

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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May 25, 2014 Easter V

St Gregory VII, PC
St Urban I, PM



I LEAVE THE WORLD AND GO
TO THE FATHER

✠ ROGATION SUNDAY

Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

✠ MONDAY – MEMORIAL DAY



Tomorrow is our country's "Springtime All Souls Day."

On this day, pray for all of our dead, but especially our soldiers, veterans, and all who have died in our wars.

Monday is also the first of the **Rogation Days** this year.

Rosary and May Devotions will be prayed at **8:30 AM**, with the Lesser Litanies Procession commencing at **9:00 AM**, followed by High Mass of the Rogation Day.

✠ THE ROGATION DAYS

Every year on the three days preceding Our Lord's admirable Ascension, the Church solemnly presents all her needs and petitions to Him, that He may take them to the Father when He goes home to Heaven. These are the **Rogation** ("Asking") Days. The Rogation Day processions of the Lesser Litanies are a beautiful and ancient part of the Church's liturgy which draw down many needed graces for ourselves, our Church and our country.

Join us also on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** at **11:00 AM**, to pray and process, followed by Holy Mass.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 18th\$3,565.00

✠ ASCENSION THURSDAY – HOLY DAY

All are bound to assist at Mass under pain of mortal sin. Holy Day Masses are at **7:00 AM** (*especially for workers: no sermon*), **9:00 AM** and **5:45 PM**. Vespers will be recited at 4:30 PM, with confessions and **Rosary** at **5:10 PM**, followed by **Benediction** with May Devotions at 5:30 PM.

Lord, take care of me, lest I betray You and do You all the evil in the world if You do not help me.
– St. Philip Neri

✠ TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC CINEMA

Join us **Friday**, after the evening Benediction, for a showing of *Joan of Arc* in Helfta Hall, brought to you by A.D. Kinnett. Refreshments provided.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

The blessing of religious articles will be available after all Masses. Our monthly second collection is for our seminary.

Set Your Missal: Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension, collects of St. Angela Merici and the Octave, Preface & special Communicantes of the Ascension.

The Blessed Virgin is not like the saints, who obtain for us certain specific graces, and that but occasionally. She obtains for us every grace; we have always need of her.

– Bl. Peter Julian Eymard

✠ DON'T EVEN THINK...

Women and girls are not permitted to change into slacks or jeans, etc. at church. If you must dress this way – often it is immodest for no justifying cause – you may **not** do it at God's house.

✠ COMBINED JUNE-JULY ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Due to the Vigil of Pentecost Pontifical ceremonies on the first Saturday of June and Independence Day on the first Friday of July, there will be **NO All-Night Adoration on the First Friday of June nor of July**.

Instead we will have *one* All-Night Adoration commencing **Friday, June 20th** (within the Octave of Corpus Christi). *Please mark your calendars now!*



✠ ADOREMUS IN AETERNUM

Remember to make a *double genuflection* (kneel for a moment on **both** knees and bow the head) as you enter church or pass the middle of the altar when the Blessed Sacrament is *Exposed* (as at Benediction) or *visible* on the altar (Elevation, Domine non sum dignus).

✠ OUR SICK...YOUR PRAYERS

Viola Ripperger, had a fall but is doing better. Kim LeBlanc is having a surgical procedure this week. William Harris has received Extreme Unction. Tom Payne was in hospice of Anderson Township but is expected home this week. Doris Jeanne Campbell devoutly received the Last Rites in Indianapolis. Thank you for your prayers for this intention, and for all of our sick. J.T. Black, Mary's son, however, still needs his sacraments, so we need your prayers for him, for all our sick,

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

and all intentions confided to us. Remember especially Fr. Kevin Vaillancourt and his health and his chapel.



✠ A CARD OF THANKS

To Bishop Dolan, all the priests, and all my friends at St. Gertrude who helped me get through Pat's illness: I don't have words to express my gratitude for all the support you gave me. Thanks to all the priests who came to bring Communion to Pat. I am also so grateful to the Bishop for giving him the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. The Requiem Mass was so beautiful. And thanks to the ladies who prepared the luncheon for us. Thank you all; I will never forget all that you did for us.

— Ina, Patrick and Raffy Harpen

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

★ *Fatima Rosary Procession:*

Friday, June 13th (7:15 PM).

★ *St. Anthony Blessing of animals & opening of the Thirteen Tuesdays:*

Tuesday, June 17th (Blessing at 7:30 PM).

★ *Corpus Christi (All day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament):*

Thursday, June 19th (Solemn Mass 11:20 AM).

★ *All-Night Adoration:*

Friday, June 20th (7:00 PM)

★ *St. John's Bonfire, Summer Picnic & entertainment:*

Tuesday, June 24th (following the 5:45 PM Solemn Mass).

★ *Girls' Camp*

Wednesday, July 9th–Friday, July 11th

★ *Boys' Camp*

Tuesday, July 22nd–Thursday, July 24th



"Do not fear to love Mary too much, for you will never be able to love her enough, and Jesus will be very pleased because she is His Mother too."

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

Seven Ls for when life "lays it on"

1. Lift it up; it's heavy, no? Then:
2. Let it go
3. Lay it at Mary's feet
4. Leave it there
5. (Don't) look back
6. Love, though, love a lot, Our Lord through this, Our Lady, too. And,
7. Laugh a little, too.



✠ CATECHISM CORNER

I BELIEVE that the recitation of the Rosary, together with Meditation on its various mysteries, is the type of devotion to Mary most recommended by the Church; because in the first part of the "Hail Mary" we salute her extraordinary privileges and gifts; and in the second part we implore her protection for our present needs, but above all, at the great crisis of life, "at the hour of our death."

I believe that my salvation depends upon Mary's Mediation in union with Christ, because of her exalted position as Mediatrix of all Grace and nearness to her Divine Son.

I believe that I owe the greatest love, reverence, and respect for Mary, my Heavenly Mother.

— "My Sunday Missal"

SERVERS: MAY 26 - JUNE 1, 2014

MON 5/26	9:00 AM: P. Omlor, Simpsons, and Volunteer(s)
THU 5/29	7:00 AM LOW: Volunteer 9:00 AM HIGH: School Servers, Volunteers 5:15 PM BENEDICTION & LOW MASS: G. Miller, P. Omlor
FRI 5/30	5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 5/31	7:30 AM HIGH: M. Briggs, Simpsons 8:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor
SUN 6/1	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson ACs: P. Lawrence, L. Arlinghaus TH: S. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. Soli, J. Lacy, C. Rios, C. Richesson 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnert, Nath. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

USHERS: MAY 29, 2014
5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

AT HIGH MASS

The pomp of clouds, the glory of the sea,
Music of water, song-birds' melody!
The organ of Thy thunder in the air,
Breath of the rose, and beauty everywhere!
Lord take this stately service done to Thee,
The grave enactment of Thy Calvary!

In jeweled pomp and splendor pictured there,
Lord, take the sounds and sights, the silk and gold,
The white and scarlet, take the reverent grace,
Of ordered step, window and glowing wall —
Prophet and Praise, holy men of old!
Teach us children of this Holy Place,
Who love Thy Courts, to love Thee best of all!

— Robert Hugh Benson
(Submitted by Les Pomerville)



MAY

May is a child who goes to Mass,
Very sedate, and prim, and sweet.
Forget-me-nots are on her hat,
And lady-slippers on her feet.

Her folded hands are lilies white,
Of rosebuds is her rosary.
Queen Mary leans from Heaven's arch,
The beauty of her child to see.

— Mary Regina Martin



Queen of the Apostles,
Pray for us!

Regina Apostolorum,
ora pro nobis.

(An indulgence of 100 days — Raccolta No. 437)



✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



Man's ways are not God's ways! This alone, pondering it, and pounding our cold worldly wills to Divine submissions would "justify" a great deal of prayer in our lives, far more than customary. We had better learn God's ways, for it is truly His way or the highway...to hell!

Souls are lost because no one prays for them. Don't be a loser, or a lost one.

But today is "praying" or Rogation Sunday. Rarely, says Pius Parsch, does a week occur so rich in liturgy, in feasts and observances. We have first, today, Sunday, the Lord's Day, all day, though the pious man today gets his Mass in or "out of the way" in the morning, and has the rest of the day for himself, and not necessarily for rest. The impious man never comes to church, or but rarely, or once or twice a month, and then it is done.

But this week calls us to church five days out of seven. What a week! This is Rogation Sunday, leading in to the Rogation processions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Having received our rogations or asking prayers, Our Risen Lord rises now higher, out of sight, up into Heaven on Thursdays. Most of you (but not all) will return to church for the Holy Day, to catch a glimpse of Christ going home to glory, to prepare us a place, and to worship as He does.

On Friday we start our Pentecost preparations with the oldest Novena in the church, singing the stirring **Veni Creator** for the Holy Ghost to come. May ends on Saturday, with the lovely feast of Mary's Queenship, which the last pope put on the calendar on the last day of May, as the last addition to the missal; a filial tribute from Pius XII to Our Lady, just before the end.

But God's ways are not man's ways. This is Memorial Day weekend, the start of Summer, the solemn opening of barbecues and pools and summer jobs, travel and vacations. Not too many will be thinking this week of Mass or May devotions, much less *one more* procession! Never mind, somebody will pray with us this afternoon for Vespers and May Devotions, and tomorrow morning, I am sure. The children will pray *for* us on Tuesday and Wednesday, and we'll see you in church for the Holy Day come Thursday.

But *do come tomorrow!* It's our "Spring All Souls Day." Remember your dear dead, our veterans, the victims of all of our so many and wasted wars, which only bear testimony to man's wickedness and Heaven's

chastisements. Come, pray with us!

If you are traveling this holiday, I wish you a safe journey. Thank you for your prayers for ours. **Fr. Cekada** hurried back from the seminary on Thursday in time for his evening Restoration Radio show on Bergoglio, this time covering the twin canonizations of the bookend modernists of the V2 revolution. **Fr. McKenna** was traipsing around the upper Midwest last week, and reports 47 souls for Rochester, Minnesota's revived Ss. Processus & Martinian mission.

My trip to the rough border town of Tijuana, Mexico went very well. It's a long journey, some 14 hours door to door, but all passed safely. The weather was as hot as it was cold for my first visit, but you could say the same thing about Cincinnati. **Fr. Arnoldo Villegas** is the pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, and visited us here once already. He commented that he had never seen his church so full. Faithful from Father's missions in Mexicali and Ensenada swelled the attendance, and the Confirmations which numbered thirty. In Mexicali they are building a church, and the faithful invited me to visit them the next time. But they were careful to tell me to come in Winter, as Summer in this desert town on the Arizona border is just *too* hot. On Monday we had a priests' day of recollection with three clergy from all over Mexico, with good prayers together including a holy hour, and a nice visit afterwards. My return trip on Tuesday morning went well, but had a slow start. We waited two and a half hours to cross the border. After that it was smooth sailing from San Diego to Detroit to Cincinnati.

I called **Fr. Siordia** the other night to ask for prayers for a priest. We hadn't spoken in quite awhile, and it was good to be in touch. He says Cocoyoc is safe, but with lots of soldiers and police now.

The two Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation are moving to Cincinnati from Saybrook, Illinois next month. Please pray for a safe and efficient move for them. It will be good to have them nearby which will allow them at long last to have daily Mass and adoration.

Don't forget our French Traditional Friday at the Cinema this week on May 30th, feast of St. Joan of Arc, whose classic life we will be viewing. *Un plat des fromages et des fruits sera disponible pour nos chers cinemophiles.*

Happy holiday tomorrow, and safe travels to you all this Summer. St. Christopher go with you!

— Bishop Dolan

✠ EASTER VICTORY IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

THE “EASTER PART” OF THE MASS:

The Communion Versicle

After the Eucharistic banquet is over, the priest goes to the Epistle side of the altar and reads the versicle called the Communion. The Communion Versicle is symbolic of *the joy of the Apostles after the resurrection*. At a High Mass the Communion is sung by the choir while the priest recites it. It is a song of gladness at Communion time, in accord with the spirit of that holy action.

Monsignor Gaume explains the symbolism in these words: “The festivals of the kings of earth are accompanied by songs and music; should not harmonious chants arise during the sacred feast to which God Himself, at once the host, the food, and the guest, invites His children?”

The Dominus Vobiscum

When the priest has finished the Communion Versicle, he goes to the center, turns to the people and says, “*Dominus Vobiscum*” (the Lord be with you). He extends his hands and shows his heart.

Here our thoughts should turn to our Lord, when, after eight days, *Jesus appeared again, within the walls of the Last Supper room, to console His Apostles and to show Thomas the wounds of His hands and of His side*. We remember the words Jesus addressed to Thomas on that occasion: “*Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing.*”

Thomas believed and said: “My Lord and my God.” But Jesus said to him – and His words are intended also for us: “*Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed.*”



“Mary had ascended Calvary with Jesus, to die with Him; she came down therefrom with the beloved disciple, her adopted son, with the holy women, her daughters. Later, she would conduct them to the Eucharistic Cenacle, there to begin her Christian maternity at the foot of the divine Sacrament.”

– Bl. Peter Julian Eymard

THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST THROUGH THE EUCHARIST

Christus vincit, regnat, imperat; ab omni malo plebem suam defendat. **Christ conquers, He reigns, He commands. May He defend His people from all evil.**

Pope Sixtus V had these words engraved on the obelisk which stands in the Center of St. Peter’s Square. These magnificent words are in the present tense, and not in the past, to indicate that Christ’s triumph is always actual, and that it is brought about in the Eucharist and by the Eucharist.

May Christ defend His people from all evil!

The Eucharist is the divine lightning-rod that wards off the thunderbolts of divine justice. As a tender and devoted mother presses her child to her bosom, puts her arms around it, and shields it with her body to save it from the wrath of an angry father, so Jesus multiplies His presence everywhere, covers the world and envelops it with His merciful presence. Divine Justice does not know then where to strike; it dares not.

And what a protection against the devil! The blood of Jesus makes us a terror to Satan; we are sprinkled with the blood of the true Lamb, and the exterminating angel will not enter.

The Eucharist protects the sinner until time for repentance is given him. Of old, when a murderer was sought by the law, he used to take refuge in a church, from which he could not be drawn to be punished; he lived under the protection of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Ah! Were it not for the Eucharist, for this perpetual Calvary, how often would not the wrath of God have come down upon us!

And how unhappy are the nations that no longer possess the Eucharist! What darkness! What a confusion in the minds! What a chill in the hearts! Satan alone rules supreme, and with him all the evil passions.

As for us, the Eucharist delivers us from all evil.

– Bl. Peter Julian Eymard

*I would gladly do good, my Jesus, but I do not know how.
I would gladly seek You, my Jesus, but I do not know the way.
I would gladly serve You, my Jesus, but I do not know how.
I wish to love You, my Jesus, but I know not how.*

*I seek You and cannot find You; come to me, my Jesus.
I cannot love You unless You help me, my Jesus.
Unless You help me, O my Jesus, I know not what to do.
Jesus, be a Jesus to me.*

– Prayer of St. Philip Neri (feast day, May 26th)

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	5/26/14	ST PHILIP NERI, C ST ELEUTHERIUS, PM ROGATION DAY <i>Memorial Day</i> 8:30 AM Rosary, May Devotions 9:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession 9:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Nicholas & Judy Manno</i>)
TUE	5/27/14	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD ST JOHN I, PM ROGATION DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Dolores MacDonald-14th Anniv. (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession 11:20 AM High Mass †Patrick Harpen (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Andreotta</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Special intention-Fr. Vaillancourt and his nuns I (<i>D. & T. Arthur</i>)
WED	5/28/14	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION ROGATION DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Connie Kamphaus (<i>Beckie Mattingly</i>) 11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession 11:20 AM High Mass Angela Cecere-Birthday (<i>Joan Landry</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan-Birthday 5:45 PM First Vespers of the Ascension 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	5/29/14	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD <i>HOLY DAY</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Aunts & Uncles living and deceased (<i>Karen Puglielli</i>) 8:30 AM Confessions 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 4:30 PM Second Vespers of the Ascension 5:10 PM Rosary and May Devotions, Confessions 5:30 PM Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass †Pat Harpen (<i>Richard & Gloria Zbilicki</i>)
FRI	5/30/14	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST FELIX, PM ST JOAN OF ARC, V ST FERDINAND, KING 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention-Fr. Vaillancourt and his nuns II (<i>D. & T. Arthur</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Scott Purdin (<i>Pat Patton</i>) Opening of Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Honor of St. Expeditus for prayers answered (<i>JMS</i>)

Looking at the cross, remember that it is the emblem of our spiritual warfare and contains unconquerable power; that if you turn away from it, you will be delivered into the hands of our enemies, but that if you remain under it, you will reach Heaven and enter it in triumph and glory.

– Dom Lorenzo Scupoli

Fill me, O Lord, with understanding, that I may know Thee as Thou art; with zeal that I may seek Thee; with wisdom that I may find Thee; and with perseverance that I may finally embrace Thee. Amen.

– Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas



MOST high Queen of the universe, Mary ever Virgin, make intercession for our peace and salvation, thou who didst bear Christ the Lord, the Saviour of all mankind.

(An indulgence of 300 days – *Raccolta No. 312*)



6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
7:00 PM Traditional Movie Night: "JOAN OF ARC" (1948)

SAT	5/31/14	QUEENSHIP OF MARY WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>Pentecost Novena</i> ST PETRONILLA, V <i>OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES</i> 7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM High Mass †Mary Macchia-21st anniv. (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 8:20 AM May Devotions 8:30 AM Low Mass Special intention-Fr. Vaillancourt and his nuns III (<i>D. & T. Arthur</i>)
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SUN	6/1/14	SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION <i>Pentecost Novena</i> ST ANGELA MERICI, V 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Int. Kent Maki (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Pat Harpen (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Martin Alter family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
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✠ THE SWORD OF LOVE. . .AND SILENCE ✠

ST. JOAN OF ARC (*feast day, May 30th*) was born in the village of Domremy in Lorraine. From her parents, who were good and honest peasants, she inherited not material riches, but a tender devotion and sincere faith, to which were united a lively trust in the patronage of Mary. She passed her early years in a life of simple retirement, occupying her time in tending the sheep and in prayer. She found all her delights at the altar of Our Lady.

At the same time this powerful Queen of Heaven was preparing this second Judith to fight under her protection the battles of her Lord. By many visions God commanded her to go to the aid of the King of France, who was reduced to the last extremity, in order to raise up from the depth of its ruin the Kingdom of France, which was known as the Kingdom of Mary.

Joan generously obeyed the divine command, although the hardships of leaving home and leading a military life were very great indeed. Before setting out, she prostrated herself before the statue of Our Lady at Vaucouleurs. When the King set her at the head of the army, she caused three banners to be made: the first, which was carried before the troops, bore the words "Jesus, Mary"; on the second was depicted the Crucifixion with Mary at the foot of the cross; the third, which she bore in her hand, represented the Annunciation of Our Lady. Admirable was the courage she displayed in the heart of the conflict, reassuring the soldiers that success would be theirs in the end. Before every engagement she would order them to gather together under the banner of Mary, to sing her praises and invoke her help.

After having saved France and restored the King to his throne, Joan was abandoned by the very people for whom she had done so much, and given over into the hands of her enemies, who, out of extreme hatred, condemned her to be burnt at the stake as a heretic and apostate. But the saintly heroine gave abundant testimony of her faith, protesting that she had only been obedient to the command of God. When she arrived at the place of execution she wished that a cross should be held before her eyes, to strengthen her at the hour of death. When the flames were gathering round her, she pronounced the most holy name of Jesus and then, bowing her head, she finished her usual ejaculation by reciting in heaven that other name so dear to her, the name of Mary.

— REV. A.M. LEPICIER, O.S.M.

✠ QUIET CORNER

Thanking God should be the constant occupation of our lives. Our indebtedness to Him is immeasurable, and so should be our thanks. All we have, all we ever have had, and all we will receive throughout eternity, of love, goodness, mercy, protection: all these are His gracious gifts. "In Him we live and move and have our being." Truly God is Good. But human words cannot express His Ineffableness. He is not only Good, He is Goodness. He is not only Beautiful, He is Beauty. He is greater than all our superlatives can express. Oftentimes the highest praise of Him is Silence. The Silence of intensive contemplation, as the soul ponders over His Magnificences. Eternity will be too short for the Saints to speak to God about Himself. And as they read over and over again the history of their lives, and see how He is interwoven into its warp and woof, their most delightful occupation is to thank God for Himself. Let us learn from them. Let us thank God for God.



A Prayer of St. Thérèse

O Lord God of Hosts, who hast said in Thy Gospel: "I am not come to bring peace but a sword," arm me for the combat. I burn to do battle for Thy Glory, but I pray Thee to enliven my courage. . . My sword is Love! with it – like Joan of Arc – "I will drive the strangers from the land, and I will have Thee proclaimed King" – over the Kingdom of souls. Of a truth Thou hast no need of so weak an instrument as I, but Joan, thy chaste and valiant Spouse, has said: "We must do battle before God gives the victory." O my Jesus! I will do battle, then, for Thy love, until the evening of my life.



St. Thérèse as Joan of Arc in the Convent play