

St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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Pentecost VIII

St Mary Magdalene

July 22, 2012

*We have
received thy
mercy, O God,
in the midst of
thy temple.*

*Strengthen me, O Lord,
that I may not live
according to the desires of
the flesh, but resist them
firmly by the power of
Thy Spirit, that I may not
die the eternal death.*



**The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor**

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Julian Larrabee
The Rev. Charles McGuire**

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday Masses

**7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass
5:45 PM Low Mass**

**Weekday Masses
See THE CALENDAR inside**

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules 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 Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—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.

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

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

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

Confessions: Most Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (please consult *THE CALENDAR inside for times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

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 Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

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

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ JULY 22, 2012 • PENTECOST VIII • ST MARY MAGDALENE, PENITENT •

Why not join us for the Holy Rosary before Mass (7:05 AM, 11:05 AM) and a cup of coffee afterwards. Stock up on your *Little Dr. Jesus* statues in the Gift Shop. Bishop Dolan has brought back more from Mexico.

✠ THIS WEEK

We begin Boys' Camp this year with High Mass each day at 8 AM, starting on **Tuesday** with the monthly Requiem for the Poor Souls, followed by the great Apostle of Our Lady, Spain, and the Christada, **St. James (Wednesday)**, and closing with God's own dear Grandmother, **St. Anne**, on **Thursday**. The Summer Novena follows the 8 AM Mass on **Tuesday** as usual, and the Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart the **Friday** evening Mass.

✠ **NEXT SUNDAY:** blessing of cars in honor of St. Christopher.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost IX, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of St. Martha, third collect of St. Felix II and his companions. Trinity Preface.



✠ CORRECTION

Recently we published mailing addresses for some of our shut-in; an incorrect address was listed for **Barb Steinmetz**. Barb's correct address is:

900 Rue de la Paix #1207
Cincinnati, OH 45220

Why not send her a card today?

✠ PRAYERS PLEASE...

...for Elizabeth Smith, who is going in for surgery, for Shirle Downing, and for all our sick.

Servers: JULY 23 - 29, 2012

FRI 7/27 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 7/28 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 7/29 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt,
B. Lotarski ACS: S. Lawrence, A. Lawrence
TH: A. Richesson TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor,
J. Morgan, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers: JULY 29, 2012

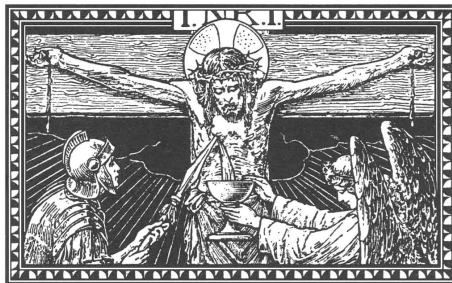
7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Arlinghaus
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

DEVOTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

"Blessed are they that wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb: that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the City." - Apoc. 21:14.

The Devotion of the Precious Blood exists from the beginning of ages, since it was the first imparted to fallen man. We must thence infer that it ought to be a devotion widespread as the world. Is not everybody redeemed by the Precious Blood? Is it not to It that we owe, every one, our salvation? And if, hereafter, an everlasting crown rests upon our brow, will it not be the purchase of this Divine Blood? . . . The Sacred Heart has indeed loved us with a love of surpassing tenderness; and to that love we owe Its long suffering with us; and yet, neither the Sacred Heart nor the gaping wounds of Jesus have been our Redemption; that which has redeemed us—freed us from hell—is the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Since, therefore, our salvation is the fruit of that Blood, since to It we are indebted for Heaven, with its unfading joys, is it not just that we should, each and all, embrace Devotion to the Precious Blood, render It special worship, even daily homage? The conformity of this Devotion with our needs has established for it a claim of universality, and one so generally acknowledged to be just that it has suggested the descriptive title of "Devotion of the Elect," a title so well adapted to the Precious Blood that not a dissenting voice is raised against it.

—The Precious Blood and Mother



*Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people,
whom Thou hast redeemed with
Thy Precious Blood!*

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

The Tree of Life

"Does this mean naught to ye
who pass me by?
Have ye no tear to give from
pity's eye?
That ye might ever live 'twas
mine to die.
That ye might joy, the Rood of
Pain am I.

Where now the birds I welcomed
in the spring
Who taught the fledgling's heart
my praise to sing?
Was autumn's red but robe of
shame men fling
About the form of those they
mock as King?"

Thus spake the Tree of Life to
passer-by
When weeping Mother Nature
made reply.
"Thy darkness is the arc in Eden's
sky.
Without thy death all life was
doomed to die.

"Thou art the answer to thy
Victim's prayer
Who envied nests that shelter
birds of air.
To lay His head He had not
anywhere
Until He found for rest thy
bosom bare.

For Bread Immortal I dispense
the wheat,
And grapes for Blood of Him
Whose flesh is meat.
Thou art the Tree I offered at His
feet
To raise men up with Him to joy
replete."





Give an account of thy stewardship.

The Holy Mass for the **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** places before us the Christian's use or abuse of "goods," either of human nature or of Divine grace. The **Introit** recalls that as we now receive "Mercy," yet one day we must stand before "Justice." How necessary then, the **Collect** for "doing and thinking" what is right. Active participation in the Mass, advises Pope St. Pius X, is the indispensable source of the true Christian spirit, how to pray and how to live. The **Epistle** bids us reflect, who you are, "not debtors to the flesh," by which "you shall die"; but "sons of God, joint heirs with Christ," by Whom you shall live. The **Gospel** dramatizes this dignity and duty in the parable of the Steward, the meaning of which is "be wise," you children of God; use material treasures so as to make eternal friends; exercise your talents in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and those whom you help to save, will help save you. Finally, the **Offertory** assures salvation to the humble, warns the proud of their final humbling. Christianity is not so much a "giving up" but rather an "exchange" of "gifts" (the **Secret**), the human for the Divine, to bring healing to "soul and body" (**Postcommunion**).

—My Sunday Missal

Why I Am a Catholic

(A Series: From the 1957 booklet
by Donald F. Miller, C.S.S.R.)

Every Catholic who is worthy of the name has an adequate answer to the question: *why do you think yourself obliged to be a Catholic?* He will never say that he is a Catholic only because his parents were Catholics before him, or because he has a mysterious feeling of attachment to the Catholic Church. If he is a genuine Catholic, he knows and can in some way express why he is convinced that he must be a Catholic.

Every non-Catholic who is in any way attracted to the Catholic Church must study enough about the Catholic Church to be able to say "I must be a Catholic," before he can be admitted into membership in her. This is because God, having given to all men an intellect, expects them to know what they are about before they take any important step in life. St. Peter put it simply when he commanded all the followers of Christ to be ready always "to satisfy everyone that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." (1st Peter, 3-15)

We are not referring here to the well-known truth that no one can be a Catholic unless God gives him the grace to be one. Any Catholic can truly say, that it is because God gave him the gift of faith. But God offers this gift to everyone, and He offers it in accordance with the nature of those who are to receive it. Only those actually accept the gift who dispose themselves for it by using their minds to grasp why they need it and must embrace it.

Now there are three ways in which a Catholic can express the reasons for his faith in the Catholic

Church, and the hope that springs from it. They may be called 1) the simple way; 2) the learned way; 3) the practical way.

(to be continued)

Veiled

When mountains shrank from man in shame,
When sun and moon recoiled from view
Love's Optimist prayed, blind to sin,
"Forgive! They know not what they do!"

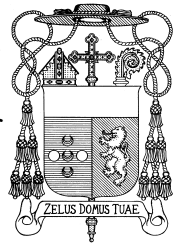
Not all the black of Golgotha
Could dim the hope in His fair eyes
Who saw the world, a Magdalen,
A saint that walked in sin's disguise.

St. Mary Magdalene, thou didst come with springing tears to the spring of mercy, Christ; from Him thy burning thirst was abundantly refreshed, through Him thy sins were forgiven; by Him thy bitter sorrow was consoled.

—St. Anselm



I am writing this on the feast of St. Vincent DePaul, one of those universal saints of charity, whom the Church honored last week all in a row. Although he wore himself out for others, his body held out to a ripe 85 years, all spent for God's glory and the good of souls. Our Lady blessed his legacy by giving us both the Miraculous Medal and the Green Scapular through his Daughters of Charity. Of the two, the Green Scapular seems more popular now, the Miraculous Medal just being worn anymore, either out of devotion or just as jewelry, whereas the Green Scapular is a real sacramental still, an active tool in people's hands for conversions.



One of my favorite moments in the Girls' Camp (and it seemed to me filled with wonderful and creative activities, including the exquisite Good Shepherd's Table) was the release of Green Scapular balloons, each having as well a little explanatory tag along with the scapular on the inside. Sent with faith and love for Our Lady and souls, who knows how much good they will do. If the girls, as admonished, remember their little prayer daily for the eventual recipients, grace will abound.

Fr. McGuire and **Fr. Larrabee** are taking care of you today, even as they put the final touches on the Boys' Camp, scheduled to begin Tuesday. Please pray that this apostolate, too, is a great success. The fathers and sons will be kindly singing a High Mass each morning to satisfy for the Purgatorial Society, as well as to honor that great apostle and Moor-slayer, St. James, (he could very well be taken as the camp patron) and finally to honor God's Grandmother, good St. Anne, as everybody needs a grandmother. Thank you, gentlemen.

Fr. Larrabee's three happy years with us are coming to an end, and it is time for him to return to California to assist **Fr. Zapp** in his growing apostolate. Next Sunday afternoon at 12:45 we're having a farewell potluck barbeque (with plenty of meat in honor of our soon-departing carnivorous clergyman.) I hope you'll plan to come. Even vegetarians are welcome!

Thank you for your rain prayers. At least in some parts of the land, some relief has occurred in what is developing into a great drought. These things are meant to remind forgetful man of the good God, and the need for penance and prayer in daily life, along with trust in His providence. Do your part.

Last week I was peacefully praying on my back porch in the early morning, when I heard an animal cry. Unable to locate the source, I continued on, though I still heard something. Eventually I discovered Puccini with the bunny, beneath the porch, beyond arm's reach. The crafty feline was just finishing off the hapless hare, alas now beyond rescue. Puccini is not as generous, nor detached from creatures, as his brother. It seems nature will out in the end. Or, as **Fr. Cekada** says, it's at least one less bunny for the conga line at next Easter's Prayer of the Faithful! (If this allusion escapes you, see his *Work of Human Hands* video #10.)

I send you each a blessing in the Precious Blood of Jesus.

—Bishop Dolan

Efficacy of the Offering of the Precious Blood of Jesus

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi received a command from Almighty God to offer the Blood of Jesus Christ to disarm the anger of God about to fall on sinners. After this instruction received from Heaven she imposed upon herself the obligation of offering the Blood of Jesus Christ at least fifty times a day for the living and for the dead. The seraphic soul did this with such great fervor and piety that on many occasions she obtained the conversion of a multitude of sinners, and this our Lord showed her in a vision. One day, when she was in an ecstasy, she was heard to exclaim: "Every time that a creature offers the Blood by which she was redeemed, she offers to God a gift of infinite value, surpassing all other gifts."



The Blood of Christ is truly a balm for the sick, and a consolation for the dying. The sacrament of Extreme Unction is the channel through which the Precious Blood is conveyed to the sick, during their last moments, by means of the application of the holy oils to the wounds of body and soul.

The devotion to the Blood of Jesus has the wonderful distinction of dispelling the fear of death, and the dread of meeting our Judge. "Having, therefore, a confidence in the entering into the holies by the Blood of Christ" (Heb. X, 19).

"The Blood of Jesus Christ speaks with trumpet tones, not of the judgments of God, but of His mercies."

—St. Bernard

✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses are webcast
Many weekday Masses will be webcast this summer
Please check our website!*

MON	7/23/12	ST APOLLINARIS, BPM ST LIBORIUS, BPC 8:00 AM Low Mass Joshua Gunsher (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 9:00 AM Low Mass Monica Prell-Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
TUE	7/24/12	VIGIL OF ST JAMES ST CHRISTINA, VM ST FRANCIS SOLANO, C 8:00 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society Summer Novena 9:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>J. Gunsher</i>) PM Late Afternoon Low Mass †Butch Arlinghaus (<i>Paul & Lisa McConnell</i>)
WED	7/25/12	ST JAMES THE GREATER, AP ST CHRISTOPHER, M 7:15 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>J. Gunsher</i>) 8:00 AM High Mass Christopher Richesson (<i>Simpson family</i>)
THU	7/26/12	ST ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY 8:00 AM High Mass Anne Marie Omlor (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 9:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>J. Gunsher</i>)
FRI	7/27/12	ST PANTALEON, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>John & Rhonda Lynch</i>) 5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass Chris Simpson (<i>Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	7/28/12	Ss NAZARIUS & CELSUS, MM, Ss VICTOR I & INNOCENT I, PPM 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Charles E. Simpson (<i>Rose Wellman</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass †Our Grandparents (<i>H.O. & Becky Hinton</i>)
SUN	7/29/12	PENTECOST IX ST MARTHA, V ST FELIX II, PM, Ss SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Bishop Dolan-Happy Birthday 5/28 (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Elizabeth Smith-May God bless you (<i>Beckie Mattingly</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Diane Powell (<i>The Patton family</i>) 5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude the Great



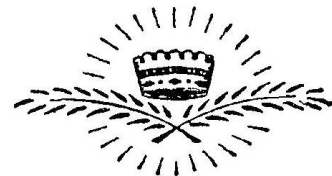
Freeing Vacations

An uncle of mine has taken advantage many times of “free vacation” offers. You know the ones—all you have to do is promise to look at some piece of real estate and you’ll get a free weekend trip to Florida, or come and examine this condominium and you’ll get free chips for the local casino. Imagine now not so much a “free vacation” but rather a “freeing vacation.”

Vacations are meant to be “freeing” experiences, not only in being “freed” from our money but more so in being “freed” from our sense of running everything around us. If we were to think about our time away or our time doing things that we enjoy with our families and friends, we could be reminded of a few important truths about our lives. For example, the world actually goes on without us, and actually it seems to do quite well. We can be freed, then, from any need to work to prove our worth or our importance as a person; we can be freed from any schedule that seems to have our life in a bind; we can be freed from looking at things always in the same way.

We don't have to look for schemes and scams in order to have a “freeing” vacation. In fact, we don't have to have them in July either.

—J.M. Sullivan, O.P.
The Magnificat



Devotion to the Virgin saints is a great means of getting from God the gift of Holy Purity. When St. Potamiana of Alexandria was being led to torture, and the crowd attacked her with horrible insults, Basilides, the officer of the court, showed her respect and sympathy as he led her to her execution. St. Potamiana promised that after her death, she would obtain his salvation in reward for his kindness.

Three days after her death, she appeared before him, placed a crown on his head and told him he would be with her in Heaven soon. The prophecy was fulfilled. Basilides was baptized, and died for the confession of his Faith.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WERE SAID IN THE MISSIONS:

†Special Intention Deceased (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
†Mr. & Mrs. Guy Macchia (5 Masses) (*Rose Wellman*)
†Special Intention Deceased (*Anonymous*)
Miss Julia Ziebro (*Cecilia Marie Omlor*)
Fr. Cekada (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
Fr. Larrabee (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)