

# 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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July 5, 2015

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

PENTECOST VI

ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA

WITHIN THE OCTAVE

## ¶ PENTECOST VI

The second collection will be taken up for the support of our seminary. The blessing of religious articles is available after all Masses. Votive Vespers of Sts. Peter & Paul are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

*To be said in reparation for blasphemies:*

Eternal Father, by the most precious blood of Jesus Christ, glorify His most holy name, according to the intention and desires of His adorable Heart.

Indulgence of 300 days.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Sunday Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

📖 **Set Your Missal: Low Mass:** Pentecost VII, commemorations of St. John Gualbert and Sts. Nabor & Felix. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VII. Preface of the Holy Cross.

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

*Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace:* Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Girls' Camp:* July 15, 16, 17.

*Boys' Camp:* July 28, 29, 30.

**Mark your calendars!**



JESUS FEEDS THE FOUR THOUSAND

## THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

To counsel the doubtful  
To instruct the ignorant  
To admonish the sinner  
To comfort the sorrowful  
To forgive all injuries  
To bear wrongs patiently  
To pray for the living and the dead

*There's only one field where we need not fear to go into excess and that is in the love of Jesus, our Savior. In the beginning of this month we reflect how He shed all His Blood for us. As long as we are not doing as much for Him, we have reasons to fear that we are not loving Him enough, let alone too much. —Fulgence Meyer, O.F.M.*

## Sunrise

The lazy sun stuck out his head  
From blankets dull and gray,  
And stretched his arms across the sky  
And smiled—and it was day.  
—Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.

## CAN A PERSON WHO HAS STOLEN A ROSARY, MAKE GOOD COMMUNIONS?

*Answer:* If they repent of their sin, confess it, and return the rosary, yes. There are rosaries and rosaries. Some are worth money, others are valuable for sentimental reasons and still others are not worth talking about, but the psychology of people who steal any of them is difficult to understand; even the devil would keep his claws off such a sacred object. One wonders whether or not the “rosary-thieves” are in their right mind. *(Katie and Darlene worry about people pinching rosaries and prayer books from the Lost and Found. It's a funny thing. Most people never claim “lost” property. Now and again somebody claims what is not his, it seems. Odd.)*

*Jesus, Mary, and good Joseph, bless us, now and in the agony of death.*

*Indulgence of 50 days.*

## ¶ PLEASE PRAY...

For Paul Leurck, ill with pneumonia, Angela Segrist who went home yesterday, J.T. Black, Janet Clementi, Richard and Elizabeth Smith and Barbara Steinmetz, who would come to Mass if they could. Henry Sieverding made it to Mass last Sunday, relatively soon after his successful hip transplant surgery.

## Collection Report

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.....\$3,648.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

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## ✠ THOUGHTS FOR THE FOURTH ✠

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### WILL THERE BE TOMORROWS?

False it is—this creed they're preaching—  
Larger, more efficient armies,  
Tooled and briefed for mass destruction,  
All the latest tools of science:—  
Monstrous things that in an instant  
Change great cities into deserts,  
Into nothingness of ashes  
That the winds will pile, at leisure,  
'Round the jagged chunks of concrete  
Scattered here and there at random,  
(Like the stones in some old churchyard,  
Long forsaken, long forgotten)  
Silent markers to the memory  
Of the people who once lived there.

Born of hell and pride of devils  
In this vile and hateful doctrine  
Of the "might makes right" contingent;  
Vain and hollow all their boasting  
Of their space ships, planes, and rockets,  
Slick and streamlined, powered with magic,  
Crossing continents and oceans  
Scores of miles above the earthbound;  
Swifter than a hunting falcon,  
Death and misery their cargo.

Robots in the pilots' cockpits,  
Heartless, brainless, yet responsive  
To the wills of men who made them;  
Made them, and from caves direct them  
On their mean and ugly voyage,

To a rendezvous with murder.  
Watch them with the eyes of radar;  
Guide them to their helpless target;  
Send them plunging, screaming,  
downward  
To some noble city's ravage.



Fools, blind fools, for not from evil  
Comes one jot of honest laughter.  
Hate breeds hate, its foulness staining  
More the hater than the hated.  
Only in the womb of goodness  
May the seeds of good be nurtured;  
Only in the soil of kindness  
Flowers will grow, or crops worth gleaming.  
Not till love gains recognition  
As life's solvent, blessed of Heaven,  
Shall the cannon rust and vanish,  
Shall men walk, and smile, as brothers.

Not from war drums come sweet music,  
Only tears and woe and sadness.  
Not with swords upraised in passion  
Can be built a shrine to friendship  
This the lesson of the ages.  
Let us harken to its warning;  
Tread no more the road to battles,  
But the nobler one of justice,  
Justice born of faith and honor—  
This we must to have tomorrows!

—Floyd T. Wood



### A GOOD COMMUNION PRAYER

Animated by an earnest desire to console Thy Adorable Heart, O beloved Jesus, and feeling our inability to do so worthily, it is by the immaculate heart of Thy holy Mother that we dare to offer Thee the homage of our humble reparation. With her, and in memory of Thy precious blood, we beseech Thee to stretch forth Thy powerful arm over Thy church, to defend her, to give her the victory over all her enemies, and to put an end to her long trials. Vouchsafe also to bless and protect this, our country; cast upon it Thine eyes of mercy, and render it fruitful in saints and valiant defenders of the faith. Finally, O blessed Lord, bring back to Thyself all sinners; crown with Thy graces and with Thy most abundant blessings each member of the faithful, and kindle in the hearts of all the first of Thy love, and those burning flames of zeal which Thou Thyself didst come to enkindle upon the earth. Amen.

### A RAINY DAY

The heavens, tired and weary, weep,  
While birds are hushed and flowers sleep.

Grey spectral mists make murk the air  
And gloom alone stalks everywhere.

Oh, bleeding heart, crushed down with grief,  
In weeping nature find relief,—

For what is earth without its rain,  
And what is this life without its pain!

—Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.

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Fr. McGuire wrote the other day to update me on his mission travels in the north, where he has been relieving Fr. McKenna of late. He reports a nice growth in our North Dakota missions, and everything going smoothly. He is in Milwaukee today.

Each year on the Visitation of Our Lady I always consecrate all of our missions to her. This year I added Fr. Nkamuke and the Nigerian missions. Thank you for your continuing interest and prayers for them, as well as your financial support, especially Abraham's Burse. It makes all the difference. But isn't it such a grace for us to be able to help them? Treasures of merit, and real bang for your buck as they say.

We've had some visitors this summer, especially from "out west." It's hard to catch everybody for a word, but Gerry Keaveney was back from Idaho for a bit, and we had a nice visit. He's helping out at Fr. Benedict's minor seminary in Idaho, and kept very busy indeed, teaching and doing anything needed. He didn't mind the Ohio weather a bit, as it is scorchingly hot back home. Our wet weather certainly favors growth, and keeps the lawns Kelly Green. We exchanged some Irish jokes while we were at it.

This past week was one of beautiful touching feasts and memories, and I thank those who prayed with us, and helped us to keep them, as we sent up many a prayer to the Most High, as well as some beautiful High Masses. We think of our own dear land this weekend, but at least have the comfort of knowing what went wrong and why, and indeed, what the solution would be. It's a well kept secret....prayer!

Sadly, even the powerful prayer of the 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony goes begging anymore. I'm glad at least to see that the petitions keep coming in. Now, how to get the people?

Did you know that our St. Anthony devotions began with Ron Boehm years ago? When he retired, he volunteered at church, and typed up the first set of prayers, as he himself was most devoted to the Saint of Padua. Ron is still alive and lives in Dayton, as does Judy Fradl, another former parishioner to whom we owe so much. She sewed many of our beautiful vestments. Keep them both in your prayers. A little church history for this Sunday.....

Caravaggio was mewling insistently the other night. I should recognize that cry by now. It says "I have something for you." The something was a baby bunny, of course. I commented to Fr. Cekada that the rabbit looked pretty alive to me. The cat's captive took that as his cue, and bounded off to the living room. The poor thing hid itself so well that even a priest, a bishop and a flashlight were unsuccessful in finding it. Our only desire was to liberate the hare from its snare, but it was not to be. The next

morning Puccini had returned for a second breakfast and a digestive nap when my recollection was broken by a great rush and a thump. The bunny had been found, and was in the jaws of the cat, bleeding profusely into the carpet. Out went the rabbit, and I got down on the floor to deal with the blood. Puccini was left mystified, wondering what became of his prey. All in a day's activities at the rectory.

Today we all honor the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and pray for Church and country. Remember the powerful, and anti-Masonic devotion of the Precious Blood, especially promoted by the Blessed Gaspar Del Bufalo, known as the "hammer of Free Masons." Unfortunately, they have already done their work, and very well indeed. But let us do ours, shall we? How will we know, if never we try? No time like the present. Come to Mass *twice* this week, and *double* your graces.

May this be the blessing you receive with Our Lord's Precious Blood.

—Bishop Dolan



### FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

He will create beauty from the ashes. I know this. From the depths of my soul, *I know this*. Still, there are times I insist on doing it my way. I do it my way until an assaulting blow leaves me on my knees wondering if this is when He stops gluing together the pieces of my brokenness into something anew. I cry out to Him and He pulls me into the shelter of His arms. With a gentle whisper He reminds me: *My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness* (2 Cor 12:9).

He assures me of His promise through the example of Saints Peter and Paul. Through them, He teaches me His glory has no boundaries and love no limit.

Without hesitation, Peter lays down his nets and steps off the boat when Jesus calls. Peter's love is deep-rooted and indisputable. And still, the beloved Peter denies Him. Yet, with his faults and cracks, Peter is the rock He uses to build the Church.

And Paul—Paul spit venom at believers and stood watch while they were beaten and bruised. And still He draws Paul close. He opens Paul's eyes and places His cloak over his shoulders. Paul surrenders to His complete will and in the darkest hours, from the smallest of confines, proclaims His glory.

Just as with Peter and Paul, He has a purpose for my weakness. He reveals His love for me, assures me He will never leave, and restores the broken pieces of my life into a beautiful mosaic.

—Jennifer Hubbard

# ✠ CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org).

- MON 7/16/15 OCTAVE DAY OF STS. PETER & PAUL**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** For Fr. Lehtoranta, for bringing Jesus to me (*Veronica Briggs*)
- TUE 7/17/15 STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS BPPCC**  
*ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, C*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Estrella C. Abella – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**8:30 AM Summer Novena IV**  
**9:00 AM Low Mass** Karen Urbanek – Conversion (*Fr. Vili Lehtoranta*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Special Intention (*Kathleen Mary West*)  
**5:30 PM Summer Novena IV**
- WED 7/18/15 ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Honor of St. Joseph (*Marge Kitchen*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Our children & Godchildren (*Dale & Debbie Wilker*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Deceased Family Members (*The Wilkers*)
- THU 7/19/15 FERIAL DAY**  
*OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE*  
*STS. JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM*  
*MARTYRS OF GORKUM*  
*ST. MARIA GORETTI, M*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Abbey Didier & family (*The Wilker family*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Mrs. Mattingly – Happy Birthday (*Samantha*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Bishop Dolan Birthday (*Connie Kamphaus*)
- FRI 7/10/15 SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM**  
*STS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Holbrook family (*Cora Arlinghaus*)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM High Mass** †Mary Safrey (*Simpson family*)  
**6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**
- SAT 7/11/15 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**  
*ST. PIUS I, PM*  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Janice West (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass** †John J. Bischak, Jr. (*Katie Bischak*)
- SUN 7/12/15 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD**  
*PENTECOST VII*  
*ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB*  
*STS. NABOR & FELIX, MM*  
*ST. VERONICA, W*  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Happy Mother's Day Mom (*The Brueggemann kids*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** †Mary Safrey (*S.G.G. Rosary Confraternity*)  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Special Intentions (*J. & T. Boyd*)  
**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

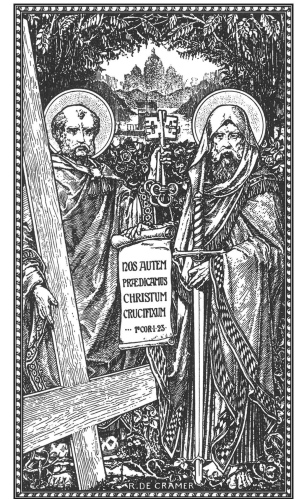
## EXTREME UNCTION



How very often do we hear it said, even by practical and well meaning Catholics, "We did not call the priest when — was so ill; we did not want to frighten him."

To begin with, did you ever know anyone who was frightened, or anything but glad, when the priest came? I did not. Even if the patient were alarmed, it would be a comparatively small matter. One who dies after receiving Extreme Unction with the right dispositions goes straight to heaven. Which is wiser to choose for our dear one: a slight, possible fright, or a certain purgatory?

*O glorious St. Paul, who from a persecutor of the Christian name, didst become an apostle of burning zeal, and who, in order that Jesus Christ might be known to the furthestmost bounds of the earth, didst joyfully suffer imprisonment, scourging, stoning, shipwreck, and every kind of persecution, and who didst finally shed thy blood to the last drop; obtain for us the grace of accepting, as divine favors, the infirmities, torments, and calamities of this life, so that we may not be drawn from the service of God by the vicissitudes of this our exile, but on the contrary may prove ourselves more and more faithful and fervent. Amen.*



*Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.*

## THE VISITATION

Small wonder that she went with haste to tell  
 Such tidings; or that words immortal fell  
 From lips young, young in years and worldly wants,  
 But wise as seraphim in song of praise.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, strengthened in Thine agony by an Angel, strengthen us in our agony.*

*Indulgence of 300 days.*

## SERVERS

- SUN 07/12 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. & J. Simpson CROSS: A. Soli, C. TH: J. Lacy ACS: S. & L. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. Soli, C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson, C. Richesson  
 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor  
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Murray  
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller