



# 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

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

## Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015



### OUR NEWEST SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

*Anthony Martin Alter*  
*Justin Alexander Jordan*  
*Nikolai James Kolenich*  
*Charles Robert Schneider*

*Dominic Stephen Simpson*  
*Macie Ava Maria Manzardo*  
*Madeline Lucy Rose Manzardo*  
*Juliana Barbara McClorey*

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ¶ TODAY

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church, and the greatest feast of the Church year, after Easter. The *Veni Creator* is sung prior to the High Mass this morning. No Sunday classes today. Pentecost Sunday Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ **PENTECOST MONDAY & TUESDAY** Monday and Tuesday of this week are feasts of devotion, once Holy Days, and still today considered very great feast days, a continuation of Pentecost. Try especially to assist at Mass on at least one of these days.

Tomorrow is also **Memorial Day**, 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. Rosary and May Devotions will be prayed at 8:30 AM, followed by the High Mass of Pentecost Monday at 9:00 AM.

### ¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday are the *Ember Days of Pentecost*, days of **fast** for all so bound, with partial abstinence (**Wednesday** and **Saturday**) and complete abstinence (**Friday**) for everyone age seven and older.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY

The St. Gertrude the Great School's high school graduation takes place after the 9:00 AM Mass. Congratulations to our graduate, Brendan Lotarski.

Final Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM, with Vespers and May Devotions at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

**Set Your Missal:** Trinity Sunday, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Preface of the Trinity.

*All my strength lies in prayer and sacrifice. They are my invincible weapons.*

—St. Therese of Lisieux



### ¶ EASTER DUTY

**Trinity Sunday**, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices this week, that all may make a good Confession and Communion.

### ¶ MORE GRADUATION NEWS



We congratulate as well our home schooling graduates who have completed their high school, Rosemary and Caroline Briggs and Thomas Simpson, and invite you to their graduation Mass this Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8:20 AM.



**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of †Mary Safrey, the mother of Gloria Zbilicki, who died a week ago Saturday. We gathered together to pray the Rosary for her at her wake last Tuesday evening.

Larry Brugger of Urbana, a real pillar of the faith and a selfless and long-time church worker, former coordinator of St. Clare Church in Columbus, died Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Larry was one of those early pioneers who drove his family all the way to Covington, KY and then Sharonville, OH for Holy Mass. Ever apostolic, he had a chapel in his own home and worked out of his home with his wife Anne for the spread of our holy faith. He leaves us all a wonderful example and deserves our devoted prayers for the happy repose of his soul. Fr. Thielen conducted his burial this past Friday.

### ¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Regina Gilliam who will be having knee surgery; Henry Sieverding recovering from hip surgery; for several special intentions confided to us; and especially for the grace of a good death for Alex Fulton and Sue Becker Menefee.

*May the Most Blessed Sacrament be adored and praised forever.*

### ¶ COMING SOON... PROJECT "BLESSINGS BOX"

Are you willing to keep your eyes open this summer? We're on the lookout for items to fill small gift boxes, along with kids willing to fill them. The "Blessings Box" will be filled and sent to the children of Mexico for a Christmas surprise. Though Christmas isn't here yet, the spirit of giving should be!



The "Blessings Box Project" is this: Grab a shoebox and fill it with little items you find throughout the summer. You can use things such as small toys, little games, jewelry, rosaries, books, a missal, t-shirts, socks, etc. Once the box is filled, add a \$7 donation for shipping and bring it to church around Thanksgiving to be sent to Mexico.

Or... Don't think you would like to fill a whole box? Help someone else by bringing small items of your own that will be added to other boxes. We will be targeting age groups of 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Help us send "Blessings" to our neighbors to the south. More information will be coming soon.



**First time:** Keith R. Elflein & Jennifer M. Wozniak to be married June 6, 2015.

### Collection Report

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.....\$1,357.00  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.....\$3,208.00  
Thank you for your generosity! Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/25/15</b>	<b>PENTECOST MONDAY</b> MEMORIAL DAY
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Connie A. Kamphaus</i> )
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; May Devotions</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/26/15</b>	<b>PENTECOST TUESDAY</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Karen & Dave Ewing ( <i>Judy Metz</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Marcellus Cassidy, birthday May 16 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Samantha</i> )
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Charles, Alexander, Raquel, & Jeremy West (M.E. Evans' Grandchildren) ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Our Parents ( <i>Dan &amp; Mary Brueggemann</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/27/15</b>	<b>EMBER WEDNESDAY</b> <i>FAST</i> ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD <i>ST. JOHN I, PM</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Delores MacDonald – 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Sister Joan & Sister Bonnie Elizabeth ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Bernie & Rita Brueggemann ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/28/15</b>	<b>PENTECOST THURSDAY</b> ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory ( <i>C. Kamphaus</i> )
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Prayer Chain Recipients ( <i>Beckie</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Pro Seipso ( <i>Bishop Dolan</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/29/15</b>	<b>EMBER FRIDAY</b> <i>FAST</i> ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Grampa Eastman – May 29 <sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday
	<b>10:55 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Ralph Patton, †Bernie Brueggemann, †Rita Brueggemann, †George Vande Ryt
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Beckie Mattingly ( <i>Beckie Mattingly</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/30/15</b>	<b>EMBER SATURDAY</b> <i>FAST</i> ST. FELIX, PM <i>ST. JOAN OF ARC, V</i> <i>ST. FERDINAND, KING</i>
	<b>7:10 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intentions ( <i>Arlinghaus family</i> )
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> For our graduates ( <i>Mike Briggs family</i> ) <b>Home School Graduations</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/31/15</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Mary Macchia – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> For our graduate ( <i>Bishop Dolan</i> ) <b>St. Gertrude the Great Graduation Ceremony</b>

## CONFIRMATION

After the rite was changed in 1971, Confirmation given in the Novus Ordo was of doubtful validity. Are you a validly confirmed Soldier of Christ? Why take a chance: speak to the Bishop (bishops confirm) about scheduling a private conditional Confirmation. Confirmation perfects the graces of Baptism, making us strong and perfect Christians, and soldiers of Jesus Christ. It is a sin carelessly to neglect its valid reception. Come, Holy Ghost!

## THE COMING OF THE HOLY GHOST

When Jesus stood upon the mount  
With all His friends near by,  
He promised them that He would send  
The Spirit from on high.

And so they prayed from day to day,  
Until the time came near.  
Mother Mary stayed with them  
To keep away all fear.

Suddenly a mighty wind  
Blew through the holy place  
Where the apostles knelt to pray.  
It filled each tiny space.

They saw a tongue of fire rest  
Right over every head.  
And no one talked just like himself,  
But other ways instead.

The Holy Ghost had filled each heart,  
Made each soldier brave.  
They went forth now to preach and teach,  
And many souls to save.

—*Sr. M. Josita, O.S.F.*  
*An offering for our children.*

## SERVERS

MON 05/25

9:00 AM HIGH: B. Lotarski, J. Murray, some Simpsons

SUN 05/31

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt CHAPLAINS: N. McClorey, A.

Richesson TH: J. Lacy ACS: N. McClorey, C. Richesson TORCH:

A. Soli, McConnell boys, C. Arlinghaus, P. McClorey CROSS: P.

McClorey

11:30 AM LOW: N. Puglielli, J. Murray

4:45 PM VESPERS, DEVOTIONS, & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Murray

5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller, J. Murray

11:30 AM **Low Mass** Rose & Cliff Breitenstein (*C. Kamphaus*)  
4:45 PM **Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction**  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

The grass is in sweet clover, the sun is high in the sky, and the Holy Ghost is come with His light and warmth, making new Soldiers of Christ this Pentecost. Summer is now here, and its Ember Days close this Easter Season, and presanctify the time which needs it most.

Tomorrow we remember the waste of war, its utter and useless horror, but even more anymore our own dear dead, all of them. Do not forget this Memorial Day, but spare a prayer. Next weekend we look forward to our future (as we did with Confirmations yesterday) and celebrate two Graduation Masses for our young people. This particular group is very dear to us, and we are very proud of them.

**Fr. Nkamuke** writes from Nigeria that his father is holding his own. Fr. Nkamuke recently travelled to Abuja, a fifteen hour trip relieved only by the availability of Mountain Dew at one of the rest stops! He has now a few Catholics to tend to in the capital city, which was once a nest of Dimond Feeneyites. Thank you for your contributions to his support, and Abraham's burse. We are as well slowly sending him packages of liturgical items and eventually books. "Going, therefore, teach ye all nations."

This bulletin itself is surely one great teaching tool, if not so much for many of you who go only for "the good stuff," then for others who access it on line or receive it the old fashioned way, and do read it carefully. We were low last week on content, and I suggested to the talented Theresa, our editor and everything, that she borrow some items from the latest St. Hugh bulletin, produced by our **Fr. McGuire**. Later, I told Father that it was really quite excellent. He remarked that it should be, as he took most of it from old St. Gertrude bulletins! Just at this moment **Fr. Cekada** arrived at the scene (his timing impeccable) and commented that I was actually praising myself now, wasn't I? A little clerical repartee to break up the ennui...

Due to some technical problems, the bulletin has not been sent out to our mailing list for a month, mostly pensioners and prisoners, and I do apologize to our faithful readers. Thanks for your loyal support.

Speaking of "the good stuff" in the bulletin, several of you readers have remarked of your kind interest in the cats, Caravaggio and Puccini. Puccini recently caught a mouse for the McFathers, with whom he sometimes lodges. Caravaggio was a little ill the other day and sought out my shower stall so as to simplify the cleanup. Quite a considerate cat. As with people, you know he feels better when he starts complaining about the food...

The Holy Ghost is fire and flame, and the church is in its Pentecostal finery today. Thanks to all who helped. Curious, isn't it? (and so great a blessing from Heaven) that despite all we do with candles all year long, we have never had a fire in the church. We lost a surplice one

Christmas years ago, and just lately I carelessly caught a lace cuff on fire, passing it too close to the bugia, but that is the extent of it, probably due to Fr. Cekada's covert candle extinction program, and other cautionary procedures. Of course, the angels and saints watch over us!

The only fires we've ever had have been outside, in the highly flammable mulch, and very minor affairs. A cigarette once and bad wiring the other Saturday morning out by the Sacred Heart, but alert Simpsons subdued it in no time.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** is serving St. Hugh for Pentecost, and the presence of the McFathers make our Pentecost Pontificals possible for this so great feast. It does continue all week, the last week of Our Lady's May, so let me urge you to come back again, before it's all packed away for another year. Linger in prayer with us yet, with Our Lady and the Holy Ghost and the Faithful Departed and summer needs and intentions.

—Bishop Dolan



PENTECOST

In simple wise the revelation  
came—  
Upon a day of grief, and blind despair  
Wherein the thorn-wreathed brow  
and wounded hands  
Flashed into sudden meaning; then  
and there

The distant Christ drew close—a Friend new found!  
"Lo—and thou, also!" sang the shining air!

—Laura Simmons  
(The work of Pentecost, freshly, briefly scribed.)



MAY 9 2015 : PENTECOSTALS BLESS FRANCIS AGAIN



Oops...wrong Pentecost

TEACH US TO PRAY

NEGLECT THE SPIRIT NO LONGER

The Holy Spirit has often been called the forgotten member of the Trinity. Many of us are in awe of the Father's handiwork in creation. When we cry out to "God," whether to express gratitude or ask for help, it is often the Father that we have in mind. Perhaps even more of us feel that we have (or want to have) a close relationship with Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity. We read about Jesus' preaching and healing in the Gospels, try to put His words into action and celebrate the great milestones of His life during the liturgical year—from the Annunciation to the Ascension.

Not as many people have as strong a devotion to the Holy Spirit. This is surprising, because one could say that ever since Christ's time on earth came to a close, the Holy Spirit is the primary way we experience God. Of course, theologically speaking, each person in the Trinity is present in the other, but it's still a fair statement: we experience God today, after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, mainly through the Holy Spirit. Through our emotions, desires, insights, feelings, through our hopes and dreams, the Holy Spirit encourages, consoles, and guides us.

So the next time you pray, why not direct your prayer to the Holy Spirit? Ask for the Holy Ghost's guidance. Ask to notice where the Holy Spirit is most active. Ask to have a felt awareness of the Holy Spirit in your daily life. Neglect the Spirit no longer, for the Holy Ghost never neglects you.

—Fr. James Martin

*May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit, and may He render them fruitful by watering them with His heavenly dew. Indulgence of 500 days.*



PENTECOST SUNDAY

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion, the Holy Trinity was fully revealed, and the Church was made manifest to the world. St. Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (St. Cyril of Alexandria).

*Thy will be done!*  
500 days' indulgence

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

I once read that intercessory prayer shouldn't seek to patch others up. Instead we must pray them into the life of God. It has taken me a long time to recognize how my prayers for people I love are often for their circumstances rather than for them. The latter is a much more difficult way to pray. So much easier to ask for a miracle cure, a financial windfall, or a snappy solution to a complex problem. Praying, as Jesus did, for another's well-being, for their joy, and for life in God, takes strength and trust. This doesn't mean ignoring the circumstances that create heartache and distress, but it does mean truly giving them over to God Whose depth of mercy and understanding is far greater than we can imagine.

—Kathy Hendricks

PEACE IN JESUS

Peace is the simplicity of spirit, the serenity of conscience, the tranquility of the soul and the bond of love. Peace is order, it is the harmony in each one of us, it is a continual joy that is born in witnessing a clear conscience, it is the holy joy of a heart wherein God reigns. Peace is the way to perfection, or, even better, in peace dwells perfection.

And the devil, who knows all this very well, does everything possible to cause us to lose our peace. The soul need be saddened by only one thing: an offense against God. But even on this point one must be very prudent. One must certainly regret one's failures, but with a peaceful sorrow and always trusting in Divine Mercy. One must be aware of certain reproaches and remorse against oneself which most of the time come from our enemy who wants to disturb our peace in God.

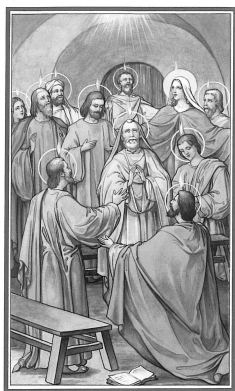
If such reproaches and remorse humble us and make us quick to do the right thing, without taking away our confidence in God, we may be assured that they come from God. However, if they confuse us and make us fearful distrustful, lazy, or slow to do the right thing, we may be sure that they come from the devil and we should consequently push them aside, finding our refuge in confidence in God.

—Padre Pio



*How great are God's signs, how mighty His wonders! (cf. Dn 3: 100) The Holy Spirit, the fire of God's love, descends upon the Church, the Body of Christ, to raise us to everlasting life in Christ, and thus brings to completion the work of creation and of the incarnation of God's Word. In this mystery of the Church's beginning lies our promised end.*

THE CATECHISM OF ST. PIUS X  
The Eighth Article of the Creed



**1. Q. What are we taught in the Eighth Article: I believe in the Holy Ghost? A.** The Eighth Article of the Creed teaches us that there is a Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity; and that, like the Father and the Son, He is God eternal, infinite, omnipotent, Creator and Lord of all things.

**2. Q. From whom does the Holy Ghost proceed? A.** The Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and the Son, as from one Principle, by way of will and love.

**3. Q. If the Son proceeds from the Father, and the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and the Son, it would seem as if the Father and Son are prior to the Holy Ghost; how then can it be said that all the Three Persons are eternal? A.** It is said that all the Three Persons are eternal, because the Father has begotten the Son from all eternity, and the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and from the Son from all eternity.

**4. Q. Why is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity specially designated by the name of the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit? A.** The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity is specially designated by the name of the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit, because He proceeds from the Father and from the Son by way of spiration and of love.

**5. Q. What work is especially attributed to the Holy Ghost? A.** To the Holy Ghost is specially attributed the sanctification of souls.

**6. Q. Do the Father and the Son sanctify us equally with the Holy Ghost? A.** Yes, all the Three Divine Persons equally sanctify us.

**7. Q. If this is so, why is the sanctification of souls specially attributed to the Holy Ghost? A.** The sanctification of souls is specially attributed to the Holy Ghost, because it is a work of love, and the works of love are attributed to the Holy Ghost.

**8. Q. When did the Holy Ghost descend on the Apostles? A.** The Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, that is, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and ten days after His Ascension.

**9. Q. Where were the Apostles during the ten days preceding Pentecost? A.** The Apostles were gathered together in the Supper Room with the Virgin Mary and the other disciples, and were persevering in prayer in expectation of the Holy Ghost, Whom Jesus Christ had promised to send them.

**10. Q. What effects did the Holy Ghost produce in the Apostles? A.** The Holy Ghost confirmed the Apostles in the faith, filled them with light, strength, charity, and an abundance of all His gifts.

**11. Q. Was the Holy Ghost sent for the Apostles alone? A.** The Holy Ghost was sent for the whole Church and for every faithful soul.

**12. Q. What does the Holy Ghost do in the Church? A.** The Holy Ghost gives life to the Church by His grace and by His gifts, as the soul gives life to the body; He establishes in her the Kingdom of truth and of love; and He helps her to lead her children in safety along the way to heaven.

SONNET XIII  
ASCENSION

Thine ashen cloth and tears, my soul, do keep.  
Process in measured step and solemn pace  
To Olivet, and there, fear not to weep  
That Heaven hides from thee His Father's face.  
Seek not thy consolation at the gate  
That guards the empty garden of this earth,  
But here, where Heaven mounted heaven, wait,  
And pause, and dream upon thy second birth.  
For, all that was to be now is: The sea  
In twain has parted not that thou shouldst drown,  
But live upon the Life that lives in thee.  
On gentle pastures set thy labours down,  
And turn thine eyes to heaven, looking up,  
That He Who is to come may fill thy cup.

—Joseph Charles MacKenzie  
Albuquerque, St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor,  
Within the Octave of the Ascension, 2015



DETAILS FOR MY BURIAL

As for the matter of my burial:  
It followed hard the golden day I die;  
There needs but a small grave where I may lie,  
Cut in the snow's white peace I love so well,  
Or sweetened with young rain—one cannot  
tell—  
But always, always the great, solicitous sky;  
The quick, close earth, and all that live thereby.  
Dear God, how I desire the consecrated cell!

It holds divine reprieves, immortal pardons  
Whereby my vagabond feet are stricken free;  
My fingers busy here with mortal gardens  
May plant and pluck to ultimate ecstasy;  
Myself? A heavenly tramp in heavenly Ardens!  
Remember, when you dig a grave for me.

—Sr. M. Madeleva, C.S.C.