

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 14, 2013

Pentecost VIII St Bonaventure, BpCD



Give an account of thy stewardship

✠ THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ The altar returns to liturgical green today on this the eighth Sunday after Pentecost, as we open our annual Triduum to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. We bid farewell to the good Sisters of St. Thomas with our thanks for their help with another successful Girls' Camp. Join us after the 9 AM Mass in Helfta Hall for a little reception.

*"God created all things not to increase
His glory, but to show it forth
and to communicate it."
— St. Bonaventure*

¶ THIS WEEK

We open the work week with the scapular, as we continue our Triduum to **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** on **Monday**. The feast itself falls on **Tuesday**, coinciding with our *Summer Novena*. Come for a "two for one." Are you and yours wearing your brown scapular? Lexi's patron saint comes **Wednesday**, sharing space with *Our Lady's Humility*. **St. Alexius** was so humble he lived under the stairs in his parents' home,

unknown for years. We also honor the **Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne**, whose beheading gives you the real picture of the French Revolution.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the scapular...these themes give way to a new one on **Thursday**, as we start Charity Row. The Saints of charity start with **St. Camillus**, on Fr. Cekada's birthday. Show a little charity by coming to Mass, especially for **Friday** evening's Novena on the feast of *the* charitable Saint, **Vincent de Paul**. The Row concludes next Sunday with **St. Praxedes**.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of the month, with the Blessing of Expectant Mothers after all Masses. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

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

"Charity is a greater virtue than obedience"
— St. Thomas Aquinas

¶ WE GET LETTERS...

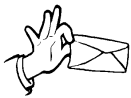
Dear Bishop Dolan: I had a surprise as I was reading through the bulletin last Sunday. I was reading "The Acts of St. Peter" when I came upon "Love" and the verse that was used to demonstrate it. I'm thankful to say that I know the verse. I had to memorize it many years ago. When I was seven or eight years old, my sisters and I were going to Sunday School at a Baptist church. One Sunday, the teacher passed around a bag with folded pieces of paper inside. We were told to draw out one piece of paper, look up and memorize the Bible verse that was written on it. My verse was John 21:17. It was difficult for me to learn, but I did get it memorized and proudly recited it the following Sunday. I still recite it, mostly before I start to pray – just so the Lord will know who's coming to pray!

— A parishioner



Collection Report

Sunday, July 7th\$3,725.00
Second Collection\$930.00



CHURCH SUPPORT

With vacation and travel during the summer, things like your weekly envelope might easily be overlooked. Please mail in your weekly contribution if you are away from home. Our expenses never take a vacation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boys' Camp – Tuesday, July 23rd - Thursday, July 25th.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for Florence Scott, Jenny Upton, and all of our sick and shut-in.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MASS STIPENDS

The usual stipend for a Mass is \$20.00. Masses are offered as soon as they can be scheduled, but if you would like one on a certain date (such as a birthday or anniversary remembrance), at least one month's notice is needed from the time the stipend is received.

A *Privileged Altar* is an altar enriched temporarily or permanently with a special privilege out of the Church's rich treasury of indulgences: a Mass offered for a departed soul upon that altar is efficacious to release the soul immediately from Purgatory; in other words, it is granted a Plenary Indulgence. *Any altar used by a Bishop for a departed soul becomes a privileged altar as that Mass is being offered. You may request the Bishop to offer your Mass for the deceased.*



Servers: JULY 15 - 21, 2013

TUE 7/16 8:00 AM LOW: J. Lacy

FRI 7/19 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 7/20 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 7/21 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Soli **ACs:** J. Simpson, J. Lacy
TH: L. Arlinghaus **TORCH:** P. Omlor, C. Richesson, J. & J. Morgan
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the next fortnight for the following intention:

Bishop Dolan, Clergy & parishioners in thanksgiving for prayers during my recent surgery
(Mr. & Mrs. David Marko)

"This is the admirable disposition of the sweet and powerful providence of God, that in order to bind Himself to do good to some of His creatures He sends hardships upon others, thus giving an occasion for the practice of benevolence, so that at the same time those in necessity may be benefited. Thus the benefactor, on account of the good work he does and on account of the prayer of the poor, is rewarded by receiving graces of which he otherwise would not be worthy. The Father of mercies, who inspires and assists the good work done, afterwards pays for it as if it were due in justice, for we can correspond to His inspirations merely according to our insignificant abilities, while all that is really good comes entirely from His hands (James 1: 17)."

(Words of Our Lady from the Mystical City of God)

Our Beloved Dead – July

Name	Date of Death
James Paul Peter	7-04-2003
Melissa C. Brown	7-05-1985
Clifford A. Breitenstein	7-11-2004
James N. Zambo	7-11-1990
Rev. Philip St. Sheridan	7-14-1990
Joan I. Briggs	7-15-1990
Mary A. Kolb	7-15-1997
William J. Bendel	7-31-2008

My Jesus, clothe me with the bright purple of Thy Precious Blood; crown me with the garland of Thy worshipful death; welcome me into the bridal chamber of Thy burning love.



Summer Gardens

What thing more beautiful can be
Than green boughs of a summer tree?

What sweeter strain has ever stirred

The twilight air than vespers heard

From some July-enchanted bird?
A poppy dreaming or a bee

Couched in a rose, no poet's word

Can paint them, only love can see
A summer garden – *fleur-de-lis*
And butter cup and flowering pea,
And know the beauty held in fee.

God made a garden first, for He

Loved Gardens; and Christ fame conferred

And blessing – through Gethsemane.

– L. Mitchell Thornton



At Calvary

Not when His bleeding Body craved
for rest

Did Christ, the Crucified, this life depart;

But, oh! His head fell lifeless on His breast

When His keen anguish broke His Mothers's heart.

– T.S. Wyatt



"The object of government," said Lord Bacon, "is to enforce among individuals the observance of the moral law; and states are prosperous in proportion as this object is attained."

In that case, we're doomed!

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

I hope you are able to attend this morning's musical program, presented by the Sisters and our summer campers. They are a talented group. We welcomed over 50 girls this year for three days of wonderful activities. The music at Mass was beautiful, and the Masses drew an excellent Summer weekday congregation. Deo Gratias!

Fr. Cekada and **Fr. McGuire** hold down the fort this morning. **Fr. McKenna** drove me to Michigan on Thursday for a memorial service for my brother on Friday. On Saturday, I flew to Lafayette, Louisiana, where I visited with **Fr. Francis Miller**, and am offering Sunday Mass for the faithful of Our Lady of the Rosary today.

I say "I flew" but the airlines are notoriously unreliable anymore. The monthly Louisiana trip is almost always tripped up by missed connections, late or cancelled flights. Fr. McKenna has been serving our flock in Louisiana lately. Last time he returned at 2 AM! His upper Midwest travels turned out better, netting a baptism in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The McFathers are slowly learning their geography as well, making interesting discoveries about relative distances and Great Lakes.

Fr. Lehtoranta is visiting Milwaukee for a fortnight, and will be doing some mission travel himself. The other Fathers will be here, preparing for next week's Boys' Camp.

Joseph Lotarski is now in law school in Lansing, Michigan. He recently visited home. Danny Brueggemann, one of our faithful 7:30 servers, graduated from high school in Kentucky this month, and has an interesting work/study program planned out improve his advanced math/science portfolio in view of college. We certainly wish these hard-working young scholars well.

Good wishes, too, and great gratitude for Katie Bischak, our dedicated sacristan, whose birthday was yesterday. Like all of our amazing Gertrudian ladies, she just gets younger and younger. Happy Birthday, Katie!

Those cats certainly come in handy. **Puccini** was resting after the breakfast buffet Thursday morning. I had the door open to catch the pleasant morning air. In flew a bird. Fr. Cekada stirred himself, but that cat had the bird in one amazing jump. Problem solved. Thank you, Puccini. If ever mice flew, I'm sure we wouldn't have any.

I hope you all are having good travels, as well as a restful and pleasant Summer. We've welcomed many visitors to St. Gertrude, mostly at the 5:45 Mass. One lady from Pennsylvania came by in her travels last week, eager to know us and other sedevacantist churches. Her enthusiasm was wonderful. We continue to grow.

God is still working in our midst, drawing and enlightening souls, and leading them to an uncompromised Catholic position in today's crisis. You may feel yourself alone as you confront the giant of big government and Novus Ordo, but you shouldn't. Your fellow Catholics stand with you, and all of the Court of Heaven second your slingshots against Goliath. Take your aim and fight bravely on! Subsidiarity is the word.

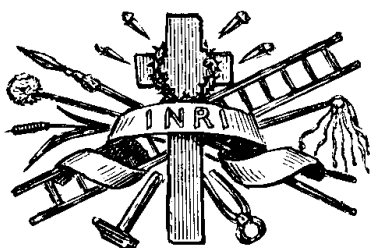
Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!

—Bishop Dolan

Let us raise our eyes and keep
them fixed on Jesus, the Author
of our redemption.

Let us contemplate Our Lord,
pierced with nails and
suspended from the cross.

— St. Anthony of Padua



OFFERING OF

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the
Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on
the cross and offered daily on the altar,
for the glory of Thy name, for the
coming of Thy kingdom, and for the
salvation of all men.

*Your Heart, O most dear Jesus, is the good treasure, the pearl of great price, which we find by digging in
the field of Your Body....For to this end was Your side pierced, that an entry might be open to us.*

— St. Bonaventure

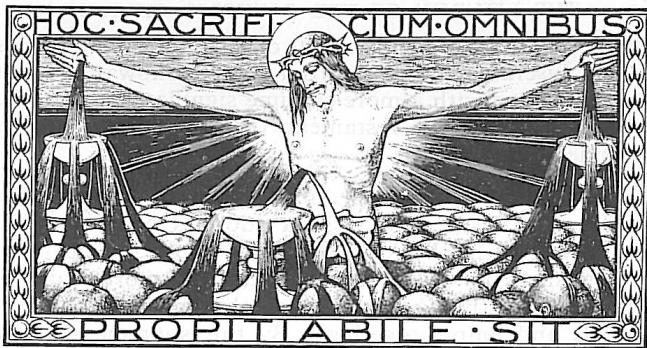
✠ A PRECIOUS BLOOD THOUGHT

Doing the Will of God

...I mean we don't want to choose [anything] in our own way or according to our own opinions – circumstances of time or place, consolations or trials, being wronged or derided or slandered or insulted, or anything else from any source whatever, for ourselves or for anyone else. No, we submit ourselves completely to God's will, which we discover in Christ's Blood. How so? Because that Blood reveals God's gracious will, which neither wants nor seeks anything but that we be made holy, and whatever He gives or permits is given us out of love, so that we may be made holy in Him. This is how His truth is fulfilled.

His truth is this: that He created us for the glory and praise of His name and so that we might share in his blessedness and in his boundless charity, and this destiny we receive and experience perfectly when we see God. This is what we have come to know. We have seen with our mind's eye the eternal Father's will in the Blood of His Son. And this is why, when we are swallowed up in the Blood, and enlightened by God's gracious will which we have discovered in the Blood, we have no more pain. We do not walk according to our own way, nor do we want to direct ourselves or anyone else according to our own opinions. And so we do not suffer as do those who go their own way, because we have completely let go of our own opinions. In fact, we concentrate on doing just what we discover in the Precious Blood. And what do we discover? The eternal Father's honor and the salvation of souls. For this Word was never concerned about anything else. He did not evade suffering, but took His place at the table of the cross.

– St. Catherine of Siena



By a continual surrender to grace in little trials, St. Thérèse learned that just as out of the ruthless cruelty of Calvary there flowed the Precious Blood, so it is through our crosses that we do, in fact, experience the tenderness of the Sacred Heart.

✠ A SCAPULAR SAINT

MADELEINE SALLE, MARTYR (c. 1753-1794)

Madeleine Salle, of Chateuneuf-sur-Sarthe, France, married Pierre Havard and settled in Soeudres. In 1794, she was arrested for her faith during the anti-Catholic persecution waged by the Jacobin regime of the French Revolution. She was brought to a convent in Angers that the revolutionaries had converted into a prison. The Jacobins put Madeleine in solitary confinement because she wore a scapular – regarded by the Jacobins as a “counter-revolutionary sign” that they feared would “corrupt” the other prisoners. On April 4, 1794, the 41-year-old housewife was charged with being “a fanatic armed with counter-revolutionary signs.” Twelve days later, she was shot to death. According to an eyewitness, another woman sentenced to die, having attempted to hide when summoned to her execution, was tied to the tail of a horse and dragged through the convent garden and a city street before facing the firing squad.

July 14th – Bastille Day. This is the French Revolution! They should celebrate Bastille Day by executing housewives who wear scapulars. Perhaps one day they will.



*O Queen, who art the beauty of Carmel, pray for us.
(An indulgence of 300 days)*

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ ST ANTHONY'S CORNER

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

MON	7/15/13	ST HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C <i>DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES</i> <i>Triduum to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Special Intention (conversion) (Triduum I) (DJR)
	9:00 AM	Low Mass Cecilia & Hervé (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
TUE	7/16/13	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Special Intention (conversion) (Triduum II) (DJR)
	7:55 AM	Closing of Triduum to O.L. of Mt. Carmel
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention-Conversions (Arlinghaus family) Summer Novena
	5:00 PM	Low Mass James Cooley-Birthday (M/M Victor Ritze) Summer Novena
WED	7/17/13	ST ALEXIUS, C <i>HUMILITY OF MARY</i> <i>CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Special Intention (conversion) (Triduum III) (DJR)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Florence Fauley (M/M Victor Ritze)
THU	7/18/13	ST CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C ST SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Rosary Chain intentions (DJR)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our priests-Happy Anniversary of Ordination (M/M Victor Ritze)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM, STD (Samantha)
FRI	7/19/13	ST VINCENT DE PAUL, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Special intention-deceased friend (Tom Simpson)
	9:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention BKK (G. Keaveney)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Patrick H. Omlor (DJR)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	7/20/13	ST JEROME EMILIAN, C ST MARGARET, VM <i>ST ELIAS THE PROPHET</i>
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Jim Peter-10th anniversary (7/4) (Simpson family)
	8:10 AM	Sermon, Low Mass Happy Birthday, Katie! (The Fathers)
SUN	7/21/13	PENTECOST IX ST PRAXEDES, V <i>ST DANIEL THE PROPHET</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary

THE SUMMER NOVENA – WEEK FIVE



Meditation: Watch and Pray

St. Peter would urge the early Christians to watch and pray because the devil stands before us; as a roaring lion he does not remain still a single moment, but is always on the lookout for a new prey among the children of God. Satan, as a keen general, is helped by his faithful attendants; the world, the devils and the human passions. Who will be a sure guide for man against such a dreadful enemy? We must look with St. Anthony – and our Mother of Perpetual Help – at Jesus Christ hanging from the cross, and learn from Him.

Here make your request.

Prayer: Glorious St. Anthony, obtain for us from Jesus Christ abundant graces, so that we may conquer the three great enemies – the world, the devil, and our own passions, and thus enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

This meditation and prayer may be included in your private recitation of the Summer Novena devotions for Tuesday, July 16th. Better still, join us after the 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses for the public Novena.

St. Anthony, who drivest away devils, make us triumph over their snares.

– prayer of St. Bonaventure



The following private Masses were offered by Bishop Dolan:

Happy Birthday Bishop Dolan (Sharon) (offered 6/29/13)

Bishop Dolan's special intention for deceased (G. Keaveney) (offered 7/4/13)

Bishop Dolan's special intention for deceased (Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze) (offered 7/6/13)

7:30 AM **Low Mass** Katie Bischak-Happy Birthday (7/20) (Gloria & Richard)

9:00 AM **High Mass** Bernard H. Landry (Mother, Joan Landry)

11:05 AM **Rosary**

11:30 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Sharon Patton & her intentions (DJR)

4:45 PM **Vespers and Benediction**

5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the People of St. Gertrude the Great

Are All Religions Equally Good?

We doubt whether there is anyone who has travelled a little and met a variety of human beings who has not at some time or other heard someone say: "After all, all religions are good; they all lead to the same place; it doesn't matter what people believe so long as they are good." Even a Catholic here and there may be heard to speak thus. But the statement is so intellectually absurd, so contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and so evil in its effects that thinking men should be ashamed to make it.

1. Certainly it is intellectually absurd. Different religions hold as true opposite statements about the same thing. No one would tolerate the claim that two opposite statements about the same thing were true in daily life; if I go to a bank to deposit two dollars in checks and two dollars in bills and argue with the cashier that two and two make five, saying that he is entitled to his view that two and two make four, but that I am also entitled to mine because we both may be right – I will be ejected from the bank and possibly injected into an asylum. The same is true of religious statements: if two opposites can be true and right – then nothing is true and right.

2. It is absolutely contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ to say that it does not matter what a man believes so long as he is good. Christ spent much time teaching His Apostles the *truth*; He sent them out to teach all men, with the threat: He that believeth (what I have taught) shall be saved; He that believeth not (i.e., who believeth the opposite of what I have taught through his own fault) shall be condemned. Moreover He promised that He would protect them and their successors from teaching anything different from His doctrines. Evidently He was taking no chances on letting people believe what they pleased.

– *"Why I Am a Catholic"*

D.F. Miller, CSSR (1957)

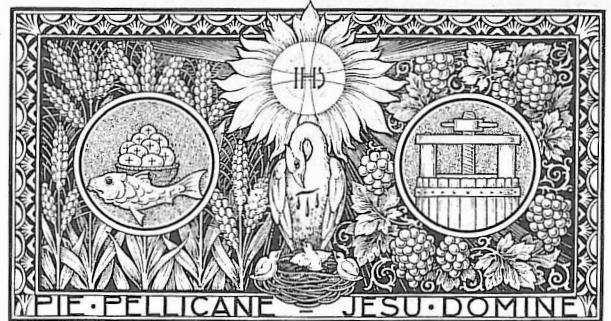
(to be continued)

**"Our times require courage and call for
sacrifice and work. Be strong in the war
against the eternal enemy of good."**

– Saint Pius X

"SIR, GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS"

The intentions of those who communicate are different and numerous: some are induced to it by the love of God alone, that they may oftener draw their beloved into the bottom of their souls, to enjoy Him, comfort themselves with Him, and become enflamed with His love. Others are excited to it by the knowledge they have of their own weakness, and seek to be cured of their infirmities by the assistance of this heavenly physician; others are touched with the remembrance of their sins, and hope by this great Sacrifice, and by this saving Host, to obtain pardon of them; others, seeing themselves pressed with some temptation, or some extraordinary affliction, have recourse to this Sacrament, that, by the power of the Almighty, they may be delivered from their troubles, and defended from their enemy; others desire some particular grace, and address themselves to this dear Son, to whom His Father can refuse nothing for the obtaining of their request; others burn with a zeal of testifying to God their acknowledgment of His benefits, and they offer Him this same Son who is given them, knowing that they cannot present Him anything more agreeable than this Cup of Blessing which He has communicated to us: others have a design to praise God in His saints, since we cannot of ourselves more worthily honor them than by offering to God this Sacrifice of praise in remembrance of them.



Others, in fine, celebrate and communicate, being induced to it through an earnest desire of their neighbor's salvation, or by the compassion they have of their brethren's adversities, being assured that... nothing so efficaciously pleads the cause of the miserable, or so powerfully intercedes before the face of the Father for the living and the dead, as the Precious Blood of his Son, which he has shed both for the one and the other.

– St. Bonaventure

Bishop, Confessor, Doctor of the Church