
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 22, 2011

• EASTER IV • ST RITA OF CASCIA •

¶Blessing of Religious

Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses, at communion rail.

¶Blessing of Expectant

Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶Rosary Chain:

To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

¶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 do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. 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.

¶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.



*If I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you;
but if I go, I will send Him to you.*

¶**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, and 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.

¶Catholic Books & Religious

Articles: A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 22, 2011 • EASTER IV • ST RITA OF CASCIA • Our morning classes are as usual at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers, but May Devotions with Simple Benediction are at 5:30 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Weather permitting, the **Knights of the Sacred Heart** meet at 4:00 PM on **Monday**. On **Tuesday** we keep the feast of **Our Lady Help of Christians**. From Monday through Thursday **May Devotions** are at **3:10 PM**. On **Friday** we have our **May Devotions** after the **11:20 AM** Low Mass of **St. Bede the Venerable**. Rosary is at 5:15 and the **5:45 Friday Evening Mass** is followed by Novena and Benediction. On **Saturday** we honor the Apostle of England, **St. Augustine of Canterbury**. **May Devotions** are between the Masses, at about **8:10 A.M.**

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Rogation Sunday prepares us for a week of prayer, starting with the Lesser Litanies on Monday, Memorial Day.

Set your missal: Easter V, commemoration of St. Mary Magdalen De Pazzi, and Our Lady, Paschal Preface.

¶ OUR SICK

Please remember to pray for all of our sick and shut in, including Diane Powell, who is scheduled to have surgery on 5/26 Also remember to pray for Fr. McGilloway as well Debbie Ellis, and Jmaes Cooley.

¶ REST IN PEACE

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Harpen, Pat Harpen's mother, who died this past week and also pray for the repose of the soul of Andy Debrosse who also died this week.

¶ BANS OF MARRIAGE II

Andrew Beaver and Audrey Moeller.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

¶ JUNE 2 - ASCENSION THURSDAY

Holy Day of Obligation

¶ JUNE 3 - FIRST FRIDAY

All Night Adoration

¶ JUNE 5 - GRADUATION MASS

St. Gertrude the Great School graduation Mass 9:00 AM, Sunday June 5th, followed by a reception.

¶ JUNE 11 - VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Day of Fast and Partial Abstinence. The sacrament of Confirmation follows the 8:00 AM Pontifical Vigil Mass.

¶ JUNE 23 - CORPUS CHRISTI

5:00 PM Mass and Procession followed by Barbeque Picnic and St. John's Bonfire.

¶ JUNE 26 - SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

High Mass and Procession at 9:00 AM.

¶ JULY 5 - 7 - GIRLS' CAMP

This year's Girls' Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th to Thursday July 7th. Girls ages 5 and up are invited to attend.

¶ JULY 25 - 27 - BOYS' CAMP

This year's Boys' Camp is scheduled for Monday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 27th. Boys ages 7 and up are invited to come.

MAY

Our Beloved Deceased

Name	Date of Death
Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990

✠ POETRY CORNER

The Gift

Saint Felix Cantalicio,
For so it is said,
Went forth one morning
Seeking alms and bread.
Loud blew the wind,
Fast fell the chilling snow;
"Bless thee, St. Felix, wheresoe'er thou go!"
A Child's sweet voice,
Who held him forth His bread:
"I bless thee, Brother Felix,
In God's name!" He said.

Bowed low the Brother.
In his heart the thought:
"Thrice-blessed the Bread
These holy hands have brought!
Dear Lord, I thank Thee!
But for bread I sued—
Lo! in Thy hands are blessing
And eternal Food.
My Lord has spoken: by this holy token
I know for me forever
What is sent, is good."

Back to his cell the saintly Felix went,
And all his days he lived in sweet content.
Blessed the gift, when dark earth's shadows grow,
In storm or sunshine, God's own hands to know.

—Gertrude E. Heath

St. Felix of Cantalice, another grand Franciscan, has his feast day on May 18th.



Mother of love, of sorrow, and of mercy, pray for us.



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	5/23/11	FERIAL DAY
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Connie Kamphaus Happy Birthday 5/16 <i>(Beckie Mattingly)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	4:00 PM	Knights of the Sacred Heart
TUE	5/24/11	OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
		FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Bernie and Rita Brueggemann
	11:20 AM	High Mass of Our Lady Help of the Christians †Charles & Elinor Richardson <i>(M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls <i>(Patrick Omlor)</i>
WED	5/25/11	ST GREGORY VII, PC ST URBAN I, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our Children, Godchildren, Godparents <i>(M/M P. Arlinghaus)</i>
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Jeanne Harpen <i>(S.G.G. Rosary Confraternity)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	4:00 PM	Low Mass †Teresa Childers <i>(Joanne Franklin)</i>
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THUR	5/26/11	ST PHILIP NERI, C ST ELEUTHERIUS, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Diane Powell - successful surgery <i>(Bishop Dolan)</i>
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls <i>(Mrs. Mattingly)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls - Gratitude
FRI	5/27/11	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD
		ST JOHN I, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Kitten Short <i>(Britton Fosbee)</i>
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Fr. Larrabee <i>(ACC)</i>
		May Devotions
	5:15 PM	Confessions and Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Carolyn Preston <i>(Simpson Family)</i>
		Novena and Benediction
SAT	5/28/11	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, C
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Michael & Mary DiSalvo <i>(Simpson Family)</i>
	8:05 AM	May Devotions
	8:15 AM	Low Mass Bishop Dolan <i>(ACC)</i>
SUN	5/29/11	EASTER V ST MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V
	7:30 AM	Low Mass The Poor Souls <i>(Regina Gilliam)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass Catherine T. Meyers <i>(M/M Keith Lawrence)</i>
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Margo Donadio <i>(Jane Donadio)</i>
	4:45 PM	Vespers, May Devotions and Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude's

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Without moving from our humid rainy Spring, we have passed in a few days time from hazy hot August, back to cool March. What has become of the sweet days of May? The Knockout Roses don't seem to mind the wet, so let us gather them and adorn Mary's May altars, not forgetting the unfading roses of our rosaries. Make a little garden of your family altar for Our Lady, and there you will find again the fresh sweet promise of Spring.

Last Wednesday morning, the last of St. Joseph's days this May, was brightened by our grade schoolers going about, ladder in hand, and crowning each statue of Our Lady in our church accompanied by the lilting refrain of the hymn "O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today". As you can imagine, this is quite a job, as we honor the Mother of God, at St. Gertrude under many titles. This sweet devotion of our students sprung up spontaneously a few years ago with Miss Patton's class, and is now yet another cherished custom at our church.

Today we honor a patroness of wives, mothers, and impossible causes, St. Rita of Cascia. Her statue came to us from Louisville a number of years ago, and is the first on the Epistle side of the sanctuary. Salute her lovingly as the "Stigmatic of the Crown of Thorns, who despises no one, and neglects no one," and ask for her help by praying a Pater in honor of the Crown of Thorns.

Back to Mary. We honor her as Help of Christians on Tuesday. This is the title of our main statue of Our Lady which is over her altar, now richly decorated for May. Here our children gather each school day at its close, to sing hymns, pray her litany, and hear a short sermon.

Our missionary Fr. McGuire is with us today, as I have gone off to confirm. Fr. Cekada is freshly back from the seminary, and reports a good teaching week, and really beautiful weather.

Nature seems to be reclaiming us. Not only is the grass so thick and high and green, but God's creatures are multiplying. Senex has been gathered to his fathers, but the ground hog clan lives on in Phaniel and Anna and little Filia Phaniel. The cats were supposed to drive them off, but Caravaggio and Puccini are maintaining a prudent distance. Filia Phaniel was hissing at Puccini the other day. We also have a deer family nearby, and the doe was out at dusk, and pretty bold as well. They always go for the bird seed anymore, or choice flowers.

Gino and James McMahan are repairing the cloister's ceiling, and other damage of the winter storms. For a change, our insurance is covering this nice work.

May Mary cover you and yours with her motherly mantle this May, and always!



—Bishop Dolan

✠ ST RITA OF CASCIA AND OUR LADY



ST RITA OF CASCIA

I have a husband with a violent temper. Sometimes he abuses me. But, what is worse, he is unfaithful. Is there some particular saint to whom I might pray to help me bear this burden or find relief from these frightful conditions? Mrs. G.R.A., N.Y.

It is as difficult to exterminate the traits of an alley cat as it is to remove the proverbial spots of a leopard, and yet it is marvelous what grace can do in changing a human being given over to the proclivities of such a cat. So why not ask the aid of St. Rita of Cascia. Her married life had much in common with your own. As a girl of twelve she was forced into marriage by her parents. And what a scoundrel they picked! His culture was that of the inmates of a menagerie. The whole town feared his violent temper, but his poor wife, the future St. Rita, had to bear the brunt of it. But she stood up for her man with unswerving patience, and even his frequent infidelities did not cause her to forget that he was her husband. She always remembered that a wife must help her partner save his soul. And so she took her case to God. Through eighteen years of turbulent conjugal life she prayed continuously for him. Only then did relief come. Her husband finally realized how badly he had been treating his spouse. He begged her forgiveness and vowed to lead a better life. And just when things had taken a turn for the better, her husband was murdered. In the case of St. Rita these eighteen years of marital conflict had laid the foundations for the making of a great saint. So why do you not become a saint? You need but emulate the patience of St. Rita and continue to pray for your husband and you will have inserted the first rungs in the ladder leading to sainthood.

—From *The St. Anthony Messenger* March 1958.

A MOM'S PRAYER

Immaculate Virgin, thou who art the Mother of Jesus, and my mother too, I ask the protection of thy mercy and love, for I feel today more than ever the sweet and serious responsibility of being a mother. I confide to thee, O Mother, my children whom I love so, for whom I have so suffered and of whom I must one day render a strict account to thy divine Son.

Teach me to guide them as St. Rita guided her own sons, with a sure hand in the way that leads to God. Make me to be tender without being weak, and strong without being harsh. Obtain for me that patience which tirelessly endures all things, for there is but one goal, the eternal salvation of my children.

Help me in this arduous task, O Holy Virgin. Form my heart to thine image and make my children see in me the reflection of thy virtues so that having learned from me to love and serve thee in this life, they may one day rejoice with me, praising and blessing thee in Heaven. Amen.

May this request ascend to thee, O Queen of All Saints, by the protection of St. Rita of Cascia. Amen.

Resurrexi,
et adhuc tecum sum,
alleluia.

I arose,
and am still with Thee,
alleluia.

This good Mother and powerful Princess of the heavens would rather dispatch battalions of millions of angels to assist one of her servants than that is should ever be said that a faithful servant of Mary, who trusted in her, had had to succumb to the malice, the number, and the vehemence of his enemies.

—Saint Louis de Montfort

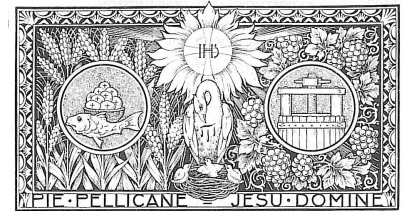
A CHILD'S PRAYER TO MARY FROM ST. FELIX OF CANTALICE, WHOSE FEAST WAS MAY 18TH.

August Mother of God, I desire to love thee as a good son. Do thou, as a good Mother, never withdraw from me thy helping hand, for I am like one of those little children who can't even take one step by themselves and who fall if the help of their mother should fail.

Bless me, August Queen, Blessed Virgin, Good Bye.

The resurrection is the mystery of the triumph of life over death, of the heavenly over the earthly, of the divine over the human.

—Columba Marmion



Servers MAY 27 - MAY 29, 2011

- FRI 5/27 5:45 PM LOW: J. Gunsher, T.& J. Simpson
- SAT 5/28 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:00 AM LOW: Briggs
- SUN 5/29 7:30 AM LOW: A. & D. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, R. Hill (Training T. Simpson)
TH: F. Puglielli ACs: S. Richesson, L. Arlinghaus (Training P. Lawrence)
TORCH: J. Morgan, J. Lacy, P. Omlor, S. Arlinghaus, N. Kuebler, J. Simpson,
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
4:45 PM: VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Gunsher
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers

MAY 29, 2011

- 7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer
- 9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Puglielli
- 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bitchel, Volunteer
- 5:45 PM John Seyfried

Collection Report

Sunday May 15th\$4,418.00

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

To Saint Paschal

Paschal Baylon,
Paschal, the gentle,
Paschal, the shepherd boy of Aragón!

Where drowsy torrents, waking on the rocks,
Lean from their dizzy beds against the sky,
And, combing on the crags their crystal locks,
Like fairies spread them on the grass to dry,
The shepherd keeps his flock upon the vale.

Beyond the rocks a distant warning peals,
Then, as the rising Phoebus shows the Grail,
The little Galahad in worship kneels.

The Vision calls: "Come to a sweeter meade—
Come, feed my sheep and with your little rod
The Lamb of Heaven keep—"
And down the valley where the torrents lead
The shepherd finds the pasturelanes of God!

Priesthood

**God drew me out of nothing
And held me in His Hand;
He draws me out of nothing
I hold Him in my hand!**

We dedicate these two poems, written by the Franciscan Fray Angelico Chavez, in honor of our Franciscan Jubiliarian, Fr. Martin Stepanich, who last Wednesday celebrated his Seventieth Anniversary of priestly ordination. Like St. Paschal, Fr. Martin is a loving shepherd of the Lamb of Heaven.



HERE WE GO AGAIN

**It's funny how quickly May comes around
each year.**

**As we made ready for Our Lady's statue,
her processional bier,
And on the 13th day of her month we assembled
in procession to publicly pray.
For world peace, Holy Mother Church,
and other needs of the day.**

**It's heartwarming, when we get together, to
see individuals and families alike.
The clergy and laity, on a most holy hike.
With the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary
by all ages, young and old.
Stirring up memories of years past,
not so very long ago.**

**The weather co-operated, even with rain
threatening from all sides.
It was overcast, yet not gloomy, with a
cool breeze besides.
Our Lady of Fatima looked out for us,
that you could tell.
As we publicly prayed in procession
to stay the advances from hell.**

*—John Seyfried
1-14-11*

**John Seyfried presents a nice report on our first Fatima
Rosary Procession, in poetic form.**

