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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

### • SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY • • PENTECOST XIV •

¶**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.



*Not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these.*

¶**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

¶ SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

• PENTECOST XIV • SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY • ST JOSEPH CUPERTINO •

The **Blessing of the Sick** in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother is given after **all Masses**. **Classes** are as usual at **10:40 AM**.

Do plan to come to our **annual picnic** at Sharon Woods Park. The picnic begins at **1:00 PM** and lasts through the afternoon. You are welcome!

### ¶ THIS WEEK:

We begin and end this work week with Our Lady. **Our Lady of LaSalette** comes **Monday**, and **of Ransom** on **Saturday**. We hope you'll come, too! Don't forget the **Fall Ember Days** on **Wednesday, Friday** and **Saturday**.

### ¶ 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.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Children and their dedication to their Guardian Angels follows all Masses. Morning classes are at 10:40 AM.

*Set your missal:* Pentecost XV, Our Lady and All the Saints, Priest's Choice, Trinity Preface.

¶ **CHOIR PRACTICE** will be this Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 PM. New members are welcome and encouraged!

### ¶ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please keep all of our shut ins and sick in your prayers especially Kim and Althea LeBlanc, Alex Bearov, Diane Powell, Loraine Gates, Marty Lierl, Shirle Downing, whose birthday was yesterday, Barb Steinmetz, and Jane Donadio. Pray, too, for our death row prisoner Joseph Murphy.

Pray especially for the Leo Schappacher family, whose son Peter died this past week.

### ¶ PARDON OUR DUST!

We're putting in sanctuary windows September 21st and 22nd. Mass will be offered in the side chapel and thus there will be no webcasting of Masses. Thank you for your understanding. Volunteers to help clean on Thursday would be welcome.

### Collection Report

Sunday September 11th .....\$3,423.50

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

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

GRIEF

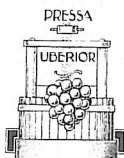
A long time ago, I came to the Cross  
And saw Mary, and John, and Magdalen there,  
I witnessed their heart-broken, terrible grief—  
And knew it was something I could not share.

For there was not room for me 'neath the Cross!  
*Joy* was the only thing in life I had known,  
I was intruding, not entitled to mourn—  
And I walked quickly away, all alone.

I recently came again to the Cross,  
Slowly and painfully, I came back one day,  
I now knew Grief well, and had wept bitter tears  
Since I had last walked so lightly that way.

The scene was the same; it was I who had changed,  
I, who had learned heartbreak in Death's bitter loss.  
I knelt, and from afar joined my grief with theirs—  
And Mary made room for me 'neath the Cross!

—Elizabeth R. Barr



### THE CENTRAL ROLE OF MARY

Our salvation begins when an archangel speaks the name of Mary. To be Christian is to carry on that Annunciation unceasingly. Saint Louis de Montfort wrote that “the salvation of each individual is bound up with the Hail Mary.” This prayer that names the holy name of the Mother of God “brought to a dry and barren world the Fruit of Life. It will cause the Word of God to take root in the soul and bring forth Jesus.” The holy name of Mary bears such power because of the unique bond between Mother and Son. “When God sent His Son born of a woman, He instituted a once and for all order of salvation in which the union of Mother and Child stands at the center” (Fr. Romanus, OP). To accept the divine privilege of speaking the name of Mary is to participate in that saving union.

☞ Servers  
SEPTEMBER 19 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

- WED 9/21 11:20 AM HIGH: School servers, T. & J. & M. Simpson
- FRI 9/23 5:45 PM LOW: T. & J. & M. Simpson, J. Gunsher
- SAT 9/24 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
- SUN 9/25 7:30 AM LOW: A. & D. Brueggemann
- 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: Joe Soli
- ACs: A. Richesson, J. Simpson
- Th: B. Lotarski
- TORCH: P. Omlor, J. Morgan, A. Soli, M. Simpson, J. Lacy, N. Kuebler
- 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
- 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller


### Ushers




SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

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



*The cross  
is my sure  
salvation.*

*Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a *

MON	9/19/11	ST JANUARIUS, BpM & COMP, MM OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
	11:20 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of our M.P.H. and relief of all holy souls ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
TUE	9/20/11	ST EUSTACE & COMP, MM VIGIL OF ST MATTHEW
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the consolation and deliverance into Heaven into Heaven of the souls in Purgatory ( <i>Rose &amp; Nick Manno</i> )
	11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> †Suzanne Nies ( <i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> For all of our intentions and all who asked for prayers ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
WED	9/21/11	ST MATTHEW, ApEv EMBER WEDNESDAY - <b>FAST DAY</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Darlene Rentschler ( <i>Christopher Browne</i> )
	11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> In honor of our M.P.H. and relief of all holy souls ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	6:30 PM	<b>Choir Practice</b>
THUR	9/22/11	ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BpC
	8:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Fr. McGuire ( <i>ACC</i> )
	11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> †Michael Hinton ( <i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i> )
FRI	9/23/11	ST LINUS, PM ST THECLA, VM EMBER FRIDAY - <b>FAST DAY</b>
	10:55 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:20 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Cekada ( <i>ACC</i> )
	5:15 PM	<b>Rosary and Confessions</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Thielen ( <i>ACC</i> )
	6:30 PM	<b>Novena and Benediction</b>
SAT	9/24/11	OUR LADY OF RANSOM EMBER SATURDAY - <b>FAST DAY</b>
	7:15 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mrs. Dorothy Gates ( <i>Jim Gates</i> )
SUN	9/25/11	PENTECOST XV ANGEL SUNDAY - THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN FOLLOWS ALL MASSES
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> To Immaculate Heart of Mary for Church and Country ( <i>M/M Victor Ritze</i> )
	9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the People of St. Gertrude
	10:40 AM	<b>Sunday Classes</b>
	11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> All of our priests ( <i>ACC</i> )
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Loretta Otis ( <i>Ralph Otis</i> )

¶WE GET LETTERS...

Dear Fathers,

I was thinking the other day about how lucky all of us are who follow (or try) the faith. Of course, there's the salvation but, also, just the sheer, simple balance of it. I'm reminded of a sermon that the bishop gave a couple of months ago about how the faith balances work and rest, prayer and play. I've noticed with my own life that the more I schedule my life around the church's calendar (which, still, is very little) my life seems to cascade, more, into place. What a wonderful gift for all the children, here, who do not know any other way of living. They will carry this balance inside them all their lives.

I also had a thought about our celebrations of feast days; the special songs and decorating and processions. And I thought that, if we are keeping these days, they're also keeping them in Heaven, and, how beautiful the celebrations must be.

— *A parishioner*

¶CONGRATULATIONS :



To our two couples married on September 10, 2011, Rob Brockman and Lisa Powers, and Charles Henry and Beverly Powell. Our prayers and wishes to the new Mr. & Mrs. Rob Brockman, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Henry.

**Whereas two persons do plight their troth  
Their felicity depends not on one but on both.  
This is the secret of domestic harmony  
For all who are blessed in holy matrimony.  
Let the husband acknowledge his wife's domain  
Knowing that interference there will cause a smart  
pain.**

**Rather let him ensure that the funds she is allowed  
Are sufficient for her to do hearth and home  
proud.**

**The wife in her turn should strive, come what may,  
To greet him with good cheer at the end of his day;  
Nor ever forget that from Rio to Delhi  
The surest path to a man's heart is laid through his  
belly.**

**With plenty such elastic give and take  
The marital bond will only stretch never break.  
If you follow these words you will be well  
advised,**

**For I speak as one long and happily spliced.**

—*W.J. Webster/William McGonagall*



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## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

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Greetings from France! If all went according to plan, I am helping out the French Fathers with their many Sunday Masses, through October second. I hope to be back on the fourth, in time for our “Rosary Forty Hours.” Please keep me, as well as our Forty Hours plans, in your Rosaries these days.

How nice it is to have nature “wearin’ the green” again in these beautiful early Fall days. I hope you will turn out, perhaps with a salad or dessert to share, for our annual picnic this afternoon, and that some of you will be coming **for the first time**. Come and meet somebody from “another Mass.” Good Catholic friendships—and fun—are a strong stay for our struggles in this valley of tears.

We honor Mary’s tears today, and remember to pray for all of our sick, even as the priests bless our sick at the rail after Masses.

Next Sunday it will be the turn of the little ones to be blessed, and dedicated to their Guardian Angels. After that, on October 2, roses will be blessed to bring a blessing wherever they go. Finally, we will be blessed by the Blessed Sacrament exposed and adored on the altar, or carried in processions, for the traditional forty hours over the course of three days. Life at St. Gertrude's is a true blessing from above!

“Let there be light.” New, cooler and more convenient lighting is being arranged for our Sanctuary, on the back of the rood screen. We will also be installing windows in the Sanctuary side walls, which will admit indirect light from the attics, and thus brighten the altar.

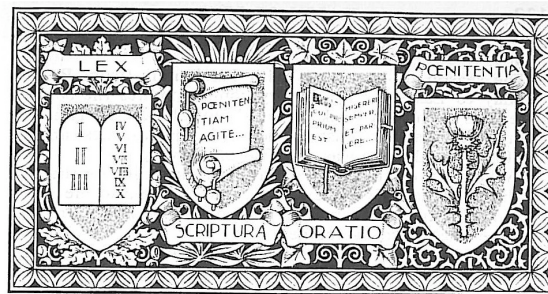
Fr. Cekada will be writing to you about some of our other “building fund” projects of late. There is always something to do to beautify God’s house. Thank you for your generosity.

Our [traditionalmass.org](http://traditionalmass.org) website has an e-mail function to send us a message. Often, someone will send in a question or an off handed comment. I noticed this past week that both Bishop Sanborn and Fr. Cekada took the time, busy as they are, to send back a calm, considered and detailed response, couched in the most polite terms, to casual correspondents who wrote in the “gotcha” mode, recycling tired objections which demonstrated only their own ignorance. Still, they were answered in a kind and respectful way. St. Francis De Sales would be proud of our able theologians and canonists, and so should we!

Keep all our priests in your prayers, and pray for each other, too. Life is often no picnic, which is why Christ-like patience is the dish we should most of all share.

With a blessing from Brittany and begging your prayers,

–Bishop Dolan



### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

*Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.” Luke 5:31*

When people ask you to remember someone in prayer they will often say “This is such a nice person!” That is like taking someone who is ill to the doctor and saying, “Make him well because he is so healthy!” Maybe what they mean by the “nice person” idea is that there may be a little hope for that individual’s salvation.

Sometimes they will say, “Pray for so-and-so because this person has done good things on your behalf.” I would prefer to pray for someone who has done me wrong. Such a person actually needs my prayers.

It is a good thing to pray for anyone who confesses and asks for forgiveness. It is even better to pray for someone who does not yet feel guilty about anything. Ask God to help them notice their sin. And pray also for those who know they are guilty but will not admit it. Maybe they are ashamed. Maybe they are actually enjoying their guilt. Ask God to help them.

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## ✠ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠

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### How to Bear Good Fruit

You say, "Will I ever be able to become good and sincere and true to God?" My belief is that you *are*, and you need only to trust Him completely; then one day you will realize this suddenly, when you least expect it, in the form of peace.

But say the *Memorare* often – the result of it is *wonderful*, as I have learnt lately. I seldom say prayers by heart, or say much at all, but I was persuaded to say this prayer by a convert Jew, so to please him I did, and have found the answers to it astonishing. Some people think it foolish to ask God for little things, but I do not think it matters at all what one asks for, so long as in asking for *anything* one recognizes one's own dependence on God, His Fatherhood and His longing to give Himself, no matter in what way. Sometimes a tiny childish thing brings home to us more than a big thing the *intense love* which can make Omnipotence concerned, for our sakes, with trifles.

–Caryll Houselander

Caryll Houselander (†1954) was a British mystic, poet, and spiritual teacher.

### Memorare

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to Thy protection,  
implored Thy help or sought Thine intercession,  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother;  
to Thee do I come, before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in Thy mercy, hear and answer me.  
Amen.

An amusing story illustrating the danger of bigotry, which Dr. Sanford Olmstead, the Protestant Episcopal bishop of Colorado, is fond of telling, is published by the *Argonaut*. An old lady and her coachman John were so bigoted that no recognized religious service suited them; so they used to worship together every Sunday in the drawing-room of the mansion. A friend once remonstrated with the old lady, saying: "Do you really think that you and your coachman are the only true members of the only true Church on earth?"—"Well," answered the old lady, thoughtfully, "I must say I'm none too sure about John."

### EXORCISM

Satan, who didst see the glad creation rise  
'Neath the hands of Him, the solely wise,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

Satan, who wert apple of His eyes,  
Blinded now for evermore with lies,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

Satan, filled with pride and wilfulness,  
Who didst play so sore with God's distress,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

Standing in the glory of the Throne,  
Thou didst think to match it with thine own,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

Satan, gaping on the Cherubim,  
Who didst mock the wistful Seraphim,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

Satan, wandering ever to and fro,  
Plotting, sharing all sublunar woe,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

Satan, lording o'er the nether pit,  
Where the unrelenting legions sit,  
*Vade retro nobis!*

–Shane Leslie

We are going to eternity as fast as time can bear us. The feasts of Our Lady fly by like the lights upon a line of railroad. Let us watch them well, making them landmarks of grace on our great journey to eternity. Let us keep those feasts now in such a way that the memory of them may hallow our deathbeds and make them peaceful.

–Canon Sheehan



God allowed the Blessed Virgin to be born in poverty, to the end that her nativity should more closely resemble that of her divine Son.

–Saint John Mary Vianney

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