

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 12, 2015

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST VII

ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB • STS. NABOR & FELIX, MM
ST. VERONICA, W

¶ PENTECOST VII

After Mass today, come back to Helfta Hall for refreshments, and to visit our “free book” table. Leave a donation if you’d like. Sunday Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Precious Blood Devotions and Benediction.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy creatures, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy Precious Blood.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST VIII

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost VIII, with commemoration of St. Vincent de Paul. Trinity Preface.

Blood of Christ, save us!

¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Join us for our third Fatima Rosary Procession of Reparation, praying for peace, on **Monday, July 13th at 7:15 PM**. We meet in the parking lot at Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Drive (look for the First Watch restaurant). Holy Mass is before, at **5:45 PM**.

“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

Lumen Christi

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

For the health of Linda F. Pilkenton
(Edward Peschi)



EVERY GOOD TREE BRINGETH FORTH
GOOD FRUIT

¶ WASTE NOT

“When we lived in Mexico we had a maid who couldn’t read or write. After meals she would gather up whatever was left on the plates for her own meal. We told her she didn’t have to eat those leftovers, but she said God wouldn’t send any more food if we wasted it. That could be applied to our neglect in visiting Our Lord. Authors of old devotional books (Guaranger and Fr. Lasance, for example) lament what they saw as neglect in visiting Our Lord in their time. Maybe we are paying for that now. I wonder what our kids and grandkids will have 20 or 30 years hence?” —From a parishioner who is a faithful adorer. Plan to come to church this week to visit Our Lord, and to attend Adoration in August.

¶ OUR SICK

A number of prayer intentions have been confided to us. Please remember them, and all of our sick, especially Anny Reilly, Sue Menefee, J.T. Black, Mary Black, and the parents of Ken Gilliam, in your good prayers.



Ruth Higdon,

a long time member of our

church and a most faithful Catholic, died peacefully last Sunday in Columbus, well fortified with the Sacraments. Her Requiem Mass and funeral rites will be this Saturday, July 18th, at 9:00 AM. God reward her faithful soul.

¶ GIRLS’ CAMP IS HERE!

Girls’ Camp is this week on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**. You must sign a waiver (available in the vestibule) for your girls to be able to attend camp. Additional waivers will be supplied during camp for the canoe trip (girls ages 10 and up only).

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, every **Tuesday**, following the 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM Masses.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 5th.....\$3,164.00
Second Collection.....\$965.00

**THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN IN
GETHSEMANE**

[Jesus] prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt." ...He was in such agony and He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. (Lk 22:41-42, 44)

Reflection

"The proper work of peace is to join to God those whom it removes from the world" (St. Leo the Great). St. Paul says that Christ made peace *by the blood of His cross* (Col 1:20). In the garden of Gethsemane, Christ's sweat appears like blood, so fervent is His decision to be joined to God. "Only peace provides the freedom in which our noblest faculties can function and flourish.... Peace draws man to the heights and gathers his energies together to sustain him in the upward climb." Such peace is possible for us precisely because we *were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ* (1 Pt 1:18-19). The blood that accompanies true peace proves our purpose. *Through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary* (Heb 10:19).

Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, Save us!



We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou has redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. Indulgence of 300 days.



**THE SCOURGING AND THE
CROWNING WITH THORNS**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and places it on His head. (Jn 19:1-2)

Reflection

The Letter to the Hebrews points out, *In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood* (Heb 12:4). The mark of consummate commitment is bleeding. We have no doubts about another's love for us if that person is willing to bleed on our behalf. If our Lord were not scourged and crowned with thorns, we might yet be dubious about the depths of Christ's love for us. Jesus accepts His beating with its bleeding because it takes love to the limit, erasing all our doubts. This method of blood, with the certainty it induces, becomes the glory of the martyrs: *Thy conquered...by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death* (Rv 12:11).

Let us pray that Mary, the most holy mother of Christ's members, may never cease to beg from Him, that a continuous flow of graces may pass from the glorious Head into all the members of the Mystical Body.

O merciful God, Who willed to found the Church through the Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, drawn from the pure veins of the Virgin Mary, and poured forth from His opened Heart on Calvary, grant through the intercession of the same Mary ever Virgin, that Thy Church may enjoy more peaceful days. Amen.

**THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE
HOLY GHOST**

- Charity
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Benignity
- Goodness
- Longanimity
- Mildness
- Faith
- Modesty
- Continency
- Chastity



A MORNING OFFERING

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all true altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word, and action of this day. I desire to gain every indulgence and merit possible, offering them, together with myself, through Mary Immaculate, Whom Thou hast appointed the dispenser of the merits of Thy Precious Blood, that she may best apply them to the interests of Thy Most Sacred Heart. Amen.



IN SHADOW

Hast thou a heritage,
Grave olive tree?
The Dove flew back
With a branch from me.

Dost remember a garden
Fairer than this?
In Eden I sheltered
The first pair in bliss.

Thou knowest, then, Life;
What of Death, gentle tree?
I was awake
In Gethsemane.

—Caroline Hazard

We had a very different Independence Day this year. We didn't do too much, just some special prayers, because of the First Saturday, and also the sadness of SCOTUS' abolition of natural marriage in our country, the shame of it. It seems we built on sand. But many of you understood how late is the hour and grave the need, and we had a great attendance at both Masses, many Communion of reparation. It was all the more cheering because it was so unexpected! Mary reward those of you who prayed for our country, dedicated to her Immaculate Conception. God help us.

The next day was our day of prayer for occupied Rome, for the Church, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Again, the hour is so late. Recently Bergoglio remarked, in a moment of candor, speaking of himself: *"I ask you to pray fervently for this intention," the Pope continued, "so that Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or threatening, and turn it...into a miracle. Families today need miracles!"* (The miracle families today need is a true pope, rather than one who works to undermine the family.) The other day the Socialist President of Bolivia gave Bergoglio a Hammer and Sickle Crucifix, made by a Jesuit (of course) in 1980. But then again "St." John Paul kissed a Koran he was given. Time for Catholics to witness to their Faith by refusing to frequent churches where these men are pictured and prayed for as Popes, as Vicars of Christ. They are vicars of Satan, as you well know. Do not mock Almighty God.

One of our very first Catholic Resisters to the new religion in the tristate, Ruth Higdon, died last week in Columbus at the advanced age of 97 years. For years she was a faithful member of St. Gertrude the Great. Ruth was a learned and articulate Catholic, and never one given to compromise. In her last years Fr. Thielen faithfully attended her, bringing Holy Communion as long as she was able to receive, and then just stopping by for a visit or a blessing. Her family had her buried by a Modernist priest, ordained in the new rite, who simulated a Latin Mass in a Novus Ordo church. Ruth would have been the first one to reject such an arrangement, as Fr. Cekada correctly noted in the open letter he posted in the vestibule. We will have her Requiem Mass here on Saturday. Be sure to leave clear written instructions with us as well as with family as to your funeral.

On a cheerier note, our summer camps begin this week with the girls from Wednesday through Friday. We welcome again two of the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas who will be assisting. Plan to say hello to them next Sunday. Also visiting us during this time will be Fr. Arnoldo Villegas of Tijuana, Mexico. So, it looks to be a busy, wonderful week for us all. Don't forget the Monday night Rosary Procession for Peace.

I spoke with Fr. Roberto Mardones last week, and was happy to hear the old strength and energy back in his voice, as he recovers from his stroke and manages his diabetes. Father is especially involved in the radio apostolate, as is already very busy Fr. Cekada. He will have some help with the organ, though, this summer, furnished by one of our young and talented organ students. Our Lord is blessing our church of late especially with some fine young people. They help us get through today, and give us hope for tomorrow.

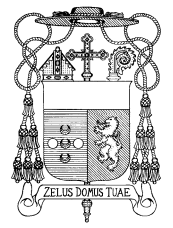
The McFathers switched offices with Fr. Lehtoranta last week, as his is the larger office, and the Reverend Mcs share office space. This is one of the many, but happy, problems which come with having the blessing of young priests. (Food is another, but sometimes you help. ☺) Fr. Lehtoranta very graciously yielded his office to accommodate. This week he has prepared a special series of sermons for the girls' camp at 9AM Mass each morning. How wonderful it is to see so many children at Mass, even once a year, and to hear their beautiful singing. It's a little bit of heaven, these days, over all too soon.

Thank you for your fine singing at the Sunday High Mass, and for staying put during the closing hymn at the Low, and sometimes even singing a little. Who sings, prays twice!

Don't forget Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Thursday (there will be singing!) and your scapular every day.

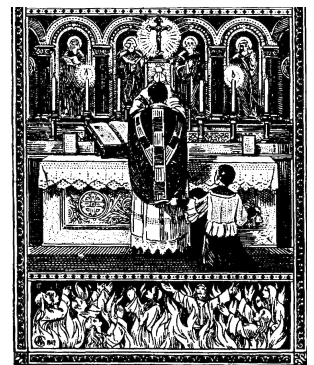
With a summer blessing to you all, at home or on the road,

—Bishop Dolan



Our Beloved Dead - July

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 S. Sheridan	7-14-1990
Joan I. Briggs	7-15-1990
Mary A. Kolb	7-15-1997
William J. Bendel	7-31-2008



Our Lord Jesus Christ, we have recourse to Thee, Holy God, mighty God, immortal God; have mercy on us and on all mankind! Cleanse us in Thy Precious Blood from all our sins and weaknesses.

My Jesus, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I give myself to Thee.

Indulgence of 300 days.

THE DEEPEST SORROW

Why do saints feel like sinners, and sinners like saints?

This is an interesting question.

Have you ever noticed, in reading the lives of the saints, how every one of these paragons of virtue expresses an extremely acute feeling of his own unworthiness? If this were true only of the reformed sinners among the saints, it would be understandable; but it seems to be equally true of those who led holy lives from infancy. Neither is it mere emotionalism; even the hardest-headed, most matter-of-fact saints are found crying aloud in their anguish over their sins. The closer they approach to God, the more pitiful becomes their misery.

Then we have the sinners.

Not the thoughtless, ignorant, stupid sinners who comprise the vast majority of our prison population, and who may well be judged more leniently by God than by man. Not they, but rather the intelligent, prosperous, respected sinners, many of whom go down in history as heroes. The proud men. The men who adopt sin as a way of life.

These men are pleased with themselves. They would indignantly deny that they ever committed the slightest wrong against anyone. On the contrary, they are wont to congratulate mankind on its good fortune in having them present to guide its destinies. A mere felon may have an occasional pang of remorse. But not the big-shots; the further they get away from God, the more virtuous they become, in their own eyes.

In the middle, as usual, are we little people. We who comprise the bulk of our race. Who are striving, consciously or subconsciously, more or less earnestly, to please God. We know we have done wrong in the past but the past dims rapidly. And our sin represents only a violation of an impersonal law; it lacks that evil brilliance which is revealed only when the sin is contrasted with the enormity and depth of the goodness of God. We are still spiritual infants. We are still too young to stand more than a breath of the strong wine of Divine Appreciation; a whole glassful might well dizzy us over the brink of despair.

Why do saints feel like sinners, and sinners like saints? A thorough and authoritative study of this question could be made only by the most gifted and holy of spiritual writers. But the answer probably lies in the keen perception, or lack of perception, by the individual, of the difference between God and man.

—Ambrose Bonner

Hail, Precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of our crucified Lord Jesus Christ and washing away the sins of the whole world.

SONNET XIX

SCIENTIA

In the amber days, when the pear-shaped lute
Beside the clock, the candle, and the skull,
Was placed with its ribbons, strings down and mute,
Along with a mirror whose light had grown dull,
Vanity herself would pose her fine mask
Upon her marble table of delights,
Next to the outworn jewels, the empty flask,
And every pleasure time's swift passing blights.
For, though life could be still, it was still life
When men and women knew the proper worth
Of earthly things, and earth itself was rife
With heaven's gifts to fill our spirit's dearth.
Knowledge, bestow thy light upon the mind
When pleasures waste and lucent treasures blind.

—Joseph Charles MacKenzie
Saturday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, 2015



THE LEGEND OF THE ROSE THORNS

Once the Christ-Child had a garden
Full of roses blushing red,
And He planned to make a garland
For His sacred head.

When the roses all were blooming
Came the Jewish children there,
Plucking each a flaming rosebud
Till each bush was bare.

“How, then, will you make a garland?
Not a rose your path adorns.”
“You forget,” the Christ-Child answered,
“You have left the thorns.”

Of the thorns He made a garland,
Placed it on His sacred head;
And where roses should have blossomed,
Blood-drops bloomed instead.

(This beautiful legend of the childhood of our Blessed Savior was translated from an old Latin hymn by an unknown author.)

HOW ALEPPO COULD BE SAVED

“If there be any saint,” says a modern writer, “who yet lives on earth in his mission of love and kindness, who while joining the celestial choirs before the throne of God, is not unmindful of his friends in this valley of tears; who loves God with his whole heart, and is beloved of God, yet uses his powerful intercession in lessening the woes of mankind—surely that one is Anthony.” Faithful to every tie of kindred and of friendship, and it must be noted that St. Anthony made friends wherever he went, for he had a perfect genius for friendship in its highest form; he was and is, the unfailing advocate of the poor and the oppressed. Indeed, the custom of giving donations of bread to the needy, or offerings of money to be spent in his name, particularly for the education of young men desirous of entering the Franciscan Order, has developed into a devotion peculiarly and absolutely his own. When, moreover, we really try to study and to understand, as far as we, with our limited views of exalted spirituality, we can understand his lovely character, we see a singular fitness in this special form of honoring the “Eldest Son of our Seraphic Father” because it is practically impossible to imagine a more ideal priest than Fra Antonio.



The custom has, in fact, become almost universal, and proves that the best means of obtaining favors from him is to help others. Who can say what showers of grace have fallen in ages past and still will fall in the years yet to come, on those who generously deny themselves for this purpose?

In the East, Franciscan missionaries have made the name of Anthony venerated both among their Christin Converts and even among the Mohammedans. We see this from Father Godfrey Schilling's description of what occurred at **Aleppo** during the Armenian Massacre in the year 1895, when the fanatical Arabs made an attack upon St. Anthony's College.

The Friars, realizing their imminent peril, for the furious rabble were on the point of destroying the entrance gate, recited with the boys the Miraculous Responsory; i.e., the *Siquaeris Miracula*; almost at the same moment, a Musselman of high standing appeared and spoke urgently to the crowd, telling them of the immense good the Franciscans were doing by educating the young Mohammedans as well as Christians. He reminded them that the Fathers gave alms also to poor Musselman and that, during the famine, they had distributed wheat to the needy followers of the Prophet.

At these words the rabble dispersed. St. Anthony had saved his faithful clients.

The Miraculous Responsory

If miracles thou fain wouldst see:
 Lo! error, death, calamity,
 The leprous stain, the demon flies,
 From beds of pain the sick arise.

Refrain: The hungry seas forgo their prey,
 The prisoner's cruel chains give way,
 While palsied limbs, and chattels lost,
 Both young and old recovered boast.



And perils perish; plenty's hoard
 Is heaped on hunger's famished board,
 Let those relate, who know it well,
 Let Padua of her Patron tell.

(Refrain)

May glory to the Father be,
 And to the Son eternally,
 And to the Spirit, in essence one,
 In Persons three, be honor done.

(Refrain)

V. Pray for us, Blessed Anthony:

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God; let the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, be a source of joy to Thy Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance, and may deserve to possess eternal joy. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PRAY TO ST. ANTHONY

He roams the streets of Heaven
 Yet his eyes are turned towards earth,
 He hears the faintest whimper
 That is mingled with the mirth.

He sees the smallest sparrow
 That has fallen from its nest,
 And his hands go out in pity
 For He loves the weakest best.

He longs to aid the fallen
 If they would but turn from sin
 He'd comb the court of Heaven
 For the grace to help them win.

His face is turned from Heaven
 When a tiny cry he hears
 And his faithful eyes are clouded
 With the salt of human tears.

So pray to him and ask him
 That he keep you in his care,
 The brown-robed Saint of Padua
 Will hear your humble prayer!

—Lucille Boesken

✠ CALENDAR

MON	7/13/15	ST. ANACLETUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Alex Fulton (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 5:45 PM Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary †George C. VandeRyt, birthday 5/28 (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>) 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
TUE	7/14/15	ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St. Anthony – for prayers answered (<i>J.C.S.</i>) 8:30 AM Summer Novena V 5:00 PM Low Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Special Intention (<i>Kathleen Mary West</i>) 5:30 PM Summer Novena V
WED	7/15/15	ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C <i>DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Special Intention – Deceased (<i>DJR</i>) 9:00 AM Girls' Camp Mass: Votive Low Mass of the Seven Sorrows For all those who are praying for me and visited me (<i>Veronica Briggs</i>)
THU	7/16/15	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 7:00 AM Low Mass Brendan Lotarski (Graduation Gift) (<i>Judy Metz</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Alice Duffy (<i>Gerard Keaveney</i>) 9:00 AM Girls' Camp: Low Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Paul Arlinghaus–Happy Birthday (<i>From family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for †Mom (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>)
FRI	7/17/15	ST. ALEXIUS, C <i>HUMILITY OF MARY</i> <i>CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Alex & Katie Fulton & family (<i>Mary Christensens</i>) 9:00 AM Girls' Camp: Votive Low Mass of St. Maria Goretti Patton family–June birthdays (<i>Sharon Patton</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Mrs. Mattingly – happy birthday (<i>Samantha</i>) (from 7-9) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	7/18/15	ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C <i>ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (<i>Samantha</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Fr. Cekada Happy Birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 9:00 AM Requiem Mass & Absolution for Ruth Higdon
SUN	7/19/15	PENTECOST VIII <i>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C</i> 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Katie Bischak (<i>The Wilkers</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:30 AM Low Mass Veronica Briggs (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass The Joshua Gunsher family (<i>The Schroepfer family</i>)

THE EFFICACY OF OFFERING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, in one of her revelations, received a command from Almighty God to offer the Blood of Jesus Christ to disarm the anger of God about to fall on sinners. After this instruction received from Heaven she imposed upon herself the obligation of offering the Blood of Jesus Christ at least fifty times a day for the living and for the dead. The seraphic soul did this with such great fervor and piety that on many occasions she obtained the conversion of a multitude of sinners, and this our Lord showed her in a vision. One day, when she was in ecstasy, she was heard to exclaim: "Every time that a creature offers the Blood by which she was redeemed, she offers to God a gift of infinite value, surpassing all other gifts."

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.



"O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and of the Son, let the might of Thy love be felt, more and more, in the hearts of men. Let Thy light shine on the souls of men who are wandering in darkness. Turn them to the life-giving Heart of Jesus and to the healing stream of His Most Precious Blood. Strengthen souls that love Thee, perfect in them Thy seven gifts and Thy twelve fruits. Make them Thy temples here, that Thou mayest be adored by them forever. Amen."

Servers

WED 07/15	9:00 AM LOW: N. & P. McClorey
THU 07/16	9:00 AM LOW: A. & C. Richesson
FRI 07/17	9:00 AM LOW: B. Lotarski & J. Murray
SUN 07/19	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, J. Lacy TH: P. Omlor MC: T. Simpson ACs: C. Richesson, M. Simpson TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, A. Soli, J. Murray 11:30 AM LOW: N. & P. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Murray 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller