



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH
11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
HOLY NAME OF MARY
PENTECOST XV
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



Young man, I say to thee, Arise.

¶**Vespers, Benediction and Novena**
Sunday Vespers and Benediction: 4:45 PM; at other times as announced. Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart and Benediction: Friday evening after Mass. Other Novenas and Devotions, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses, at communion rail.

¶**Children's Confessions:** One Sunday of the month at 10:40 AM, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Additional Confessions:** Fourth Sunday of the month (or as announced), for those unable to come at regularly-scheduled times.

¶**Prayer Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

¶**Appointments & Sick Calls:** Please phone the church office.

¶**Catholic Books & Religious Articles:** A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required)

must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend only the traditional Latin Mass. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churaching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶**Confirmation:** Confirmation is solemnly administered in October and May of each year, and privately as requested. According to canon law, children should, if possible, be confirmed before First Holy Communion.

¶**First Holy Communion:** Children should make their First Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason (usually between the ages of five and eight) and know the rudiments of the Faith (the First Communion Catechism.) First Holy Communion is administered each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Feast of Christ the King.

¶**Matrimony:** If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest *before* setting a date.

¶**Extreme Unction:** Your priests serve a wide area and must often travel far to administer this sacrament. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last

moment. Let us know if a church member is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

¶**Mass Intentions:** Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

¶**Dress Code:** *Ladies*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 • PENTECOST XV**
Today opens our Catechism and adult education classes at the traditional time of **10:30 AM. All are welcome!**

Today our special prayer begins with the **First Vespers of the Holy Cross** (one of the most beautiful Vespers of the year!) and **Benediction at 4:45 PM.** Low Mass with sermon follows at **5:45 PM,** and leads us into the penultimate **Fatima Rosary Procession at 7:00 PM.**

¶ THIS WEEK

Honor the **Holy Cross,** and be blessed with its precious relic at both Masses on **Monday. The Seven Sorrows of Mary** call all of us to church on **Tuesday.** Remember the short Low Mass offered on many mornings. (Tuesday - Friday this week).

Don't forget the **Ember Days** this week. **St. Francis' Stigmata** falls on **Thursday,** and his flying follower **St. Joseph Cupertino** comes **Ember Friday.**

St. Januarius, a perpetual miracle worker, is honored on **Ember Saturday,** as is **Our Lady of La Salette.**

¶ KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Our new chaplain, Fr. Larrabee, invites all of the boys of St. Gertrude to join him **Monday at 4:00 PM** at Sharon Woods Park.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the **Fall Ember Days.** All Catholics, age seven and older, must keep the abstinence, partial on Wednesday and Saturday, total on Friday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 are obliged to follow the Church laws of fast—one full meal a day.

¶ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember Diane Powell, Nadine Henry, Richard Zbilicki, Connie Kamphaus and all of our sick and shut in as well as our faithful departed, †Jeanne Shannon of Urbana, buried by Fr. Ramolla this past Thursday.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is quite special, even for St. Gertrude. In the morning, Confessions will be heard before and/or during all Masses. Children's Confessions (parents please note!) begin at 10:30, followed by Catechism Classes and Adult Education as usual. In the afternoon, our annual parish picnic begins about 1:00 PM or so. All day, the Blessing of the sick in honor of the Sorrowful Mother will be given, after each Mass.

Set your missal;

Low Masses: Pentecost XVI, with commemoration of St. Eustace and family, Preface of the Trinity.

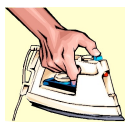
High Mass: The Seven Sorrows (September 15) with the commemoration and Last Gospel of Pentecost XVI, and Preface of the B.V.M. simple Benediction follows the Low Mass.

¶ PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic is next Sunday, **September 20th.** Join us anytime between 1-5:00 PM at "*Council Bluffs Shelter*" in Sharon Woods Park for an afternoon of games, good food and great company. We're providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks; you bring the rest.

¶ FR. RAMOLLA ASKS FOR HELP!

Sacristy volunteers are needed for ironing. Ironing can be done at the church or at home. *Please contact Fr. Ramolla or Katie at the church.*



¶ ROSARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Please plan to join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 4th. Roses will be sold before the 9 am and 11:30 am Masses, and blessed after Mass.

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

Fr. Larrabee will be joining us. Come meet our new priest and learn how he became one.

✠ POETRY CORNER

MY MOTHER'S NAME IS MARY

*We must be children once again, saith He,
Whose Word is life's high law; so, when I roam
Out of the narrow way and stand in need,
Lest I be lost forever, I will plead:
"My Mother's name is Mary, and my home
Is where she lives, in Heaven, and looks for me."*

—Fr. John Fitzpatrick, O.M.I.

The "Rose of Sharon" mentioned by Solomon for its beauty and loveliness refers to the Blessed Mother, and the name Sharon, given to girls for Mary, the Mother of God, refers to the Rose of Sharon.

Saron, Sharon in Hebrew, was a fertile plain in Palestine and was known for its beautiful flowers, amongst these a pretty rose. There are many lovely traditions or legends about the rose, one saying that the roses grew wherever our Blessed Mother set her foot while carrying the Divine Child into Egypt.



Collection Report

Sunday September 6.....\$4,295.00
Second Collection.....\$1,625.00

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

Ushers

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer
9:00 AM Gerry Keaveney, Mark Lotarski, Paul Puglielli, Mike Briggs
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

• MON 9/14 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
• TUE 9/15 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer
• WED 9/16 6:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson
5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, Wneks
• THU 9/17 5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze
• FRI 9/18 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, T. Kunkel
• SAT 9/19 7:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson
8:00 AM LOW: A. Ribar, M. Ribar
• SUN 9/20 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lotarski CROSS: R. Hill
ACS: A. Richesson, T. Simpson
TH: T. Kunkel F. Puglielli
TORCH: N. McClorey, J. Kunkel, P. Duff, J. Simpson,
11:30 AM LOW AND BENEDICTION: M. Brugger, J. Brugger
5:45 PM LOW: M. Derksen

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	9/14/09	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 11:20 AM High Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson (M/M Mark Lotarski) Blessing of the Relic of the True Cross 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of the Holy Cross for protection against the foe Blessing of the Relic of the True Cross
TUE	9/15/09	SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY ST. NICOMEDES, M 8:00 AM Low Mass My Mother (Mary Lacy) 11:20 AM High Mass Triduum Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 PM Low Mass In Thanksgiving & Honor to our M.P.H. and for my intentions (Patrick Omlor)
WED	9/16/09	EMBER WEDNESDAY - FAST DAY ST. CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BpMM 6:30 AM Low Mass Private Intention 11:20 AM High Mass Ernie for his birthday (Bishop Dolan) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intentions for Priests (GPK) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THUR	9/17/09	STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Cekada (Wanke Family) 11:20 AM High Mass Tom & Connie Kamphaus (Bernie B.) 5:00 PM Low Mass The needs of the Chris Ritze Family (Bernie B.)
FRI	9/18/09	EMBER FRIDAY - FAST DAY ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Cekada (Mark, Lori, and Nevie Smith) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass †Frank Cekada (Tom & Stella Simpson) 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass †Joyce Rentschler (The Ron Kitchen Family) Novena, Benediction, Confessions
SAT	9/19/09	EMBER SATURDAY - FAST DAY ST. JANUARIUS, BpM & COMP, MM VIGIL OF ST. MATTHEW O.L. OF LA SALETTE 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass John Wiesman (Bob Brueggemann), Confessions 8:10 AM Sermon and Low Mass Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (The Duff Family) For the Devotions of the 15 Saturdays of the Most Holy Rosary meditate on the Ascension
SUN	9/20/09	SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS PENTECOST XVI St. EUSTACE & COMP, MM THE BLESSING OF THE SICK FOLLOWS ALL MASSES 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (Charlene Bloemker) 9:00 AM High Mass Bernie Brueggemann Birthday (Bob Brueggemann) 10:30 AM Catechism Classes and Adult Ed. 11:30 AM Low Mass Robert E. Kuebler (Kueblers) and Simple Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Another Season starts this September Sunday, under the perfect patronage of the Most Holy Name of Mary. May her name be ever on our lips, so that Jesus' Holy Name may reign in our hearts, homes and society.



Welcome back to our dear Sunday School students. (Adults, remember classes are open for you too: you may attend the Adult Education in the school office, or profitably sit in on Dominic O'Donnell's High School Apologetics course. Special thanks go to our devoted teachers who gives so much, and do a lot for a few with a little!

Our own school is well underway, with a particularly spirited Kindergarten class. Fr. Larrabee has joined our devoted staff, and Fr. Ramolla returns for another year. Attend the 11:20 School Mass with us if you can, or assist at it spiritually with the webcasting.

Two dear ladies of the parish celebrated significant birthdays in August, and yet manage to stay just as young as ever. Our best wishes and prayers go to Barb Steinmetz and Beckie Mattingly.

Dads, be sure your boys are getting in on the weekly Knights of the Sacred Heart, with Fr. Larrabee and volunteer fathers every Monday afternoon at 4:00 PM.

Don't forget the Ember Days this week. Speaking of sacrifices, we could sure use you for an hour or two every now and again to help clean in the church, or iron in the sacristy. Please let me know if you can spare the time for Jesus and His Father's House.

Serious times call for serious prayer. Can you come to Holy Cross Vespers and Benediction this afternoon, and to the Fatima Rosary Procession the evening? Collect a carload of faithful, and come on over! This Season, we're starting with serious prayer!

God bless you!

-Bishop Dolan

After Mass

*As if softly my spirit by Seraphim tended,
A peace 'round me hovers when Mass has been ended;
A divine grace from Heaven which earth cannot give,
And which teaches poor sinners for Saviour to live.
Like the touch of the breeze on the harp of a rill,
Like the song of the leaves, neither rustling nor still,
Like the singing of grasses and flowers that nod
To the breeze—from my heart comes a hymn
praising God!*

—Fray Angelico Chavez

Have you noticed our expanded daily Mass schedule? Several mornings a week there is a short 8 am Mass, without sermon or devotions. Perhaps when you are dropping off children for school, you could linger for Holy Mass? The Graces!

✠ HOLY CROSS

O precious cross of the Lord, Moses prefigured you when he stretched out his arms to Heaven and thus defeated the haughty Amalek. You are the pride of the faithful, the strength of those who struggle. You are the beauty of the apostles, the courage of the just, and the salvation of all the saints. Wherefore, at the sight of your elevation, the whole creation rejoices and exults and glorifies Christ whose goodness tied all things together into one.

O most venerable cross of the Lord, the angels surround you with joy. By your elevation today, you raise those who had been cast down and delivered to death for having eaten of the forbidden tree. Wherefore we honor you in the faith of our hearts and praise you with our lips, begging for sanctification.

Come, all you nations, let us bow in worship to the blessed cross of the Lord through which eternal justice came to us. He who deceived Adam, the first man, was conquered by a tree, and the same who fettered the royal creation by his guile has been cast down into nothingness. The serpent's venom has been washed away by the divine blood of Christ, and the curse of the sin has been lifted by a rightful sentence when the just Christ was condemned unjustly. By God's plan, death that had come from a tree would be conquered by a tree, and suffering would be healed by the suffering of the Lord. Glory be to the active presence of your providence in our lives, O Christ our King: through it, you have wrought salvation for all.



May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal 6:14)

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“With the Cross we are freed from the restraint of the enemy and we clutch on to the strength of salvation” (Saint Theodorus of the Estudite). For salvation means escape from our own inability. At the same time, “we cannot produce or give any other fruit,” writes Saint Catherine of Siena, “but the fruit we have taken from the tree of life.” No wonder that “the sign of the cross makes kings of all those reborn in Christ” (Saint Leo the Great).



The Cross, instrument of torture and death, raised aloft as a sign of glory, continues to confound the wisdom of this world. God's work of salvation stands human expectations on their head: humility is exaltation, wounds are healing, death is life.

INVOCATION OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TO THE HOLY CROSS

(300 days indulgence, once a day,
Pope Pius IX, January 21, 1874)

The Cross is my sure salvation.

The Cross I ever adore.

The Cross of my Lord is with me.

The Cross my refuge forevermore.

ST. ANTHONY'S BRIEF

Behold the Cross of the Lord
Flee, forces of the foe
The lion of the tribe of Judah conquers
The root of Jesse, Alleluia.

V. Saint Anthony, vanquisher of demons,
pray for us!

R. That we be made worthy of the promises
of Christ!

Grant, O God, to thy people, through the
intercession of Thy servant, blessed
Anthony, the graces to prevail over the
power of darkness, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

From the snares of the devil, deliver us Saint
Anthony!

✠ HOLY NAME OF MARY

Prayer to the Queen of Angels

August Queen of Heaven and Mistress of angels, thou who hast received from God the power and the mission to crush the head of Satan, we humbly beseech thee to send forth the legions of Heaven, that under thy command they may pursue the demons, everywhere put them to flight, curb their insolence, and hurl them back to the abyss. “Who is like unto God?”

O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our love and our hope.

O Mother of God, send the holy angels to defend me, and to drive far away from me the cruel enemy.

Holy angels and archangels, defend and keep us. Amen.

THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

If the winds of temptations surge, if you run aground on the shoals of troubles, look to this star, call upon Mary! If you are tossed by the winds of pride or ambition or detraction or jealousy, look to this star, call upon Mary! If anger or greed or the allurements of the flesh dash against the boat of your mind, look to Mary! And if you are troubled by the enormity of your sins, confused by the foulness of your conscience, terrified by the horror of the Judgement, so that you begin to be swallowed up in the pit of sadness, the abyss of despair, think of Mary! In dangers, in straits, in perplexity, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let her name be always in your mouth and in your heart, and, if you would ask for and obtain the help of her prayers, do not forget the example of how she lived. If you follow her, you will not go astray. If you pray to her, you will not despair. If you think of her, you will not be lost. If you cling to her, you will not fall. If she protects you, you will not fear, if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is favorable to you, you will reach your goal. Thus you will experience personally how rightly it was spoken “And the Virgin's name was Mary.”

—Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (†1153) is considered the
last of the Fathers of the Church and is a Doctor of the
Church.

*STIGMATA OF SAINT FRANCIS***OUR STIGMATA****A Visit to Ohio**

by Father Saavedra

*My cross I took on me
As winds pick up a leaf,
Hoping to reach Your Calvary
And be at least the Thief.*

*The yoke is sweet and light,
The burden light and sweet,
But, oh! the time is gall and night
Before we both do meet.*

*Yet, must I follow still,
The while we seem to stop.
Like two lone pines upon a hill,
That never reach the top?*

*Dear Christ! at last I scan
La Verna's cliff-veiled side;
Complete the picture You began
And have me crucified!*

—Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.

That St. Francis received the marks of the five wounds on his body while he lived, is authenticated by the feast which the Church celebrates on September 17 in memory of the supernatural impression of the stigmata. History records no cases of stigmatization before the time of St. Francis, but records hundreds of cases since his time. A large number of them have been carefully tested and pronounced inexplicable from natural causes. A few have been discovered to be the product of impostors. One effected the appearance of the stigmata by frequently pricking the skin with the point of a needle.

The stigmatization of St. Francis was attacked by learned men and theologians shortly after the death of the saint. Disputes and debates, affirmations and denials rose to a high pitch until the Pope stepped in and ended the controversy by confirming officially the fact of the stigmata and forbidding public discussion of the matter. Modern enemies of the supernatural do not debate anything, but dash off their denial by a line or two on the material effect a crazed mind may have on the body. There is no doubt that Francis was abnormal in the intense desire of reproducing Christ's life in himself, abnormal in the sense that few, if any, ever indulge in that desire so effectively as he did.

There are other marks of Christ besides the five wounds which may be reproduced in a Christian, honorable marks that will cause no unbeliever to sneer, and no Catholic theologian to squabble, marks that may be wished for without danger of pride.

To remain meek and humble when others are harsh and overbearing, is a mark of Christ: "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart."

To remain pure, in thought, word, and deed, while all manner of unchaste things are presented to the senses, is a mark of Christ, who was "born of the Virgin Mary."

Not to seek revenge on those who hurt us, is a mark of Christ: "Pray for those who persecute and revile you, and say all manner of evil against you."

To be helpful to others even though they are lazy, shiftless, undeserving, is a mark of "Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good."

To sympathize with sinners is a mark of Christ, whose big prayer on the cross was: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

To stay poor when by trickery one could become rich, is a mark of Christ, "who had not a stone whereon to lay his head."

One may peruse the Gospels again and again, and always find new characteristics, new marks of Christ, that may be imprinted on one's own life. Honorable marks these, which cannot be faked; marks which the Father in Heaven recognizes as those of his Son.

The Exorcism of St. Benedict
Satan, behind thee with me!
Persuade me not to vanity
What thou profferest evils be
Drink the poison thou not me
May the Holy Cross be light to me
And never the devil my leader be.
Amen.

If you ever drive South on I-75, as far as exit 19 for West Chester, Ohio, do not miss visiting the church of St. Gertrude the Great and seeing the progress on their church grounds. There you will see a beautiful grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes and near that the crucifixion. I am sure you will get on your knees and pray the Rosary.

I tell you, I had a wonderful visit with the eighteen boys and some of the daddies who showed up for the Knights of the Sacred Heart boys' club. They are all traditional Catholics, you know. It is amazing how much fun I had with all these boys without hearing a single worldly word like those you will hear in public sports events and schools.

The two days I was there, six Masses were said with no worry, thinking if there are enough altars or cruets. What a blessing for a parish to have six Masses offered to honor God!

And the best thing is that finally, we are coming along in having a place where many priests may be on the same church grounds and each one in a bedroom; no more hotels or staying in parishioners' homes. It is nice to get up in the morning and in a minute or two be ready at the altar to say the morning prayers and offer the Holy Mass.

Besides the Bishop and three other priests there (Father Cekada, Father Ramolla, and Father Larrabee), the church could accommodate four more visiting clergy.

Father Siordia came to visit Saint Gertrude's when I was there, and we both had a time to chat...a good opportunity for me to try my best Spanish!

God bless His Excellency Bishop Dolan, all his assistant priests, and their dedicated and generous parishioners.

Father Saavedra wrote this charming account of his visit with us this Summer. I couldn't resist sharing it with you.

—Bishop Dolan

PARISH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY IN SHARON WOODS PARK!



• FUN • GAMES • FOOD •
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
PICNIC BEGINS AT 1:00 PM



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
Sharon Woods Park
(at Council Bluff Shelter)

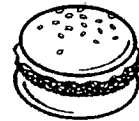
Please bring a dish to share:

(Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Chips, etc.)

(Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soft Drinnks will be provided)















Enter Park Main Entrance from Lebanon Road Rt 42

Take 3rd Right - Council Bluff will be the 2nd Picnic Area



Sharon Woods

Key

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|---|---|
|  Banquet center |  Picnic shelter |
|  Boathouse |  Playground |
|  Meadow |  Reservable area |
|  Gorge trail |  Restrooms |
|  Paved trail |  Snack bar |
|  Parcours trail |  Soccer fields |
|  Picnic area |  Visitor center |

