

St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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**Traditional
Roman Catholic
Latin Mass**

The Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
The Rev. Anthony Cekada **The Rev. Charles McGuire**
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta **The Rev. Stephen McKenna**

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

July 7, 2013

Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood
• Pentecost VII • Ss Cyril & Methodius, BppCc
• St Lawrence of Brindisi, C •

✠ THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ JULY 7, 2013 Today is the first Sunday of the month. Our second collection is for the support of Most Holy Trinity Seminary. The blessing of religious articles will take place after all Masses. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning to receive your alms for the support and sanctification of priests. Please be generous.

*"May the immense ransom-price of my
Lord's blood purchase perfect freedom for
me, and amid the perils of this life may
Your mercy not forsake me"*

— St. Augustine

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

It's already week four of the Summer Novena (the traditional *Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony* with a Novena prayer to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*). Come this **Tuesday**, and every Tuesday this Summer, to participate in these powerful devotions!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Set Your Missal: Pentecost VIII, with commemoration of St. Bonaventure, and Our Lady and all Saints. Trinity Preface.



¶ A SAINT'S RESPECT FOR SUNDAY

St. Thomas More (*feast day July 9th*), Chancellor of England, was an ardent supporter of Catholic belief. When going to chapel on Sundays he always appeared very well dressed. One day someone asked him how it was he was so particular in his dress on Sunday, and he at once made answer: "I have always dressed myself with care on Sundays, and on festivals, not to please the world, or through respect for any mortal, but through respect and love for God."

(*The Catechist*)

¶ CATHOLIC MEN AND BOYS

For more than a decade, it has been our policy that Catholic men and boys are to

wear a suit coat or jacket, and a tie, to Sunday and Holy Day Mass. This old Catholic custom both expresses and teaches respect for God's Day, House, and Sacrifice. There always are a few who take a stand 'on principle' to appear at Sunday Mass in 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.*"

¶ A CARD OF THANKS

With grateful appreciation to the behind-the-scenes "angels," who comprise the proofreading and digital text conversion departments! Thanks to their invaluable help, we continue to have the most beautiful, informative, and unique weekly church bulletin around. **Donna and Richard, thank you so much for all you do!**

*"The brothers of the patriarch Joseph could
never have done him so much good
with their love and favor as they did him
with their malice and hatred."*

— St. Thomas More

YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

...for John Weisman, Bea Lutkehaus,
and all our sick and shut in.

Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
Saturday, July 13, 2013 – 7:00 PM



Join us for our third Fatima Rosary Procession of Reparation, praying for peace, on **Saturday, July 13th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the parking lot at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive (look for First Watch restaurant). The Rosary Procession will commence promptly at **7:00 PM**. (*In the event of rain, the Rosary will be recited in church.*)

"I want you to come here on the 13th...to continue praying the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary...because only She can help you"

– Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

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of St. Gertrude the Great Church*

RELIGION FOR WEEK DAYS

Religion is living out the principles of Christianity in one's ordinary week-day life. It is getting the Bible and the prayers and the services into thought and act and character. We must not cut our lives in two, and call one part secular, governing it by one set of principles, and then regard the other part as sacred, to be controlled by another set of rules. All life should be made religious in the sense that everything is to be done in such a way as to please God, under the direction of his counsel. We have just as much religion as we get into our week-day life, and not a whit more. Whatsoever we do, even to eating and drinking, we should do in the name of the Lord Jesus.

– J.R.M.

*"A road is not made for the purpose of
resting upon it."*

Words of Our Lady, from the Mystical City of God

HUMANIST, WHERE ART THOU?

*The minstrel boy to the war is gone,
In the ranks of death ye will find him;
His father's sword he hath girded on,
And his wild harp slung behind him;
"Land of Song!" said the warrior bard,
"Tho' all the world betray thee,
One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,
One faithful harp shall praise thee!"*

*The Minstrel fell! But the foeman's chain
Could not bring his proud soul under;
The harp he loved ne'er spoke again,
For he tore its chords asunder;
And said, "No chains shall sully thee,
Thou soul of love and bravery!
Thy songs were made for the pure and free.
They shall never sound in slavery!"*

(Thomas Moore, commemorating
the Dublin uprising of 1798)

This poem's portrayal of piety and courage is not "global," but universal. That is to say, it rings true wherever there are human beings who love their native land, whether they are Tibetan or Congolese – wherever there are human beings who give their hearts away and reckon not the cost.

Do I want children raised up on songs and poetry, rather than on manuals and financial news? Yes, a thousand times yes! For I want my neighbors to be human – and free. Sure, it is useful to know something about the chicanery of central banks. But it is more useful, just because it is useless, to sing.

A person is most human not when he is mulling over the details of a marketing campaign, or carting a wheelbarrow full of clay for the fashioning of bricks without straw. He is most human when he stands free beneath the heavens and joins with his fellows in expressions of love, gratitude, and devotion. I would be honored to stand beside the Minstrel Boy.

– Anthony Esolen, *catholiceducation.org*
Commentary on proposed "Common Core"
standards for education

Collection Report

Sunday, June 30th\$3,812.00

July

(Dedicated to the Precious Blood)

Centuries the parched earth
Waited, until Gethsemane's ground
Was moistened with the Precious
Blood.

God closed the Gates of Paradise
and Heaven to all
Because of Adam's fall,
Until Longinus' spear
(Venerated in one of the four
corners in the ceiling of St.

Peter's Basilica, Rome)
Gave proof to the near
That every drop was shed.

Silver-armored Knights
Sought the Holy Grail.
One there was, Sir Galahad,
So pure in heart
That he could see the cup
Our Blessed Lord breathed o'er –
The crimson wine
(Who was the Vine)
And said at the Last Supper:
"*This is My Blood.*"

Lest our search be fruitless,
This, too, has come to pass
In every Holy Mass.
What greater Gift could mankind
ask?

– Rose Margaret Coughlin

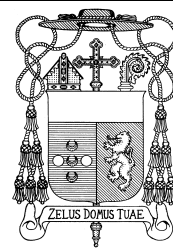


Servers: JULY 8 - 14, 2013

TUE 7/9	8:00 AM REQ. HIGH: B. Lotarski, J. Lacy
WED 7/10	9:00 AM LOW: N. McClorey
THU 7/11	9:00 AM LOW: A. Richesson
FRI 7/12	9:00 AM LOW: B. Lotarski 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 7/13	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 7/14	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: B. Lotarski ACs: S. & P. Lawrence TH: S. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. Lacy, A. Soli, T. Lawrence, C. Brueggemann 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

With today's Precious Blood Sunday, our Independence Day weekend comes to a close. I hope you did not have a pleasant one; I would rather you all had a pious one, a patriotic one – not just beer and brats! I pray your celebration included some serious thinking, some profitable discussion, some motivated praying for our country; as we slip into a surveillance state. In His goodness God at least gives us a Paul Revere to sound the alarm. Of course, it is much easier to turn it off, and turn over, and go back to sleep, only waking up in time for the barbeque.



Some 20 souls sacrificed their sleep to pray the Mass with us on our national day. The sad, dismal weather seemed somehow fitting. Still, our patriotic hymns have a wonderful way of rousing us, don't they, even when sung by a small group. Thank God!

Try hymn singing sometime at home. In the old days, people would cheer and entertain themselves with music, art and games, before the propaganda box was installed in each home.

Our duties done, sermon given, Masses and prayers said and hymns sung, we did gather together for a nice Independence Day picnic on the Convento porch. All things in due measure! The **McFathers** made more brats and sauerkraut. (We Irishmen can't get enough of that great German food!) Fr. Thielen joined us for the party, and a good time was had by all.

Fr. Thielen mentioned that Ruth Higdon, an old-timer from St. Gertrude the Great's early days, still makes it to his Mass. She has resided in Columbus for a number of years. Her indomitable spirit at 94 brings her out to Mass with her walker. Thank God for such fidelity and such a good example.

Fr. Lehtoranta just missed the party as he returned late on Thursday evening. We are looking forward to hearing about his trip, as well as any apostolic possibilities in Scandinavia. Michigan seminarian Mr. Philip Eldracher visited us as well, on his way home, after having received the first two minor orders from **Bishop Sanborn**.

Bishop Sanborn will be visiting Europe this week, where he will see faithful **Fr. Trytek** in Krakow, as well as interview some potential seminarians. God is blessing our work with seminarians from many countries.

Meanwhile, our relatively new apostolate of *Restoration Radio* is also flourishing. The latest "radio personality" is **Fr. Larrabee**, who just celebrated his fourth anniversary of ordination. Father's program *"An Introduction to Catholicism"* presents popular Catholic apologetics, and has already drawn over a thousand downloads. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead as Bishop Sanborn and Fr. Cekada discuss current events in the light of unchanging Catholicism.

This week we welcome two of the **Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas** and quite a few girls and young ladies for three wonderful days of Summer camp. I thank in advance all of the ladies who have been working so hard preparing for this important annual apostolate. Thank *you* for your generous support! Let's all pray for fine weather for the girls.

The Sisters have their headquarters at Our Lady of the Sun in Phoenix, where **Fr. Palma** serves. While our weather is wet and mild, they are broiling in the heat. Let us remember them and their needs in prayer.

Isn't the cloister courtyard shaping up beautifully? The pavers certainly make for a handsome effect. Fr. Cekada's impromptu appeal last Sunday at the 7:30 for a donor for the fountain was immediately and very generously answered.

You have been very good about remembering Bea Lutkehaus, now at Mercy-St. Theresa, and visiting her. She, too, is one of our indomitable old-timers. Do keep her, and all of our shut in, in your prayers.

After today's Solemnity of the Precious Blood, the church "goes quiet" for five weeks until the Assumption. Still, in addition to the camps, we have our two weekly novenas on Tuesday and Friday, Sunday Vespers, and daily Masses as announced, St. James the Greater and St. Anne, as well as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and many beloved saints. So, I suppose it is really only a relative rest.

The Masses have been quite beautiful of late. Each season and feast has its particular charm. How do people manage to resist? The days are delineated by devotions which draw us closer to God in so many ways. Take advantage of your Summer with its mild weather, long days and beautiful mornings, to allow yourself to "be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen," as we sing in the Christmas Preface.

Following, living the Church cycle of feasts and devotions is the best way, the only way to live as a Catholic, and to raise Catholic children today (just as we were raised yesterday) while being raised above so much distracting nonsense – and worse – which would otherwise fill our days and empty our souls.

Come, be washed in the Precious Blood of the Lamb. Slake your thirst here and be daily refreshed and renewed. Heaven, don't miss it for the earth.

With a blessing in the Precious Blood,

– Bishop Dolan

PS: A sincere thank you for your condolences, cards and Masses for my brother David. I am very touched by your charity, and pray in turn for you and your family.

*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast
Please check our website!*

MON	7/8/13	ST ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Robert Duff (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
TUE	7/9/13	FERIAL DAY <i>OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE</i> <i>Ss JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM</i> <i>MARTYRS OF GORKUM</i> <i>ST MARIA GORETTI, M</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Maria Duff (<i>H.O. & Becky Hinton</i>) 8:00 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society Summer Novena 5:00 PM Low Mass †William Kevin Ahern (<i>Simpson family</i>) Summer Novena
WED	7/10/13	SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM Ss RUFINA & SECUNDA, VMM <i>Girls' Camp</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Special intention-deceased friend (<i>Tom Simpson</i>) 9:00 AM Low Mass †Maria, and Duff family (<i>F.R. Mattingly</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Melissa Kunkel (<i>Hintons</i>)
THU	7/11/13	ST PIUS I, PM <i>Girls' Camp</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Melissa Kunkel (<i>Maria Miller</i>) 9:00 AM Low Mass Lydia Puglielli-Happy Birthday and First Communion (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
FRI	7/12/13	ST JOHN GUALBERT, AB Ss NABOR & FELIX, MM <i>ST VERONICA, W</i> <i>Girls' Camp</i> 9:00 AM Low Mass †Maria Duff (<i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †P.H. Omlor, & his family (<i>Arlinghaus family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	7/13/13	ST ANACLETUS, PM 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Special Intention-deceased friend (<i>Tom Simpson</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Titus Current (<i>Samantha</i>) 7:00 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace (Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive)
SUN	7/14/13	PENTECOST VIII ST BONAVENTURE, BPCD 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Agnes & John Brockman (<i>Jane & Rob Brockman</i>)

THIRTEEN TUESDAYS OF ST. ANTHONY WEEK FOUR

Meditation: Work for Eternal Salvation

"Man born of woman lives for a short time and is filled with many miseries," Job once said. "He comes forth like a flower and is destroyed."

At last death comes and knocks at this door calling man to appear before the eternal Judge. O man, begin a new life now. Imitate St. Anthony, working day and night for thy eternal salvation.

Here make your request.

Prayer: Glorious St. Anthony, who led thy soul to the port of celestial glory, obtain for us that our souls may be guided by the light of faith, hope and charity which leads to the port of eternal love. Then the kingdom of heaven one day shall be our possession. Amen.

*This meditation and prayer may be included in your private recitation of the **Summer Novena** devotions for Tuesday, July 9th.*



Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the conversion of non-Catholics

Trusting in thy goodness, O sweet Lady of Perpetual Help, because thou art the Mother of mercy and the refuge of sinners, we beseech thee to look with pitying eyes on all those who are living outside the pale of the one true Church. So many non-Catholics possessed of kind hearts, with a charity for God's poor, are honestly seeking religious truth, though with difficulty, because they are blinded by misinformation and inherited prejudice. These souls are destitute of the knowledge of the one true faith, but O Mother of Perpetual Help, they must be dear to thee as they are to thy adorable Son Jesus, because redeemed by His precious blood. As thy beloved Son wishes all men to be saved and to be brought to the knowledge of the truth, we plead with thee O Mother of God, for the conversion of all those who walk in the darkness of error and sin. Virgin Mother of Perpetual Help, as thou art called the Seat of Wisdom, enlighten the minds of our separated brethren, that they may discover the consoling truths of our holy faith, and having discovered them, willingly accept and believe them. O Mary, grant us this wonderful favor that all immortal souls ransomed by the blood of thy dying Son, may soon be united to us by the bonds of divine charity, so that there may be but one fold and one Shepherd. Amen.

9:00 AM	High Mass †Our Sons (<i>H.O. & Becky Hinton</i>)
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass The Pat Patton family (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude the Great