
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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

July 19, 2015 PENTECOST VIII ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



¶ PENTECOST VIII

Both the blessing of expectant mothers, and the enrollment in the Brown Scapular are available after Mass today. If you have never been enrolled, come to the Communion Rail. You are welcome to greet the sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas after the 9:00 AM Mass. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

*Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy:
Flow upon us!*

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ST. ANNE

The St. Christopher Blessing of Cars will be given during all Masses, and in church we will be concluding our triduum to St. Anne, and giving a blessing with her relic.

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

📖 **Set Your Missal:** St. Anne (July 26), with commemoration and Last Gospel of Pentecost IX. Trinity Preface.

*Precious Blood, most pure offering:
Procure us every grace!*

¶ BOYS' CAMP IS ALMOST HERE!

Boys' Camp: July 28, 29, 30. Sign up sheets are available in the front vestibule. Please fill them out and return them to the office.

*O Jesus, with all my heart I cling to
Thee.*



GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP

MEMORARE TO THE MADONNA OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Remember, O Madonna of the Precious Blood, the shedding of the Blood of thy Divine Son and the bitter tears thou didst mingle with His Redeeming Blood.

In the name of the Blood of the Victim of Expiation; in the name of the seven swords which pierced thy heart, by which thou didst become the Co-Redemptrix of the human race; have pity on us and upon all our miseries; have pity on sinners and on all innocent souls they seek to pervert; have pity on the poor, the sick and the afflicted; have pity on those who are now in their last agony, especially those who, except for thine intercession, would leave this world without being washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

It is by the Blood of thy dying Son, and by the continuation of His Sacrifice on Catholic Altars, that we beg you not to reject our supplications. Amen.

*Jesus, My God, I love Thee above all
things.*

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember Gus Kurtz who is in the hospital with lung cancer, as well as an aunt of the Puglielli family, Marianne Youngworth, also suffering from cancer. Paul Leurk, one of our shut-in, celebrated his 90th birthday last week.


*Precious Blood,
hope and refuge of sinners:
Atone for us!*

¶ 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.

*Precious Blood, delight of holy souls:
Draw us!*

¶ CHURCH SUPPORT

With summer vacation and travels, 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!

Collection Report

Sunday, July 12th\$4,383.00
Thank you for your generosity! Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

“YOU DO NOT WANT TO COME TO ME TO HAVE
LIFE”

Trust in God is founded, on the one hand, on a right knowledge of God, and on the other hand, on a right knowledge of ourselves. The knowledge of God teaches us that He is infinitely good in Himself; that He loves the creatures He has made; that He cannot help loving them and wishing well to them; and that their loss, if they are lost, can never be His doing. Religion teaches us that He loves us incomparably more than it is possible to imagine or conceive; He loves us to such a degree that He gave up His own Son, and delivered Him to death for us; He presents us with His grace; He is always ready to receive the sinner who returned to Him; He will pardon the sinner and forget all his faults, provided only that he sincerely repents; and He never ceases to follow the sinner, in all his wanderings, in order to bring him back to Himself. If we will only enter a little into ourselves, and reflect on the course of our life, experience will teach us that in all God has behaved towards us with a mercy that is infinite; that He has preserved some of us from sin, and has withdrawn us from occasions of it; that He has for a long time borne with the constant falls of others of us; that He could have damned us after our first mortal sin, and that He did not do so; that He has contrived all kinds of assistance to help us to return to Him; and that it is to Him alone that we owe our escape from the power of sin or our perseverance in doing good. Let us bring back to our memory all the personal graces we have received from Him, and besides those we know of, let us be quite sure that there are many others which we are either ignorant of or have forgotten. How many motives may we draw from all this to place all our trust in God!

—Fr. Jean-Nicolas Grou, S.J.

SONNET XVI: TIMOR DEI

O fear the night that floods into thine eyes
When the false world parades its tempting forms
To draw thy mind away from heaven's prize
And waken passion's havoc-wreaking storms.
Our sins close curtains in the spirit's room
And darken ev'ry window's precious pane:
Let Fear but draw them back to void the gloom
That buries thee, and day returns again.
Sweet Fear, how oft thy silken bands have bound
My will to His, that I should ne'er forsake
The once-lost Love that cannot be refund,
Or break the vase the Potter can't remake.
In thee all wisdom has its very start,
That thus you sanctify my trembling heart.

—Joseph Charles MacKenzie
Albuquerque, Pentecost Monday, 2015

AT CALVARY

Cursing, raving, crouched the withered Old
Before the Cross. His mitre's silk and gold
Fell from the tangled, gray, disheveled hair,
Which swirled about like furies in the air.
From bulging cheeks the ashen beard did flow,
Foaming white, to leap in rage below
Upon the battered Urim, tightly pressed
Upon the heaving furnace of his breast.

And from the Hands and Feet that he had nailed,
Unheeded dripped the holy Blood that failed
To quench his flame—But still in crouching form,
His tattered purple waving in the storm,
Spat out: “Come from the Cross”—with haughty nod—
“Come down, if Thou be He, the Son of God!”

Obedient, calmly stood the brawny new
Beneath the Cross. His plume nor broke nor blew,
But gently rested on his gleaming hood.
Staunch in his simple shining brass he stood—
His deep-set eyes stared from the lavish brow,
His face, smooth-shaven, seemed as lifeless now
As the eagle in relief upon his chest,
A noble shield that held a nobler breast.

And from the Side through which his lance he ran
The precious Fount of Life to flow began,
And washed the blindness from the deep-set eyes.
His armor shone like the golden sun that dies
At evening. Then he spoke with noble nod:
“Truly, truly, this was the Son of God.”

—Fray Angelico Chavez



THE SCOURGING

You lash me with a leathery
tongue
Reverberate with verbal tails,
But neither cringe nor cry is
wrung,
It is the whip that curls and
wails.
And even though you are for-
given
From out the very heart of pain
Much more than seventy times
Seven...
...the wales remain.

—Fray Angelico Chavez

The baseball people must have been really praying Monday night, as the predicted rain never came, and it turned out to be a rather pleasant evening. We had to cancel earlier in the day, as so many come from afar for this observance. God's holy will be done. We prayed away the evening in church, and a good group of you joined us. I must say, that although I regretted the loss of the procession (and we had even prepared nice handout leaflets for curious passersby) I do love saying all fifteen decades in front of the Mother of Perpetual Help Icon, under her eyes, gazing upon her face, her Child, and the archangels. The Eastern way of praying with icons is most refreshing to the soul. Well, may God have heard our Rosary prayer, and spare many souls from the fires of hell by devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

Life is full of surprises. Just when you would least expect it, last Tuesday night, we had a perfectly beautiful evening, out of the blue, a little gift of grace. You could almost have missed it. Another gift, and a so refreshing one for us and you both, has been the surprisingly good Mass attendance this July. While many are missing on Sunday due to travels and vacation, still others are showing up at daily Masses. How encouraging! May the Blood of our salvation be offered and received by many souls daily and devoutly. The attendance during the Girls' Camp was wonderful.

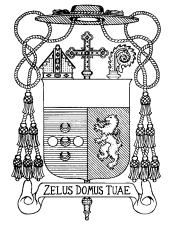
The good weather continued through the three days of the Girls' Camp, no doubt appreciated by the girls (who numbered a biblical forty) as well as by the ladies and the Sisters. A good time seems to have been had by all during this annual, and very important, apostolate. How grateful we are to the ladies who organized and staffed the camp as well as to the Sisters who so generously came from afar, and whose presence makes such a difference. Finally, we could not do it without you. Thank you for your kind contributions of time, food, and money.

Fr. Lehtoranta prepared an excellent and instructive series of three sermons, especially for the girls, based on biblical heroines from the Old Testament. Thank you, Father!

Fr. Cekada celebrated his birthday yesterday in his hometown of Milwaukee, where he is offering Mass today. **Fr. McKenna** spent his week here "catching up" on things, and finishing his preparations for Boys' Camp next week. **Fr. Arnaldo Villegas** seems to have enjoyed his visit with us, which enabled him to spend some time with brother priests in our green and verdant setting of St. Gertrude the Great. We were able to discuss a number of practical questions, as priests do among themselves, or with a bishop.

Yesterday we remembered the soul of Ruth Higdon with a proper Requiem Mass. Tomorrow, or even today,

write out your request for such a Mass, and leave it with family and a copy here at church. It is sad to see so many who were so faithful in life denied the final suffrages of a Christian, or subjected to the ceremonies of the new religion.



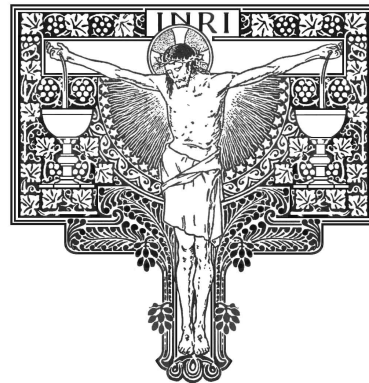
Travel is at its peak in July. Some of the faithful report good trips to faraway France where they saw **Fr. Hecquard** as well as the shrine of Lourdes; as well as closer locations such as Niagara Falls and St. Ignace in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. When some of our faithful visited on a *Tuesday*, they found themselves at *St. Anthony's Rock*, having just prayed his novena! Go with prayer, and you will go well.

God bless you and the angels keep you safe!

—Bishop Dolan

The Crucifixion

Then they crucified Him and divided His garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Him. (Mk 15:24-25)



Reflection

Sacred art through the ages portrays angels with chalices attending the cross to collect the Sacred Blood of the crucified Christ—an act that signifies how precious is every drop. A similar recollection happens whenever we lovingly venerate a crucifix. Why? Jesus tells

us that *just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up (Jn 3:14)*, for only then can *we look upon Him Whom they have pierced (Jn 19:37)*. And just as the sight of bleeding wounds beckoned the Good Samaritan close, in compassion to the brutalized man on the road (Lk 10:34), so does the sight of Christ crucified draw us. *"By [Christ's] wounds you have been healed" (1 Pt 2:24)*—by being saved from our sins and made more truly human through Christ's Sacred humanity. Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, save us!

Unfaithfulness

No room within the inn of my poor heart
For any thought of Him Who died for me!
I worship Mammon in the world's hard mart,
Nor ever turn my eyes to Calvary.

—S.H.N.

✦ CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org.

MON	7/20/15	ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C ST. MARGARET, VM <i>ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Sean (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
	9:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory – Special Intentions (<i>Bill & Cindy Current</i>)
TUE	7/21/15	ST. PRAXEDES, V <i>ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET</i>
	8:00 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	8:30 AM	Summer Novena VI
	9:00 AM	Low Mass Alex Fulton Family (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help/St. Anthony – for prayers answered (<i>J.C.S.</i>)
	5:30 PM	Summer Novena VI
WED	7/22/15	ST. MARY MAGDALEN, PENITENT
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Katie Fulton & her children (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Veronica Briggs (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Lawrence VandeRyt (<i>Dolores Ritze</i>)
THU	7/23/15	ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM ST. LIBORIUS, BPC
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Ellen Frank (<i>Jenny Upton</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Monica Prell – Happy Birthday! (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased (<i>D.J.R.</i>)
FRI	7/24/15	VIGIL OF ST. JAMES ST. CHRISTINA, VM <i>ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Aunt Darlene (<i>The Wilker girls</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass & St. Anne Triduum Conversion of Jeff Peter & family (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
SAT	7/25/15	ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP ST. CHRISTOPHER, M <i>OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY</i>
	7:30 AM	High Mass Conversion of family & friends (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	8:10 AM	St. Anne Triduum & Low Mass †Janice West (<i>Gerard Keaveney</i>)
SUN	7/26/15	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY PENTECOST IX <i>BLESSING OF CARS DURING ALL MASSES</i>
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Doris Ritze (<i>Mary & Joe Kunkel & family</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Janice West (<i>Friends from St. Gertrude Church</i>)
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Marianne Youngworth (<i>Puglielli family</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



The Brown Scapular. There are many promises to the wearers of this scapular, but we must always keep in mind that the Brown Scapular is NOT a lucky “charm” that grants someone access to eternal life no matter what kind of life they live.

First of all, here is a quick history of the Brown Scapular: “[K]nown as the Brown Scapular, this is the best known, most celebrated, and most widespread of the small scapulars. It is spoken of as “the Scapular”, and the “feast of the Scapular” is that of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16 July. It is one of the oldest scapulars and served as the prototype of many others. According to a pious tradition **the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England, on Sunday, 16 July, 1251.** In answer to his appeal for help for his oppressed order, **she appeared to him with a scapular in her hand and said: “Take, beloved son this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant”**....And, even though there is here no direct reference to the members of the scapular confraternity, indirectly the promise is extended to all who from devotion to the Mother of God should wear her habit or badge, like true Christians, until death, and be thus as it were affiliated to the Carmelite Order.”



“All those who out of true veneration and love for the Blessed Virgin constantly wear the scapular in a spirit of fidelity and confiding faith, after they have been placed by the Church itself with this habit or badge under the special protection of the Mother of God, shall enjoy this special protection in the matter and crisis which most concerns them for time and eternity.”

SERVERS

SAT 07/25	7:30 AM HIGH: MC: Joseph Simpson TH: M. Briggs ACs: P. Omlor, M. Simpson
SUN 07/26	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, B. Lotarski CROSS: L. Arlinghaus TH: J. Simpson ACs: P. Omlor, J. Lacy TORCH: A. Soli, M. & D. Simpson, T. Lawrence 11:30 AM LOW: N. & N. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Murray 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller