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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

May 22, 2016
TRINITY SUNDAY
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¶ PENTECOST I

Today is Trinity Sunday, 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.* Final Sunday Classes of the season are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

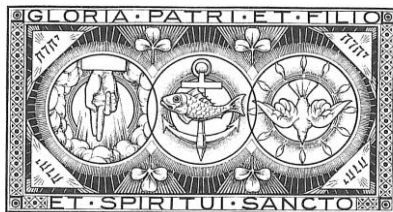
¶ FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

We keep this great feast on Thursday, with *All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* beginning with Exposition after the 8:00 AM Low Mass. Solemn High Mass is sung at 11:20 AM. Vespers are at 2:30 PM, followed by Benediction. Adorers are needed all day, especially from 1:00 to 3:15 PM. Come and pray before Our Lord for all of your needs.

ADOPT AN ALTAR: SACRISTY REPORT

We continue to be in great need of sacristy support. We are grateful for any and all help, and thank the one or two who have recently come forward. Our current needs include someone to do little sacristy mending jobs (desperate!) and someone to "adopt" the two side altars to give them a very thorough cleaning once a month. "Deep cleaning," just about anywhere in church and sacristy is another need. One little project, one hour or two, can make a big difference!

Collection Report
Sunday, May 15th.....\$4,329.00



I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, I adore Thee; Blessed Trinity, one God, have mercy on me now and in the hour of my death save me! *Indulgence 300 days.*

¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

First Holy Communions take place at the High Mass. The annual outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament follows the High Mass. If you are attending the 11:30 Mass, why not come a little early (*approximately 10:45 AM*) for outdoor Benediction, and to join in the Procession. Rosary Confraternity members should wear their medals and take part as a group in the Procession.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 6:45 AM and adoration continues all morning. Plan to make a visit! Exposition and Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day. Sunday classes are finished for the season.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* High Mass: Corpus Christi, with commemoration and proper Last Gospel of the Sunday within the Octave; Preface of the Nativity. Low Masses: Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, with commemoration of the Octave, and St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi; Nativity Preface.

¶ HEALTH UPDATE

Thank you all for your cards, good wishes and, above all, Masses and promises of prayers! I will probably begin a two-month course of chemo this coming week, so don't be too surprised if you see me in the near future wearing a rather distinctive "tonsure"! Kidding aside, I may have some special diet requirements during the coming weeks. We'll spread the word as to what they will be, and I'm hoping that our cooks can organize a way to meet them, since our Fathers' cooking talents lie primarily in the areas of reheating and (in one case) grilling. Please continue to remember me in your prayers, as I will remember you in mine!

—Fr. Cekada

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Chris Browne, who is having surgery tomorrow; Mother Isidore Maria's mother; Fr. Cekada, Anny Reilly, Lee Daulton, Joan Landry, and Janet Clementi.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers and best wishes to Evan and Kristen Zerhusen whose son, Thomas Christopher Karl Adolphus, was baptized Sunday, May 15, 2016.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Sam Carro, who died on Saturday, May 14. Sam was one of our virtual parishioners from New Jersey.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

The Catholic makes confession of his faith most especially by the sign of the holy cross.

By it he lets men know that he makes profession of belonging to the religion of the crucified Savior. To Jews and Turks the cross is an object of hatred and contempt; Protestants, too, pay no honor to the holy cross, though there are indeed some of them who, in the present day, have learned the practice from the children of the Church. The sign of the cross is thus the peculiar property of Catholics all the world over. It is a custom so ancient that it is generally believed to have been introduced by the apostles.

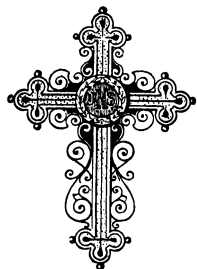
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By uniting all the three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, under one name, we make profession of our belief in the unity of God.

The "name" of God indicates His authority and power, and that we act under His commission (Mark xvi. 17; Acts iii. 16, 17; iv. 10).

In making the sign of the cross, we make profession of our belief in the Blessed Trinity by the words "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

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God died for us upon the cross.

Thus we see that in the sign of the cross we have a short summary of the whole Catholic faith. The Catholic Church holds the sign of the cross in great honor. It is repeated over and over again in the Holy Mass, and in all the sacraments, in all blessings and consecrations; the cross is placed on our churches, over our altars, on banners, on sacred vestments, and over the graves of the departed. Churches are built in the form of a cross.



RECEIVING THE RICHES OF GOD

Here, then, I can find that divine wealth that God, by His adoption of us, intends us to inherit. Wherever I turn, I shall find Him. Whether life has smooth ways or rough, whether it hangs my path with lights or hides me in gloom, I am the heir to all that earth or sea or sky can boast of as their possession. Indeed, these are only the rich things of God, whereas I have a claim upon even more. I have a claim upon the very source of this wealth, that is, upon God Himself, for He is the sole source of all His greatness. I have a right to God Himself. He is mine. He Who holds in the hollow of His hands the fabric of the world, Who with His divine power supports, and with His Providence directs, the intricate pattern of the world, has Himself by creation entered deeply into the world; at the heart of everything He lies hidden.

But even more by grace, He comes in a fuller, richer way into the depths of the soul. Here in me are Father, and Son, and Spirit.



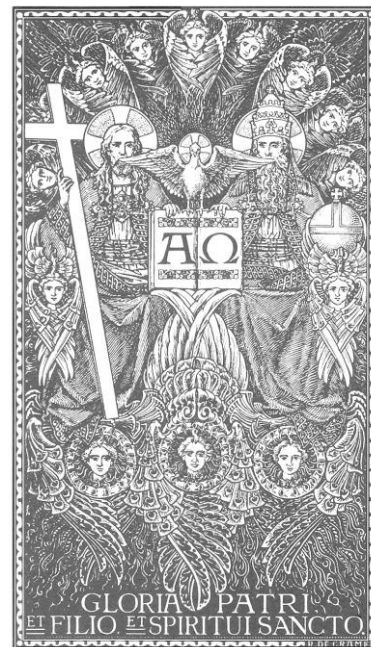
TRINITY SUNDAY

Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,
And hast redeem'd me through Thy blood,
And sanctified me to do good;

Purge all my sins done heretofore;
For I confess my heavy score,
And I will strive to sin no more.

Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charity;
That I may run, rise, rest with Thee.

-George Herbert



Dear God, teach me to understand the wonder of this indwelling, to appreciate its worth, to be thankful for its condescension, to reverence its place of choice, to be conscious of its perpetual upholding.

By this indwelling, I am an heir to the fullness of the divine riches. By it I, a creature, possess in His fullness my Creator, Redeemer, and Lord.

-Father Bede Jarrett, O.P.

Fr. Jarrett († 1934) was a Dominican priest from England widely esteemed for his preaching, his lectures, and his many books on theology and spirituality.

We're still basking in the fiery glow of the Holy Ghost and Confirmation and Pentecost as I write this, but ready to move on to the Holy Trinity tomorrow, and the height of God's Works, His presence with us and within us in the Blessed Sacrament. This Thursday is Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi Sunday will be the end of our choir season. Our devoted ladies and young ladies take a little rest (although the men of the schola sing on [God love them] all Summer long). The timing works out well this season, as our devoted organist, **Fr. Cekada**, will be in and out of sick bay. We are grateful to Fr. Cekada for all of his efforts, especially at this difficult time. We congratulate Father on his beautiful motet, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, expertly and movingly performed by the choir at the Offertory of last Sunday's Pontifical Mass.

Although the Holy Spirit is certainly the Spirit of healing, quite a few of us are sick of late. For many, I suspect, it's the allergies for which the Ohio Valley is notorious. They often mimic other ailments. Not for nothing do we call them "hay fever." Well, let us pray for all of our sick, whatever the degree or description of their ailment be. "Come, Holy Ghost."

Sr. Jeanne Marie is receiving therapy this Summer to regain the use of her legs, preparatory to long delayed knee surgery. We miss her! It will be good to see her again. Mother Isidore is shepherding her young lambs towards their vestition day, First Friday, June 3rd. The ceremony will include the shearing of the sheep, come to think of it. I hope you can be with us.

Fr. Cekada will be needing plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables in order to regain his health. (I'm sure they wouldn't hurt the rest of us either!) Can you please use the Cucina Clerical website so you can pace our food deliveries, and we will avoid too much at once? Many thanks for your generous care!

(<https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/>)

We in turn, here at church, are surely praying for you. Good deal? The daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins on Corpus Christi, Thursday, with Mass before the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction each day. The priests will be adoring all day Thursday, chanting together the entire Divine Office of Corpus Christi. Try to come to the Solemn Mass at 11:20, and get in on some of the adoration. Pray for our dear First Communicants whose turn at last comes next Sunday. I hope they are as eager to receive Jesus, as He is to come to them!

The cats have been on bunny patrol regularly of late. There's a particularly urgent cry they use only when they need to come in and drop off "a gift." From time to time they attempt to vary my menu with a mouse, but usually

rabbit is on the schedule, if not exactly on my plate.

Thanks to Jean and Kirby who have adopted the cloister garden. It's shaping up nicely. The roses this year are doing very well. The Lambs Ears are multiplying, and we have some in the altar arrangements today. Feel free to take a plant or two home.

I hope to see you on Thursday, and often during our Corpus Christi observance.

May the Blessed Trinity dwell in you and bring you to perfection!
—Bishop Dolan

ST. LOUIS ON THE ROSARY (CONTINUED)

"If I were asked by someone seeking to honor our Lady, 'What does genuine devotion to her involve?' I would answer briefly that it consists in a full appreciation of the privileges and dignity of our Lady; in expressing our gratitude for her goodness to us; in zealously promoting devotion to her; in constantly appealing for her help; in being completely dependent on her; and in placing firm reliance and loving confidence in her motherly goodness.

"The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother.

"If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if—and mark well what I say—if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.

"If then we are establishing sound devotion to our Blessed Lady, it is only in order to establish devotion to our Lord more perfectly, by providing a smooth but certain way of reaching Jesus Christ.

"As she was the way by which Jesus first came to us, she will again be the way by which He will come to us the second time though not in the same manner.

"Since she is the sure means, the direct and immaculate way to Jesus and the perfect guide to Him, it is through her that souls who are to shine forth in sanctity must find Him. He who finds Mary finds life, that is, Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life...Mary then must be better known than ever for the deeper understanding and the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity."



¶ CALLING ALL GRADUATES: Please let us know their particulars so we can congratulate them in the bulletin.

✠ CALENDAR

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

MON	5/23/16	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY <i>ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI, C</i> 11:20 AM High Mass For my husband on our anniversary (Jennifer Richesson) 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/24/16	FERIAL DAY <i>OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass St. Jude thank you for answered prayers (Rios family) (from 5/23) 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Requiem Low Mass †Sam Carro
WED	5/25/16	ST. GREGORY VII, PC <i>ST. URBAN I, PM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Kathy Fortin (C. Simpson family) 11:20 AM High Mass In honor of St. Thomas More for Thomas (TRCS) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Mary – the mother of Jesus and our mother (JCS)
THU	5/26/16	CORPUS CHRISTI 8:00 AM Low Mass The Holy Souls (Kolenich family) Exposition <i>All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:00 AM The Divine Office before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed: Matins and Lauds, Prime and Tierce 11:20 AM Solemn High Mass Fr. Cekada (Justin Soeder) <i>Adorers needed from 12:30 – 3:00 PM!</i> 2:00 PM Sext and None 2:30 PM Vespers with May Devotions, Compline, Closing Benediction
FRI	5/27/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD</i> <i>ST. JOHN I, PM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Dolores MacDonald – 16 th anniversary May 27 (Tom & Karen Simpson) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass †Joseph Leurk (Paul Leurk) 3:10 PM May Devotions 4:30 PM Exposition, Vespers 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simpson Family (Ken & Colleen Schroepfer) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	5/28/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Exposition, High Mass Fr. Cekada (Tom & Karen Simpson) Benediction with May Devotions 8:35 AM Low Mass Thank you Mrs. Hinton (Thomas Simpson)

✠ TRINITY DEVOTIONS



The Sign of the Cross—In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Indulgence of 50 days each time, using these words with reverence and devotion.

Indulgence of 100 days when holy water is used when making it. (Pius IX, July 28, 1862.)

The Angelic Trisagion—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! the earth is full of Thy glory!

Glory to be to the Father,

Glory be to the Son,

Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

Indulgence of 100 days, once a day: 100 days, three time on Sunday, and on Trinity Sunday and during its octave. (Clement XIV, June 6, 1769.)

Glory be to the Father, Who, by His Almighty power, hath created me and made me to His own image and likeness.

Glory be to the Son, Who, by His Wisdom, hath delivered me from Hell and opened for me the Gates of Heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Ghost, Who, in His Mercy, hath sanctified me by Baptism, and Who incessantly worketh my sanctification by the fresh graces I daily receive from His bounty.

S E R V I C E S

THU 5/26 **9:00 AM HIGH:** MCs: B. Lotarski, T. Simpson **TH:** N. McClorey **CROSS:** P. McClorey **ACs:** J. Simpson, M. Simpson **TORCH:** P. D. & A. McConnell, D. Simpson

SUN 5/29 **7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt **CHAPLAINS:** Fr. McGuire, T. Simpson **TH:** B. Lotarski, S. Arlinghaus **CROSS:** P. McClorey **ACs:** N. McClorey, J. Simpson **BANNER:** L. Arlinghaus **MITRE:** C. Richesson **CROZIER:** N. McClorey **BELLS:** D. McConnell **TORCH:** M. & D. Simpson, P. & A. McConnell, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor **BENEDICTION TH:** P. Omlor
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

SUN 5/29/16 SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
PENTECOST II
ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V
6:45 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
All Morning Adoration
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of our 35 wedding anniversary & salvation of our souls (Ken & Regina Gilliam)
9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:45 AM Procession and Outdoor Benediction
11:30 AM Low Mass Becky Mattingly & Family (Connie A. Kamphaus)
Benediction
4:45 PM Exposition, Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For Christine (Kolenich family)