

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



September 3, 2017

PENTECOST XIII

ST. PIUS X, PC

MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD



¶ PENTECOST XIII

The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion rail after all Masses today. The second collection is taken up for the support of our seminary. There are no Vespers.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for priests.

¶ SUNDAY CATECHISM ENROLLMENTS TODAY!

Today is the last day to enroll your children in Catechism Class. Classes begin next Sunday, September 10. Parents, it is of utmost importance that our young ones be fully armed in the rudiments of the Faith.

¶ LABOR DAY

Labor Day marks the end of summer and back to work for all of us in some sense, as we start the fall season. Come to Mass tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM to honor St. Joseph, Patron of Workers.

¶ NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

This Friday, September 8th, is the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. The Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings will take place *after* the 11:25 AM High Mass. Each child will receive a seedling to plant in Our Lady's honor.

Following the High Mass there will be a Birthday Party for Baby Mary. All children, and especially our homeschoolers, are welcome to the festivities for this special birthday.

Lumen Christi

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

My parents
(*Patsy McConnell*)




WERE NOT TEN MADE CLEAN?
AND WHERE ARE THE NINE?

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Our Thirteen Tuesdays devotion in honor of St. Anthony of Padua, with the novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, continues this week. Masses will be at the usual times of 8 AM, 11:20 AM, and 5 PM. Come and participate in this powerful devotion.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Catechism Classes begin next Sunday. Vespers with Benediction resume at 4:45 PM.  *Set Your Missal*: Low Masses: Pent. XIV, with a commemoration of St. Nicholas of Tolentino. Trinity Preface. High Mass: The Most Holy Name of Mary, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pent. XIV. Third collect of St. Nicholas of Tolentino. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

¶ ROSARY PROCESSION

Our penultimate Centennial Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace is on Wednesday, September 13th. If you haven't made it to any of the processions yet, why not start next week? Join us in West Chester in the First Watch parking lot.

¶ PARISH PICNIC

Our annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, at the Cardinal Crest Shelter in Sharon Woods Park. *Parking is prepaid!* Just tell the person at the gate that you are with the group from St. Gertrude the Great Church at Cardinal Crest.



¶ IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Richard Patin, one of the founding members of Our Lady of the Rosary in Louisiana, who died Tuesday.

Please pray as well for Paulina Strauss, who was dying as this bulletin went to print yesterday.



Wedding Banns

Third time:

Patrick Lotarski & Cristin McKinley

Collection Report

Sunday, August 27th.....\$3,981.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

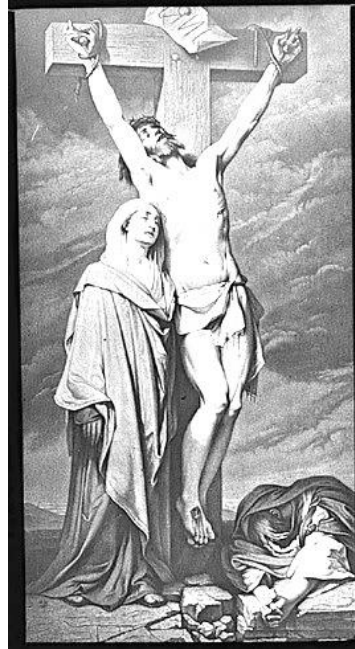
ALL HE DOES

God does not do only with reason all that He has done for us; He does it also with love. Yes, Christians, everything that happens to us in this life happens by the order or the permission of a God Who always has loved us, and Who loves us still more than we love ourselves. He regards us as His creatures, as His children, as His heirs, as His reflections. The benefits that we have received from Him have surpassed all our desires; they surpass even our imaginings, and those benefits that we receive from Him every day are without measure and without number.

He has drawn us out of the void, and He is constantly dedicated to saving our being and life. He has washed us in the blood of His only Son. Could a Heart so tender and so loving resolve to do us the slightest evil; could it even allow that it be done to us, being able to stop it, as He can? My God, rather than think it, I would believe that the greatest evils are very great goods and that Your heaviest blows are very gentle and magnificent caresses....

Reflect a little on what He has done for you. You are presently in affliction; consider that the one Who is the author of this is that One Himself Who was happy to spend His whole life in distress in order to spare you from eternal distress; that it is the One Whose angel is always at your side, watchful, by His order, over all your ways and dedicated to turn away all that could harm your body or dirty your soul. Consider that the One Who causes you this pain is the One Who, on our altars, prays constantly and sacrifices Himself a thousand times a day in order to atone for your sins and to appease the wrath of His Father to the extent that you irritate Him; that it is He Who comes to you with such goodness in the sacrament of the Eucharist, Who has no greater pleasure than of uniting Himself to you and conversing with you.

- *Blessed Claude La Colombiere*
Blessed Claude (†1682) was a French Jesuit priest and the spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.



ACCEPTING THE KINGDOM LIKE A CHILD OF MARY

The apostle cannot claim to have sufficient devotion to our Lady if his confidence in her is not enthusiastic, and if his homage to her is almost entirely external. Like her Son, *intuetur cor*, she only looks at our hearts, and judges us to be her true children only by the power with which our love corresponds to hers.

She looks to find a heart that is firmly convinced of the glories and privileges and offices of her who is at the same time the Mother of God and the Mother of men:

A heart that is convinced of this truth: that the fight against faults, the acquisition of virtues, the Kingdom of Christ in souls, and consequently all guarantee of salvation and sanctity, are in proportion to the degree of our devotion to Mary;

A heart that is gripped with the thought that everything is easier, more delightful, and progresses more rapidly in the interior life when we act in union with Mary;

A heart full to overflowing of filial confidence, come what may, in her whose gentle tact, and wise anticipation of our needs, and whose

SACRISTAN

When I die
 I want to die
 a simple sacristan.

The rosy-fingered dawn pokes
 through the stained glass,
 high above me.
 I am the surplice ghost
 of sanctuaries past.

Prepare the water and the wine,
 the host and chalice, and
 the vestments for the priest,
 robed also for the ritual:
 amice, alb and maniple,
 cincture, stole, and chasuble.

Light the candles,
 hold the book,
 ring the bells, if bells there be.

Fold my hands,
 bow my head,
 bend my knee,
 to God almighty.

And when I die,
 I want to die
 a simple sacristan.

- *Michael Power*



tenderness and mercy and generosity we know by experience;

A heart ever more and more on fire with love for her who is associated with all our joys, united with us in all our trials, and through whom all our affections pass.

- *Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard, O.C.S.O.*

Dom Chautard (†1935) was a French Cistercian monk and the abbot of Sept-Fons Abbey.

With His Excellency, **Bishop Dolan**, and **Fr. Cekada** still away, we younger clergy continue to hold down the fort here at St. Gertrude's and part of that job comes with filling in for the little spot in the bulletin that gives you all a little bit of an update of what is going on in the world of your clergy (and the cats, of course).

Well, we start off with those most famous of felines. They seemed to be pretty quick to figure out that when the door to their normal stop for food over at the rectory is closed, they should come on down to Convento San Marco to find a nice meal, a little scratch behind the ear, and a warm spot to lie and nap.

As for the human element of our church, I enjoyed reading **Fr. McGuire's** note from last week and seeing all the news from the sick calls that he faithfully covers. Seeing his note gave me the idea that I should give you a little update from the missions. I figure everybody knows I am frequently on the road attending to various Mass locations; however they often don't realize what happens in those places...so I will explain a little.

This last mission trip didn't start off according to plan. I had a Saturday morning flight from Cincinnati to Chicago, IL and then another flight from Chicago to Fargo, ND. However, my first flight was delayed by three hours, thus causing me to miss my connection. There was only one more flight I could get on to Fargo, which wouldn't get me into that city until late at night. So, being resourceful, I flew to Minneapolis, MN and drove to Grand Forks, ND. It was a five hour drive, but I arrived at least two to three hours earlier than I would have if I got on the later flight.

Our mission in Grand Forks is held in my apartment, with the common space being converted into a little chapel with a handsome wood altar, made by hand by one of the faithful parishioners in Milwaukee. At Mass, it is always a good little crowd of fervent young people, many of whom have started families, thus providing us with a crew of little ones. To give you an idea of how young the people are in this mission; when Fr. McGuire goes to Grand Forks, he is the oldest person there. We also hope to be adding to our numbers soon in Grand Forks. I was contacted recently by a man in Winnipeg, Manitoba who is interested in coming down. He said that he is married with children, as well, so it could be a very positive addition.

From Grand Forks, I drove to northwestern North Dakota to say Mass in the very small town of Powers Lake. This town is small and truly in the middle of nowhere; however, the Traditional Catholic history in the

little town is prolific, as it was the home of **Fr. Frederick Nelson**, where he hosted his radio programs and Mary Hours that were broadcast throughout North America. People would come from all over to make pilgrimages to Our Lady of the Prairies. The chapel and other buildings are still there and maintained by a handful of faithful who remain there. It isn't a big group, like it once was, but we did manage close to twenty for Sunday's Mass.



While driving back to Grand Forks on Monday, the greatly anticipated eclipse occurred. I stopped in the town of Rugby at eclipse time, which is a tiny town, but holds the distinction of being the geographical center of the North American Continent. Thus I watched the eclipse of the sun...*literally* from the middle of nowhere. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, but it was really neat to see a noticeable darkness descend on the area.

On Tuesday, I drove out to offer Mass in Park Falls, WI. This mission is hosted by a funeral director and he has a nice little chapel in the funeral home to use for Mass (provided there are no coinciding funerals). Because of his profession, we have named the mission after St. Joseph of Arimathea.

Driving back from that mission at night, I found myself in the middle of the fields of Northern Minnesota, in the dark, and in need of stretching my legs. I pulled over to the side of the road, since there were no cars anywhere around and stared up at the unbelievable stars. I also looked northward and as I was so far north, I was treated to seeing the *Aurora Borealis*. A truly beautiful sight and a very nice little perk to my long trip.

From there I eventually made my way back to Minneapolis to fly to our church, St. Hugh, in Milwaukee for the following weekend before returning home. In the end, it was a successful mission trip overall, which saw me on four flights, doing more than 2,100 miles of driving and saying Mass in four different locations.

As for St. Gertrude's, it is always good to come home after such a trip. We look forward also to the return of our school children for another exciting school year. Our teachers have been preparing their rooms and classes and the weather has even started preparing for school by becoming a little cooler...all in anticipation something truly priceless... A good Catholic education.

– Fr. McKenna

¶ LOST AND FOUND

Missing something? Every first Sunday of the month, check the box in the vestibule. Or give the church office a call. We might have found it for you.

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

Chapter 2

Employment Restored



My husband had a good arrangement for successful self-employment, which he intended to continue after our relocation. However due to differing regulations in the new municipality he faced major obstacles and extremely high expenses to be able to do so. Therefore he could not work, which caused financial struggles and unhappiness.

I prayed to St. Anthony to find a way either for him to get back to this job or for something similar to become available. Some of the obstacles were removed, but he was still not able to work. One day, not even thinking about this issue, I was inspired to search the Internet for a connection of St. Anthony with the Sacred Heart, and came across some anonymous person's touching prayer:

"Dear Lord, Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Anthony, you have guided me and granted me many a favour. I have worked hard and am eternally grateful for your guidance and granting me the favours I seek. I ask of you this special one. Help me get an offer of a job back in my old work place soon. I was really happy there. If not please help me forget about it and guide me on the right career path and to be happy. Thank you all. Amen."

This seemed so appropriate to my husband's predicament, I immediately prayed it. The very next day, my husband was notified that he was approved to start working again. Thank you, St. Anthony!

A Reminder from St. Anthony

"I had some things that were troubling me and wondered who to turn to. I was taking my daily walk down a busy street, turning things over in mind, and I kept thinking, "Who can I talk to about this? Who can give me some help or guidance?" Then I spotted a little boy wearing a T-shirt he must have gotten on vacation. The T-shirt read: SAN ANTONIO. That was the answer."

S e r v e r s

SUN 9/10 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Simpson, J. Lacy TH: P. Omlor
 ACs: T. Lawrence, D. Simpson TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart,
 C. Richesson, S. Richesson CROSS: L. Arlinghaus
 11:30 PM LOW: P. & N. McClorey
 4:45 PM: VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

- MON 9/4/17 FERIA DAY • LABOR DAY
 ST. ROSE OF VITERBO, V
 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
 9:00 AM Votive Low Mass of St. Joseph Honor of St. Joseph (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)

- TUE 9/5/17 ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC
 W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Joseph J. Grumblatt – R.I.P. (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)
 Summer Novena XII
 11:20 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving for prayers answered (*Rebecca Stump*)
 Summer Novena XII
 5:00 PM Low Mass †Joyce Briggs (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
 Summer Novena XII

- WED 9/6/17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
 FERIA DAY
 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frances Mattingly (*From neighbors*)
 11:25 AM High Mass Miss Sharon Patton (*The Richesson Family*)

- THU 9/7/17 FIRST THURSDAY
 FERIA DAY
 ST. CLOUD, C
 8:00 AM Low Mass & Benediction For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
 First Thursday Holy Hour for Priests
 11:25 AM High Mass Purgatorial Society

- FRI 9/8/17 NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
 ST. ADRIAN, M
 8:00 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)
 11:25 AM High Mass In honor of Our Lady, for protection against Moslems & our own intentions
 Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings,
 Baby Mary's Birthday Party
 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
 5:45 PM Low Mass For Theresa Schroeffer's intentions – Thank you! (*Theresa Simpson*)
 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction

- SAT 9/9/17 ST. PETER CLAVER, C
 ST. GORGONIUS, M
 7:10 AM Confessions
 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Rich VandeRyt*)
 8:10 AM Salve & Sermon
 8:20 AM High Mass The St. Gertrude the Great Clergy (*T.M.S.*)

- SUN 9/10/17 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
 PENTECOST XIV
 ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C
 7:05 AM Rosary
 7:30 AM Low Mass Dan & Mary Brueggemann & family (Thank you) (*Jim Soli*)
 9:00 AM High Mass Leanne Arlinghaus – Happy 21st Birthday (*Your Godparents*)

- 11:05 AM Rosary
- 11:30 AM Low Mass Family in Texas (*Jeanne Hille*)
- 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
- 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great