Briggs &/or Keaveny
 *SUN 10/01 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: MG: A. Lotarski; AC: R. Hill, L. Schappacher; TH: J. Lotarski TORCH: T. Simpson, Eilerman & Pooppelman Boys
 11:30 AM LOW: Cozzens Brothers
 1:10 PM ROSARY & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: R. Vanderlyt

Collection Report

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006 \$5050.15

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

ANGELUS

Silently, unseen of us,
 With sweet faces luminous
 And with soft wings tremulous—

Angels, through the night and day,
 Earthward, heavenward, take their way
 To and fro in dense array.

Few may understand or know
 How they come and how they go,
 Silent, like great flakes of snow.

Ocean, while they travel it,
 Smiles with calm broad face uplift,
 Where not tale of time is writ.

Yes, and our dull hearts are stirred,
 As though by their honeyed word
 In utter loneliness o'erheard.

Dear God's angels! By His grace;
 One day, in your far-off place,
 We shall see each happy face;

And our love, by tongue untold,
 Shall each one of you enfold
 For our ignorance of old.

—GEMS OF CATHOLIC THOUGHT



COOL MORNING

Mid-August, even so, a faint hint, gift
 of autumn momentarily — a sweet
 soft breeze. With slender branches trees entreat
 a sift of foliage. Their fingers lift.
 Then half a dozen paper leaves adrift
 blow in and dance round summer-
 sandalled feet,
 though brief, their restlessness another fleeting
 sign of imminent and massive shift.
 The season's on the very cusp. We'll see
 the great sun climb and midday will be hot
 but morning now, as evening later, spares
 relentless sultriness, humidity
 with temperate caress. Long-shadowed
 autumn's
 in the wings. The old earth cools, prepares.

—Dorothy Pope

This delightful, modern poem describes our
 weather of late. Notice that it rhymes and has
 internal rhymes as well.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

FEED THE HUNGRY!

Ladies and/or gentlemen of the parish, our priests are looking for *a few good women or men* who would be willing, now and again, to cook a meal for three priests and drop it off at church on either Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. Please call the Church Office if you can help. 645-4212.

OCTOBER 1ST:

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROSARY CONFRATERNITY OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Confraternity, please complete an Enrollment Sheet prior to October 1st and read the following:

As Pope Leo XIII said in his encyclical on the Confraternity, "Whenever a person fulfills his obligation of reciting the Rosary according to the rule of the Rosary Confraternity, he includes in his intentions all its members, and they in turn render him the same service many times over."

Each member includes deceased fellow members as well; and thus he knows that in turn he will be included in the prayers of hundreds of thousands both now and hereafter.

OBLIGATIONS:

Each member strives to pray the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY'S BENEFITS:

1. The special protection of the Mother of God.

2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death.
3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order.
4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
5. Various plenary and partial indulgences. Over 400 years indulgences for every Rosary using blessed beads.

ROSARY INDULGENCES:

For members of the Rosary Confraternity, a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted:

- a. The day of enrollment in the Confraternity.
- b. Christmas (December 25)
- c. Feast of the Purification (Candlemas Day, February 2)
- d. Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)
- e. Easter Sunday
- f. Feast of the Assumption (August 15)
- g. Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)
- h. Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)
- i. Any day when prayed in a church, public oratory, as a family, or with a pious association.
- j. Otherwise a partial indulgence of 400 years is granted.

NEXT ENROLLMENT INTO THE CONFRATERNITY:

October 1, 2006, after the 9:00 AM Mass, Bishop Dolan will enroll new members who have filled in the enrollment sheet and have read this notice. Also, write your name on the signup sheet in the vestibule.



! OCTOBER 8TH:

ROSARY SUNDAY / ANNUAL ROSARY

CONFRATERNITY COMMUNION BREAKFAST
Our annual **Rosary Sunday** blessing of roses to be carried in the procession may be purchased before the 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses. The Rosary Confraternity will lead the outdoor procession after the 9:00 AM Mass.

All Rosary Confraternity members are invited to attend the High Mass in a body, wear their rosary medal and walk in the procession, as well as attend the breakfast afterwards.

The **Annual Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast** follows the High Mass and Procession. Mr. Bernard Hall will be our speaker this year, talking about the "*Rosary's Background and the Church's Prayer: The Divine Office.*" Join us for a delightful breakfast after the Procession and an interesting and informative talk and a chance to socialize. Purchase your tickets from Confraternity members at **\$7/person and \$20/family.**

! A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

Father Martin Stepanich and Sister Mary Olive are elderly Franciscan Traditional Religious who are very independent yet needing assistance of light duties throughout the week—cooking, cleaning errands, etc. Father offers daily Mass in his chapel—at the age of 91.

Position would suit one having another part-time job, a student, overseas visitor, or care/nurse. Religious are preferred, yet all applicants will be considered. This would also suit a female who is very modest in dress, and aspires to the spiritual life.

If you would like to be considered for this position, or receive more information, please express your interest a.s.a.p. to Cecilia Omlor at ceciliaomlor@hotmail.com with current resume and 3 references.

! IN YOUR CHARITY...

Albert Daniel Kinnett (parishioner and Catechism T.A.) is in need of a ride to church on Sundays from the Dayton area—Wright State University. If you can help, please call him at 513-205-9225.

OUR GOAL

100%

75%

50%

25%



SEPTEMBER RECTORY FUND

This appeal is *monthly*, and on-going. It is Fall, and September is a very busy time, what with school starting and all the activities going on at church, so it's easy to be distracted from our immediate need (*an extra donation*). However, we *really do* need your \$25.00 a month donation, and it would help significantly if more of you could donate. Before you decide whether to donate, 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

MON	09/25/06	FERIAL DAY 11:30 AM Requiem High Mass <i>Purgatorial Society</i>
TUES	09/26/06	SS ISAAC JOGUES & COMP, MM Ss CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM 11:30 AM High Mass <i>†Jerome and Honor Gerard - September Remembrance</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory (Linda Cardamone)</i>
WED	09/27/06	Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>For Poor Souls (Dominic Wright Family)</i> 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Special Intention of Andrew Lotarski (The Wilker Family)</i> 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THUR	09/28/06	ST WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Special Intention (Barbara Kolenich)</i> 7:00 PM Compline
FRI	09/29/06	DEDICATION OF ST MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL - MICHAELMAS DAY 11:00 AM Confessions 11:30 AM High Mass <i>In Honor of St. Michael for Tom Nies & Cincom</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass, Confessions <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory (The Duff Family)</i>
SAT	09/30/06	ST JEROME, CD 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>†Ronald E. Kitchen (Marge)</i> 8:45 AM Confessions 9:00 AM High Mass <i>Pro-Life (Rosary Confraternity)</i> 3:00 PM Lessons in the Catholic Faith 4:30 PM Confessions
SUN	10/01/06	PENTECOST XVII - ST REMIGIUS, BPC 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>†Ron Kitchen (Rose Kitchen)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>†Joan Elizabeth Dunham (William Harris)</i> followed by Enrollment in the Rosary Confraternity 10:30 AM Catechism Class 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>For Poor Souls - 5/6 (B. & F. Bradley)</i> 1:10 PM Opening of the Month of the Rosary — Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude</i>

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



Last Sunday was another "action packed" day at St. Gertrude the Great. The Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows always opens our new season, and we welcomed back our fine choir. The High Mass was lovely, as we contemplated with gratitude the Seven Swords which pierced our Mother's Heart. Would you like to join the choir in the privilege of making exquisite music for the worship of God? Practice is on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM.

After the morning Masses we had a very joyful picnic under blue skies, with plenty of playful children and good food. Fr. Thielen attended as well as Fr. Cekada and myself and a good time was had by all.

Fr. Saavedra is teaching three days a week at our school, and we are grateful for his priestly presence, as well as for the tremendous talent and dedication represented by our dedicated staff of lay teachers.

I visited some of the Sunday Catechism classes last Sunday, and was delighted to see everything going so well. May the angels continue to guide all of our efforts for God's glory and the good of souls, especially precious little ones.

Today Fr. Thielen is doing duty in the Confessional, and Fr. Cekada and I are blessing our little angels and dedicating them to our Guardian Angels. May they watch over St. Gertrude the Great, all of our families, our fallen away, our financial needs and projects, vocations and all of the needs of our souls!

I wish to thank those who purchased and prepared food for the parish picnic, and all who participated. God bless as well the ladies of St. Gertrude who persevere in their monthly meeting, and especially those who help organize and bring refreshments.

May the Queen of Angels keep you in her tender care.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ GUARDIAN ANGELS



Remember your guardian angel. Not a plump lady with swan-wings! But—at least this is my notion and feeling—as souls with free-will we are, as it were, so placed as to face God. But God is also behind us, supporting, nourishing us. The bright point of power where that life-line, that spiritual umbilical cord touches: there is our angel,

facing two ways to God behind us in the direction we cannot see, and to us. But of course do not grow weary of facing God, in your free right and strength. If you cannot achieve inward peace, and it is given to few to do so in tribulation, do not forget that the aspiration for it is not a vanity, but a concrete act.

—J.R.R. TOLKIEN

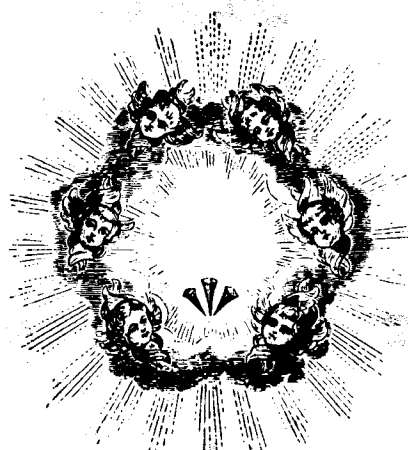
Ye Angels and Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, Principalities and Powers, Virtues of the heavens, Cherubim and Seraphim! Bless the Lord forever.

—300 days indulgence

§SERVERS NOTE

Servers are to wear:

- A white shirt
- Polished black shoes
- Dark pants
- Neatly cut, clean, combed hair
- Clean hands!



✠ "OTHER VOICES" ON OUR CHILDREN

SELF-ESTEEM MOVEMENT

DOESN'T HELP KIDS

BY ROWLAND NETHAWAY

When I went to school, I was paddled for misbehavior, ridiculed for not doing my homework and played dodge ball with some of my classmates during recess.

I had no complaints.

The paddlings kept unruly kids in line. The public humiliation goaded us to be prepared for the next day's lessons. Dodge ball was fun.

My school experience was no different from that of my parents, grandparents and previous generations.

During the social turmoil of the mid-to late 1960's, a line of thought developed that children were harmed by paddlings and public scoldings from authority figures.

This was the beginning of the self-esteem movement. The time-honored practice of encouraging children to compete for grades and honors in the classrooms was an assault on the self-esteem of children who had their feelings hurt if they did not excel.

Now, according to recent USA Today news story by Emily Bazar, a growing number of schools are telling children that they must not even play tag during recess.

According to the article; Donna Thompson of the National Program for Playground Safety reported the growing trend among schools to ban tag, soccer, touch football and other activities that involve contact among children.

"It's happening more" Thompson was quoted by Bazar. Educators, she said, worry about "kids running into one another" and getting hurt.

School officials and educators are protecting the psyches of the children from academic or athletic embarrassment and are protecting themselves from lawsuits in case an alleged harm, either physical or mental, befall the youngsters while on school property.

It makes you wonder how children who grow up completely protected from the normal vicissitudes of life will be able to compete when they become adults.

These issues would not deserve a second thought if the changes in U.S. schools had achieved higher academic accomplishments over the past 30 or 40 years.

Schools exist for learning, not to provide baby sitters for parents or jobs for teachers. If schoolchildren do not learn what they need to know to succeed in life, then schools are a waste of time and money.

Unfortunately, whether coincidence or not, academic achievement—learning—started dropping off in the 1960s and deteriorated to the point that some youngsters received high school diplomas they could not read.

Children need to learn to compete in the classroom and on the playground so they can better compete in the workforce and increasingly in the global marketplace.



FROM A
TRADITIONAL
PRIEST
Some
"Uncommon
Sense"

Pope Pius XII
in his docu-
ment *Guiding*

Christ's Little Ones says: "Train the character of your children. Correct their faults, encourage and cultivate their good qualities and coordinate them with that stability which will make for resolution in after life. Your children, conscious, as they grow up and as they begin to will and think, that they are guided by a good parental will, constant and strong, free from violence and anger, not subject to weakness or inconsistency, will learn in time to see therein the interpreter of another higher will, the will of God, and so you will plant in their souls the seeds of those early moral habits which fashion and sustain a character, train it to self-control in moments of crisis and to courage in the face of conflict or sacrifice, and imbue it with a deep sense of Christian duty."

Another word for this "sense of Christian duty" is responsibility, which is defined as the moral accountability of a person for his voluntary acts. Responsibility

is also, the second of the essential R's that parents must instill in their children, the lack of which has affected today's social life and added to the acceleration of our nation's moral degradation.

Nowhere is this more obvious than in the sins committed against justice, where the common good, duties towards individuals or ultimately towards God are selfishly thrown aside with blatant disregard for the moral law. Justice, like every other virtue, enters into the Christian categorical imperative: "decline from evil and do good"; and, therefore, it implies not only the obligation to do good to others, but also that of not impeding or injuring the rights of others.

Ultimately this is a problem that is caused by the fact that the principles of penance and atonement are not functioning in many people's lives today. When someone does something bad, that person should be made to feel bad (penitent) about it and held responsible for correcting the problem caused by his misdeeds (atonement). In many families, these principles have been turned upside down so that when the children misbehave, it is the parents who feel bad about their misdeeds and it is the parents who try to solve the problem, which only the children can solve; starting with their feeling bad about it themselves. Without penance, atonement will never take place. Unless complete responsibility for a problem involving misbehavior is assigned to the child in question, that problem will never be solved. Parents must, therefore, unload these problems onto their children's shoulders, or better yet never take them upon themselves in the first place.

In the past, when children misbehaved in school, they were routinely assigned the consequences of their own misbehavior. They were made to shoulder the consequences and parents were expected to support the disciplinary actions taken and even amplify them at home if need be. Even if parents felt that the teacher wasn't the best in the world, or that the teacher wasn't handling the behavior properly or was even overreacting to their children's behavior, they realized that none of this

✠ "OTHER VOICES" ON OUR CHILDREN (CONT'D.)

was as relevant as two solid facts: their child had misbehaved and thus required punishment. Parents felt that their first obligation was to back authority and thus even when there was a doubt they gave the benefit of the doubt to the teacher and not to their child. Thus the child who created a problem at school had an agonizing walk home knowing that he was "in for it."

But today, there are many parents who have swallowed the bait, hook, line and sinker, of modern propaganda spread by "parenting professionals" and so do not want their children to suffer any "negative consequences" caused by the "old fashioned disciplinary methods, which were cruel, hurtful and even abusive." This results in their being overprotective, and because they don't want to be considered as "mean" by their children, they no longer use disciplinary techniques that are memorable and thus persuasive. When there is a problem, they blame the teacher for their children's misbehavior and so teach their children that irresponsible behavior is inconsequential. Thus, no matter what action the school takes, it cannot correct the problem because of the improper values taught at home.

These same "professionals" equate discipline with punishment, meant to break children's wills to make them passively subservient. But parents must recognize that this is not the goal of proper discipline and that discipline and punishment are not the same thing. Ultimately, the goal of parental discipline is to produce adults who require minimal "management" of their behavior; in other words, self-disciplined, or adults who are able to successfully take discipline into their own hands. Punishment may be part of the whole process of discipline but parents should keep in mind that punishments are given primarily for helping not punishing children. Parents must let the punishment fit the crime and the only one that does so is the one that stops the crime from happening again. Children will not stop misbehaving because their misbehavior makes their *parents* upset but only when it makes *them* upset.

Nor should we think discipline to be

the breaking of wills but rather the bending of wills toward their proper end in order to make children autonomous. To do this, parents must establish reasonable yet challenging expectations by setting and enforcing limits, which they themselves model as socially appropriate behavior. Parents need to discipline their children but they must be disciplined themselves if they hope to instill the same in their children.

Too often, parents themselves lack discipline and so correct, or rather punish, even the smallest mistakes with great drama and passion. But disciplined parents know where they stand and where they want their children to stand and they understand that a key to successful discipline is the projection of proper self-confidence. By communicating their expectations in no uncertain terms, coming straight to the point, telling (not asking!) the child what to do, parents project this self-confidence. If enforcement is needed, it is done in an evenhanded way without brutality or bribery. When children misbehave, self-confident parents make sure that those same children get upset, while they themselves remain calm. Only the penitent atones.

Discipline is the process of making a disciple, i.e. one who voluntarily follows your lead. The result for parents who discipline correctly will be that their children will respect their wisdom and seek their guidance. They will place great value on their parents' approval and so want to behave in ways pleasing to them. Well-disciplined children will thus be guided toward accepting ever-increasing amounts of responsibility for their lives.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

September 24

BY FATHER FABER

Mother of Mercy, day by day
My love of thee grows more and more;
Thy gifts are strewn upon my way
Like sands upon the great seashore.

Though poverty, and work, and woe,
The masters of my life may be,
When times are worst who does not know
Darkness is light with love of thee?

But scornful men have coldly said
Thy love was leading me from God;
And yet in this I did but tread
The very path my Saviour trod.

They know but little of thy worth
Who speak these heartless words to me,
For what did Jesus love on earth
One half so tenderly as thee?

Get me the grace to love thee more—
Jesus will give if thou wilt plead;
And, Mother, when life's cares are o'er,
Oh, I shall love thee then indeed.

Jesus when His three hours were run,
Bequeathed thee from the Cross to me;
Oh! then how can I love thy Son,
Sweet Mother, if I love not thee?



SLENDER CREDOS

Some thoughts are too deep and breathless
For the chain of words,
Yet swift and sure as greening circles
Of humming birds.

Others hang in blue-ice splendor
From caverns of the soul,
With no message for any stranger
In any role.

Neither rhyme nor metered music
Can tempt some joys out
For any one to lay a shadow,
Or cast a doubt.

These slender credos of the spirit
Are mine alone to cry;
As the mountains keep their secrets,
So do I.

—SELECTED POEMS
BY ANNE TANSEY

✠ ANGELS

EX ORE INFANTUM

Little Jesus, wast Thou shy
Once, and just so small as I?
And what did it feel like to be
Out of Heaven, and just like me?
Didst Thou sometimes think of *there*,
And ask where all the angels were?
I should think that I would cry
For my house all made of sky;
I would look about the air,
And wonder where my angels were;
And at waking 'twould distress me—
Not an angel there to dress me!

Hadst Thou ever any toys,
Like us little girls and boys?
And didst Thou play in Heaven with all
The angels, that were not too tall,
With stars for marbles? Did the things
Play *Can you see me?* through their wings?

Didst Thou kneel at night to pray,
And didst Thou join Thy hands, this way?
And did they tire sometimes, being young,
And make the prayer seem very long?
And dost Thou like it best, that we
Should join our hands to pray to Thee?
I used to think, before I knew,
The prayer not said unless we do.
And did Thy Mother at the night
Kiss Thee, and fold the clothes in right?
And didst Thou feel quite good in bed,
Kissed, and sweet, and Thy prayers said?

Thou canst not have forgotten all
That it feels like to be small:
And Thou know'st I cannot pray
To Thee in my father's way—
When Thou wast so little, say,
Couldst Thou talk Thy Father's way?—
So, a little Child, come down
And hear a child's tongue like Thy own;
Take me by the hand and walk,
And listen to my baby-talk.
To Thy Father show my prayer
(He will look, Thou art so fair),
And say: "O Father, I, Thy Son,
Bring the prayer of a little one."

And He will smile, that childrens' tongue
Has not changed since Thou was young!

—FRANCIS THOMPSON

THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN

Whoso shall receive one such little child in My name, receives Me. Observe how He speaks, as if He would give you some great and urgent encouragement; not only does He give permission, but He promises a reward to those who dedicate children to Him. He not only bids us do the very thing we wish to do, but bestows on the doing it a second blessing.

He promises that if we bring children to Him for His blessing, He will bless us for bringing them; if we receive them for His sake, He will make it as if we received Himself, which is the greatest reward He could give us.

Thus, while we are engaged in this work of receiving children in His name, let us recollect, to our great comfort, that we are about no earthly toil; we are taking part in a joyful solemnity, in a blessed and holy ordinance, in which our Saviour Christ not only comes to them, but spiritually into our own souls.

—John Henry Cardinal Newman



If we saw an angel clearly, we should die of pleasure.

—St. Bridget of Sweden

Since God often sends us inspirations by means of His angels, we should frequently return our aspirations to Him by means of the same messengers.

—St. Francis de Sales

I tell you truly, my beloved, that our carelessness and our humiliation and our turning aside from the way are not a loss to us only, but they are a weariness for the angels and for all the saints in Christ Jesus. Our humiliation gives grief to them all, and our salvation gives joy and refreshment to them all.

—St. Anthony of Egypt

When tempted, invoke your angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him: he trembles and flees at your guardian angel's sight.

—St. John Bosco

MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Not woman-faced and sweet, as look
The angels in the picture-book;
But terrible in majesty,
More than an army passing by.

His hair floats not upon the wind
Like theirs, but curled and closely twined:
Wrought with his aureole, so that none
Shall know the gold curls from the crown.

His wings he hath put away in steel,
He goes mail-clad from head to heel;
Never moon-silver hath outshone
His breastplate and his motion.

His brows are like a battlement,
Beautiful, brave and innocent;
His eyes with fires of battle burn—
On his strong mouth the smile is stern.

His horse, the horse of Heaven, goes forth,
Bearing him off to South and North,
Neighing far off, as one that sees
The battle over distances.

His fiery sword is never at rest,
His foot is in the stirrup prest;
Through all the world where wrong is done
Michael the Soldier rideth on.

Michael, Commander! Angels are
That sound the trumpet and that bear
The banners by the Throne, where is
The King one nameth on his knees.

Angels there are of peace and prayers,
And they that go with wayfarers,
And they that watch the house of birth,
And they that bring the dead from earth.

And mine own Angel. Yet I see,
Heading God's army gloriously,
Michael Archangel, like a sun,
Splendid beyond comparison!

—KATHERINE TYNAN



*Saint Michael, first champion of the
Kingship of Christ! Pray for us.*

—300 days indulgence

Rosary Sunday, October 8, 2006



Join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 8th. Roses will be sold before the 9 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

A Rosary procession will take place after the 9 AM Mass. Following the procession, there will be an excellent breakfast in the Social Hall. The cost is \$20.00 per family or \$7.00 per person.

Mr. Bernie Hall will give an interesting talk on the breviary and the Rosary. Please join us!

St. Gertrude the Great Rosary Confraternity

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Confraternity, please fill in an Enrollment Sheet prior to Oct. 1st and read the following:

As Pope Leo XIII said in his encyclical on the Confraternity, "whenever a person fulfills his obligation of reciting the Rosary according to the rule of the Rosary Confraternity, he includes in his intentions all its members, and they in turn render him the same service many times over."

Each member includes deceased fellow members as well; and thus he knows that in turn he will be included in the prayers of hundreds of thousands both now and hereafter.

OBLIGATIONS

Each member strives to pray the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY'S BENEFITS

1. The special protection of the mother of God.
2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death.
3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order.
4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
5. Various plenary and partial indulgences...Over **400 years** **indulgences** for every Rosary using blessed beads.

ROSARY INDULGENCES

For members of the Rosary Confraternity, a **plenary** indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted:

- a. The day of enrollment in the Confraternity.
- b. Christmas (December 25)
- c. Feast of the Purification (Candlemas Day, February 2)
- d. Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)
- e. Easter Sunday
- f. Feast of the Assumption (August 15)
- g. Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)
- h. Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)
- i. Any day when prayed in a church, public oratory, **as a family**, or with a pious association.
- j. Otherwise a partial indulgence of **400 years** is granted.

NEXT ENROLLMENT INTO THE CONFRATERNITY

Oct. 1, 2006, after the 9:00 AM Mass, Bishop Dolan will enroll new members who have filled in the enrollment sheet and have read this notice. Also, write your name on the signup sheet in the vestibule.

St. Gertrude the Great
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
Enrollment Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

As a member of the Rosary Confraternity, I will pray 15 decades of the Rosary every week.

Sign Name _____

(Annual Dues are \$10.00)