

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



June 17, 2018
PENTECOST IV
FATHER'S DAY



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Happy Father's Day! Our fathers are remembered



at all of our Masses today, and the High Mass is sung for all of those whose names are on the altar. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We begin our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this Tuesday, June 19th, following the 8:00 AM, 11:25 AM, & 5:00 PM Masses. Don't forget to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena!

¶ SATURDAY: VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

5:00 PM First Vespers of St. John the Baptist

5:30 PM Parish barbeque potluck picnic

7:00 PM Square dancing & volleyball
8:45 PM Blessing of the Bonfire

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

☞ *Set Your Missal:* Nativity of St. John the Baptist, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost V. Trinity Preface.



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember Bea Lutkehaus, who had her 97th birthday on this past Friday, June 15.

We need to find Keith Brabender, who was undergoing cancer treatments.

The Sisters would appreciate your prayers. Please pray as well for Gerald Lee Jones, and Mike Pedicini, who is dying.

¶ MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you very much for your most generous response, both for local Masses and for the missions.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls' Camp: June 27-29

Boys' Camp: July 24-26

THE 2018 YAG IS THIS
WEEKEND!
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO
REGISTER.
yagincincy.org

Collection Report

Sunday, June 10th\$5,029.00

THE FRUIT OF GOD'S WILL

Sweet, eternal will of God, you've taught us how to find you. All we have to do is ask our loving young Savior and most merciful Father, "How are we to find you?"

God always answers our questions right away, "If you want to find and experience the fruit of My will, always live in the cell of your soul." This cell is our private place. It contains both earth and water.

The earth is our own poverty. We understand that of ourselves we're nothing. That's why we admit our entire being comes from God. There is living water there, too, which is the true knowledge of God's will. That's why we dive deep into this well, where we come to know both ourselves and God's great goodness.

When we see we're nothing, we become humble, and that humility helps us enter the flaming, burning open heart of Jesus. The heart of Jesus is a window that is always open.

-St. Catherine of Siena, *Letters*



Congratulations to Paul and Lisa McConnell on the baptism of their daughter, Olivia Rose, on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

Private Masses:

Special Intention (Rich VandeRyt)
offered by Bp. Dolan on 4/13

†Jan Becker (Simpson family)
offered on 6/15

Purgatorial Mass for June offered on
6/16



THE MAN AND THE FATHER

How can men fulfill the commandment laid upon them to glorify God? How can they ever hope to glorify Him in a becoming manner? They can so glorify Him by offering to the Father, His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, together with His flesh and blood, His heart, His merits, His adoration of the Father, His subjection to the will of the Father, His love of the Father. We can glorify God by offering Him ourselves in union with Christ, our head, with complete subjection to Him and with unselfish dedication to Him. Our glorification of the Father is essentially a priestly act, an uninterrupted will to offer, a continuous act of sacrifice. The sacrifice that is offered is not merely that of Christ Himself, but is the offering of the whole Christ, the head and the members. In baptism the "royal priesthood" was conferred upon us that we might offer "spiritual sacrifices to God, acceptable to God by Christ Jesus" (I Pet. 2:5). We become a living *Gloria Patri* sung to the honor of God, a living hymn of praise that is worthy of the Father. To make that possible the Son of God became man, making us part of Himself. He gave Himself to us that we might give Him back to His Father with a childlike love as our gift to God, thus supplying for our own nothingness, our abject poverty, our complete unworthiness. He made it possible for us to hallow eternally the name of God.

"Do this in commemoration of Me." We fulfill our priestly function of honoring the name of God most perfectly when we offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There, through the consecration performed by the priest, Christ becomes the victim of our sacrifice. He is given to us that we may consecrate Him to the Father. "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, is to Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory, for ever and ever."

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass the Father and the Blessed Trinity are the principal objects of our worship. Christ is the intermediary, and He desires that we offer Him to His Father.

- Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

O Father of mercies, from whom cometh all that is good, I offer my humble petitions unto Thee through the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and Redeemer, in whom Thou art always well pleased and who loves Thee so much; vouchsafe to grant me the grace of a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity toward Thee and toward my neighbor. Grant me also the grace to be truly penitent for all my sins together with a firm purpose of never offending Thee again; that so I may be enabled to live always according to Thy divine good-pleasure, to do Thy most holy will in all things with a generous and willing heart, and to persevere in Thy love even to the end of my life. Amen.

(Indulgence of 3 years)

A PRAYER

How long, O God,—how long?
Thy martyred babes for vengeance cry,
While neutrals, friends, and foeman all,
Their righteous anger strive to quell
At acts that still appall.

How long, O God,—how long?
The blasphemies of monsters rise
On black doves' wings to Thee above.
Though ebon-hued and foul, they bear
False messages of love.

How long, O God,—how long?
Since Mercy, soft as petaled rose
On which the scented dew still rests,
Has been replaced with thorns, wilt
Thou
Endure the armed pests?

How long, O God,—how long?
Oh, give to those whose hands are clean
Thy sword of might, with steadfast
heart
To work Thy will. Then Justice dire
Shall be of Right a part.

- H.W. Bailey

This poem was written 100 years ago, in quite a different context, but we submit it in reparation for fallen Ireland. The Mother of Priests has become the Murderer of Innocents.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART FOR IRELAND

O most Sacred and most Loving Heart of Jesus! to which the Irish nation is most solemnly dedicated, preserve our nation in faith, in purity, and in charity. Through all its trials, its sorrows, its persecutions in the past, it remained faithful to the teaching of its great Apostle, St. Patrick. May the former glory of its apostolic faith again appear. May it become again the seat of learning and religion. May the rising generation see right restored. May the zeal of its holy priesthood return once again. May the purity of its daughters preserve its stainless character. May the honor of its sons be unsullied. May the evil of intemperance cease. May the spirit of infidelity and rationalism be driven from its shores, as once St. Patrick banished the snakes. May sanctity be its atmosphere, and may it daily render greater glory and honor to Thee, Most Sacred Heart, to which every Irish heart once was, and will again be most devotedly attached.

As fatherhood is under such bold and unrelenting attack in our country, and from our own rulers, it's a comfort to remember that the happy inspiration for Father's Day *is* American, and came from Spokane, Washington. Happy Father's Day. Observe it with real piety.

That piety was in evidence last Wednesday as we observed St. Anthony of Padua *and* the second of our Fatima Rosary Processions. We're praying for America, we're praying for the world. I wondered what Our Lady had in store for us, what with the stormy skies last week. Well, the rain held off, and eventually came a refreshing breeze. The picturesque Canadian geese, however, provided plenty of penance as we sixty some faithful picked our way along the soiled sidewalks. It's symbolic. Everything's symbolic. This must be what the French mean when they say that all is grace.

Thank you for your generous response to my appeal for Mass intentions, as well as for vestment donors. God reward you. Now, I have a big one. We've brought it to Our Lady in prayer, but I should let you know as well, certainly for your prayers, but perhaps for practical help as well.

Sr. Jeanne Marie has decided to return to Illinois to be near her family. Arrangements are being made for a nursing home. The convent, which she so generously purchased for the sisters, is in her name and is being sold. By law, all of Sister's assets go to the state which then assumes the cost of her care. We will miss Sister's bright and smiling presence in our midst, but she has been so sick for so long. Life has not been easy for her. We wish her the best in her new home.

But this leaves two sisters homeless, the remaining community of Our Lady of Reparation. Does anyone have any housing available? It's a big request, but I thought I would mention it. They may need a car as well. They hope to stay in the area, and continue their life of prayer and apostolate, and may be looking for part time work in the short term. Let me know if you can help. We can all help with our prayers. Storm heaven.

Prayers *are* heard of course. Our Lord is a loving Father, "who hath care of us." **Fr. Eldracher** wrote the other day to say that things are looking up for the Australian mission, and that he hopes to be able to return there this summer, with things on a much firmer footing.

Speaking of footing, have you ever square danced? Our young adults are sponsoring one at church on Saturday evening, after our traditional St. John's Eve

picnic, and before the bonfire. We haven't had a square dance for years, and I hope for a good attendance and fun for all, all evening long.

The Young Adult Get-together is set for next weekend. Pray for its success. Already one couple from last year's revival are ringing wedding bells. We're so happy to host this very important event again this year, and wish them a wonderful time, and maybe more.

St. Anthony's Tuesdays, the Summer Novena, starts this week after all Masses. Oh, and don't forget the Girls' Camp the following week.

I thought I'd mention, last of all, some church etiquette tips. Manners are important, especially in the House of God. If you come into church, or out of the confessional, while the sermon is being given, take the nearest available seat until it's over, rather than disturbing everyone to get back to your original pew. The same rule holds for the Consecration, or the blessing at Benediction. Kneel if possible, and stay put.

When leaving the pew for Communion, do not lift the kneeler with your feet and smash it against the pew: "a nuclear slam," **Fr. Cekada** calls it. Sit for a moment, and use your hand, quietly. Try to be extra quiet if you're seated by the pulpit during the sermon. Don't rifle pages, write checks, or fuss, as it *is* distracting. I'm happy to report we pretty much have the baby rules down. Our St. Gertrude babies are tops! Don't forget we keep a classroom open—Holy Innocents—for nursing mothers.

Thanks for understanding, and God bless our fathers on this day.

- Bishop Dolan

P.S. Thanks to the Sisters for the fine gold leaf on St. Joseph's altar, finished in time for Father's Day.

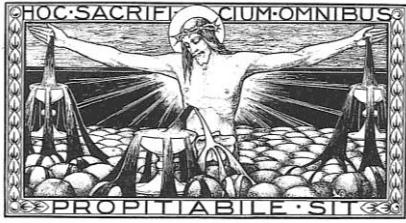


SALUTATION TO ST. ANTHONY



I salute and honor thee, O blessed Anthony, in the most sweet Heart of Jesus, and I thank Him for all the graces with which He so lavishly endowed thee. To increase thy glory, I offer to the most holy Trinity for thee this Divine Heart, humbly beseeching thee to

be always my faithful guide, and not to allow me to die in sin. Amen.



The priest stands erect after his previous humble posture to signify by this upright position that both he and the faithful are uplifted and comforted by the firm hope of receiving the forgiveness of their sins. Consolation now fills the heart of the priest, and bowing, he turns to God with these trustful words upon his lips:

V. Thou shalt turn again, O God, and quicken us.

R. And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

V. Show unto us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy spirit.

Extending and then joining his hands, the priest says, "Oremus—Let us pray."

The word *Oremus* introduces nearly all the liturgical prayers. It implies an invitation to those present to join with the priest in presenting the petitions of the faithful in the name of Holy Mother Church, rather than to pursue their private devotions.



AT THE ALTAR

Hands which touch things sacred can never be sufficiently pure, nor can souls called by God to the sublime dignity of the priesthood ever be sufficiently innocent. Conscious of this fact, the priest, although he has just implored pardon of his sins and has heard from the faithful a heartfelt

Misereatur, still feels keenly his need of Divine mercy. Therefore, as he ascends the altar steps, he implores the Lord to look with kindness upon him and upon all present, to grant them pardon, and to lend a merciful ear to the silent yet mighty cry of the hearts of the faithful:

"Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be made worthy to enter with pure minds into the holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Will God hear this prayer? Of this the priest cannot be certain; therefore he calls upon the saints, the friends of God, to intercede for him with the Almighty. Bowing low over the altar, he kisses the altar stone which encloses the relics of the saints, while he prays:

"We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy saints whose relics are here and of all the saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen."

In the beautiful language of symbolism, this kiss is expressive also of a greeting to Christ, the Bridegroom, who is represented by the altar, on the part of His Bride, the Church.

A PATRON SAINT FOR HEADACHE AND MIGRAINE SUFFERERS

Given all the migraines and headaches that she suffered, Saint Gemma can certainly be considered a patron Saint for those who suffer with headaches, along with St Teresa of Avila and a few others. Gemma suffered with severe headaches; diagnosed with spinal meningitis. Those who are familiar with spinal diseases know that they can cause severe, debilitating migraines.

Additionally, for various reasons the doctors thought she also had a brain tumor. And thirdly because she was given the mystical

grace of receiving the crown of thorns. Because of all of these conditions, St Gemma suffered atrocious headaches.

Her severe headaches lasted for months, until her miraculous cure on March 3, 1899. Immediately after her cure she said: "*When I was alone in the room afterwards I was able to raise myself to a sitting position, though I could not yet stand up. But, I felt very well because I no longer had any more pain in my head.*"



A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM HEADACHES AND MIGRAINES

O Jesus, mighty God and Little Doctor of the Sick, I invoke Thee by Thy bitter Passion and thorn crowned head for all those who suffer with headaches and migraines. Visit them and ease their pain. Banish their migraines and restore them to sound health, body and soul, Amen.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Denis the Areopagite, pray for us.

St. Acacius, thorn crowned Holy Helper, pray for us.

St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us.

St. Gemma Galgani, pray for us.

Little Rose Ferron, pray for us.

If this doesn't work, pray to St. Rita with her thorn pierced forehead:

St. Rita of Cascia, Stigmatic of the Crown of Thorns and Miracle Worker, who despiseth no one and neglecteth no one, help of the hopeless, pray for me.

All Masses marked with a "W," as well as Saturday and Sunday Masses, are webcast at sgg.org.

MON	6/18/18	ST. EPHREM, CD SS. MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
TUE	6/19/18	ST. JULIANA FALCONIERI, V SS. GERVASE & PROTASE, MM ☞ 7:00 AM Special Early Summer Mass Molly & Mason Wagner (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Rory B. Twomey (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>) Opening of Summer Novena 11:25 AM Low Mass †Jane B. Donadio (<i>Deborah McQueary</i>) Opening of Summer Novena 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention in honor of St. Anthony (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) Opening of Summer Novena
WED	6/20/18	ST. SILVERIUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell
THU	6/21/18	ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA ☞ 7:00 AM Special Early Summer Mass Sr. Jeanne Marie & Special Intentions (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>The Kolenich family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass My Special Intentions (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>)
FRI	6/22/18	ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Thomas (<i>Theresa</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	6/23/18	VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls Most in Need (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>), Salve 8:10 AM Confessions 8:30 AM High Mass Happy Birthday, Dominic! (<i>Theresa</i>) 5:00 PM First Vespers of St. John the Baptist 5:30 PM Parish Picnic & Potluck 7:00 PM Square Dance 8:45 PM Blessing of Bonfire
SUN	6/24/18	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PENTECOST V 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Dad & Mom (<i>Chris Brueggemann</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass The servers of St. Gertrude (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

WHO WAS ST. ANTHONY?



St. Anthony, who was born in Lisbon, first entered religious life as an Augustinian canon in Coimbra. There one day he met a group of visiting Franciscans on their way to Morocco. He was greatly impressed by these courageous missionaries, the more so when news came of their subsequent martyrdom. At once, he was inspired to join the Franciscans. Illness deprived him of martyrdom, but God had other plans. In 1221 he attended a great Franciscan gathering, the last held in the lifetime of St. Francis. Afterward he received a modest assignment to a small hospice for lay brothers at Monte Paolo.

But soon his star would shine. When asked to preach at an important occasion, he astonished his audience with an unexpected elegance, conviction, and profound learning of his sermon. Word quickly spread, and Anthony received a letter from St. Francis himself authorizing him to preach and to teach theology to the friars.

Eventually he was sent on a preaching mission that covered all of Italy. Thousands flocked to hear his open-air sermons, and his visits had the impact of a spiritual revival. He attacked the tyranny of the powerful, exhorting his listeners to compassion and charity toward the poor, and successfully opposed heresy and immorality everywhere throughout France and Italy.

Contemporaries reported that Anthony had memorized the entire Bible, and added to his prodigious memory a knowledge of the heart obtained through prayer. "Make my tongue, O Lord, like a swift arrow to declare Thy marvelous works," reads a prayer he wrote to prepare for preaching. His clear voice and energetic style refuted heretics and converted sinners. Upon hearing Anthony preach, Pope Gregory IX pronounced him the "Ark of the Testament."

Anthony died on June 13, 1231, at the age of thirty-six. He was buried in Padua, where he had spent his last years, and his canonization followed only a year later. In 1946 Pope Pius XII declared him a Doctor of the Church. He is often invoked for his help in finding lost objects.

"Attribute to God every good that you have received. If you take credit for something that does not belong to you, you will be guilty of theft."

– St. Anthony of Padua

Servers

SUN 6/24	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: R. VandeRyt, J. Simpson, P. Omlor CROSS: P. McClorey TH: B. Lotarski ACs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson MITRE: D. Simpson CROZIER: C. Arlinghaus BOOK: T. Lawrence BUGIA: Nathan McClorey TRAIN: S. Richesson TORCH: J. Stewart, A. McClorey, C. & J. Mourer, T. Lawrence, Nathan McClorey 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolench 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, June 23, is our annual St. John's Eve potluck and bonfire.

This year the feast coincides with the second day of the 2018 Young Adult Get-together.

The church provides the delicious barbecue beef, buns, and drinks.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

5:30 PM

PARISH PICNIC POTLUCK

7:00 PM

SQUARE DANCING AND
VOLLEYBALL

8:45 PM

BLESSING OF THE
BONFIRE

SONGS & S'MORES, CLOSING
WITH THE ROSARY

