

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

August 4, 2019
PENTECOST VIII
ST. DOMINIC, C



¶ PENTECOST VIII

The second collection for our seminary will be taken up during all Masses today. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. There are no Vespers.

☞ *Mother of love, of sorrow, and of mercy, pray for us. 300 days* ☞

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The “Little Church” is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for priests. God reward your generosity.

☞ *Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. 300 days* ☞

¶ THE TRANSFIGURATION

Tuesday is the great feast of the Transfiguration, feast of faith and adoration. The High Mass is at 8:00 AM. We continue our Summer Novena, the Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony with a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, following the **8:00 & 11:25 AM** and **5:00 PM Masses**.

☞ *Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. 300 days* ☞

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IX: FEAST OF ST. PHILOMENA

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IX, with second collect of Ss. Tiburtius & Susanna, third of All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

☞ *Holy Mary, deliver us from the pains of hell. 300 days* ☞

Lumen Christi

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

To decrease sin, destroy vice and defeat heresy
(Patrick Curry)



¶ ST. PHILOMENA

The great Miracle Worker’s feast begins with Friday’s Triduum in her honor and concludes after the Sunday Masses.

☞ *O Mary, bless this house where thy Name is always blessed. Praise forever be to Mary Immaculate, the ever-Virgin Mother, blessed amongst women, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Queen of Paradise. 300 days* ☞

¶ UPCOMING: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday, August 13: 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace in West Chester.

Thursday, August 15: Holy Day of obligation. Blessing of Herbs & Flowers, Sisters’ Profession, Pontifical Mass.

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 15. Sharon Woods Park, Cardinal Crest Shelter, 1 PM.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Mike Briggs, who suffered a fall last week; Rachel Pride, Jenny Nies, Sandra Wallace, and the repose of the souls of †Kathy Reimer and †Viola Fischer.

☞ *Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us. 300 days* ☞

JUST A WORD

The Word became flesh and brought about all these mysteries, which we can summarize in a word: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Gethsemane, Calvary, the Eucharist—unfathomable abysses of that merciful love.

The Incarnation: the immense God whom heaven and earth cannot contain, a tiny infant lying on the hay in a manger. Nazareth: the life of God on earth for thirty years; a life of obedience, of poverty, of silence in total self-effacement.

☞ *Thou art my Mother, O Virgin Mary: keep me safe lest I ever offend thy dear Son, and get me the grace to please Him always and in all things. 300 days* ☞

REPENTANCE

Not willingly I pierced Thy sacred side
With sin’s destroying sword;
For blinded with self-righteousness and pride

I never knew Thee, Lord.

— S.T.D.

☞ *O Mary, our hope, have pity on us. 300 days* ☞

Collection Report
Sunday, July 28th\$4,282.00

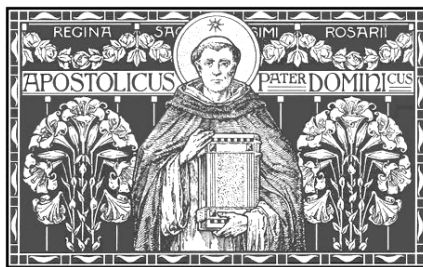
OUR LADY COMES TO OUR DEFENSE

One of the most sure signs and effects of a true, strong, and faithful love is to compassionate and assist the beloved in all his difficulties, labors, dangers, and sicknesses of mind or of body. What is there a mother will not do if her child is in danger? She will spare no labor, not even her safety or her life, to free him. What will not a wife, that truly loves her husband, say and do through pity and compassion for him, if he is in any great affliction or trouble, and most especially if he is in danger of his life....

The love which Mary has for us is greater than that of all the mothers and wives in the world. With what emotions, then, of tenderest mercy will she not regard and pity our miseries, and hasten to our assistance....

We read in the *Revelations* of Saint Bridget that she heard Christ pressing His Mother to ask some favor of Him, offering her, as another and more beautiful Esther, even the half of His kingdom. Her heart full of compassion for us, she too prayed for mercy; not however like Esther, for the chosen people alone, but for all that might ever have need of it. This her request was granted her, Christ assuring her that whoever should ask mercy through her, should obtain it. She is the Treasurer and Dispenser of the mercies of God: they are all placed in her hands, to use the expression of Saint Peter Damian. She is truly the Queen and Mother of Mercy, as she called herself when she appeared to a monk of Cluny, and he asked her who she was; she answered, "I am the Mother of Mercy." Rather she is mercy itself, as says Saint Leo: "Mary is so ready to show mercy, that she merits to be called not only merciful, but even mercy itself."

— Dom Roberto, *Er. Cam.*



O Glorious St. Dominic, who received from the hands of the Blessed Virgin herself, and spread, at her command, through the whole world, the efficacious devotion of the Rosary, which, from the beginning, operated innumerable miracles: obtain, we pray, that we may be always most devout to Mary, especially in her Rosary, which she established to confound heresy, arouse faith, drive away scandals, promote virtue, merit the divine mercy, and to support and defend the holy Church.

BLESSED WILLIAM LACEY

Priest & Martyr († 1582)

William Lacey, a lawyer of Yorkshire, England, became fervent in his Catholic convictions following a 1565 visit to Yorkshire by the future cardinal, William Allen, who had reminded persecuted English Catholics of their obligations to the faith. Almost immediately after his "conversion," Lacey was removed from the office he held, thus beginning fourteen years of persecution he would suffer for his faith. After undergoing repeated cross-examinations, fines, and the confiscation of all of his family's belongings, Lacey fled with his wife and children from their home, moving from one hiding place to another as they were hunted down by government officials. At length, Mrs. Lacey fell ill from the strain of their plight and died. Thereupon William went to the continent to study for the priesthood. He returned to England as an ordained priest in 1581. Father Lacey was arrested a year later when he was caught assisting at a Mass celebrated by another priest in a York prison. He was subsequently put to death for refusing to acknowledge Queen Elizabeth's supremacy over the church.

EARLY MORNING MASS

Oh, come in early morning,
The dew is on the flower,
There's laughter in the woodland,
And music in the bower;
The world is full of gladness,
And sings the Maker's praise,
There's not a note of sadness,
To mar the matin lays.

Oh, come in early morning,
The sun is climbing high;
And all the world is smiling,
Beneath a cloudless sky;
There's not a piping blackbird,
But sings with lusty glee;
There's not a little lambkin,
But frolics on the lea.

Who could resist the poetic appeal? Hilaire Belloc gives even a physical benefit of morning Mass: "That for half an hour just at the opening of the day you are silent and recollected; and have to put off cares, interests, and passions in the repetition of a familiar action. This must certainly be a great benefit to the body and give it tone." To say nothing of the soul!



O Virgin Mary, our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, thou glory of the Christian people, joy of the universal Church, salvation of the whole world, pray for us, and awaken in all believers a lively devotion toward the Most Holy Eucharist, that so they may be made worthy to partake of the same daily. 500 days ✠

Between the YAG and “the wedding” last week we’ve had impressive Sunday attendance, the greatest in a long while. In fact, all of July, month of the Precious Blood, ran rich with graces of all sorts. Much was given to our own faithful. Much was shared with Catholics from all over. For vacation time, it was an unusually busy month. But how we sang and how we prayed. Unforgettable. Surely Heaven heard.



This “busyness” of late means “Martha souls” were on the scene, and I thank all of you who helped. But you also manage Mary’s “better part,” just in the nature of things, as devout Catholics. Doubly blessed are ye.

Our seminarians spent a busy week of their precious vacation time helping us with various projects. They will finish up this week. It’s been nice having them around, getting to know them, and catching up on news. Pretty much the same as when relatives visit, I suppose. Except we’ll be sad to see them leave! After all, they’re part of the family now as clerics.

Today’s feast of St. Dominic reminds us of the importance, and power, of the Rosary in daily life. When you’ve got problems, you’ve got a solution, right in your pocket. To cover for the Mass when you’re traveling, to inspire you to go to Mass when you’re home, there’s nothing like the Rosary.

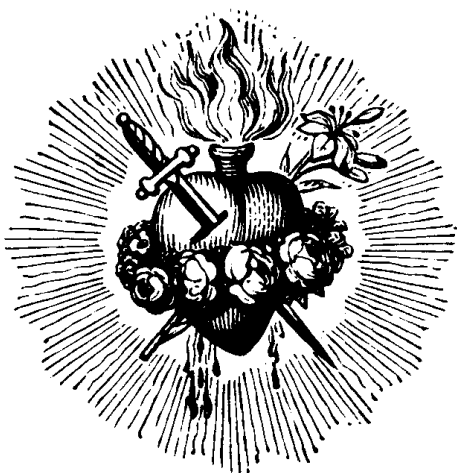
Did you know that **Tuesday’s** feast, the **Transfiguration**, marks a great Rosary victory at Belgrade in Serbia, in 1456? The Mohammedans were conquered at noon, and this is the reason we still recite the Angelus each day at 12:00 PM. Your fidelity to these devotions strengthens your faith, passes it on to the family and helps protect us still today.

Fr. McKenna was back for a day Friday but is now on the Texas run. I am happy to be visiting our faithful in Milwaukee this weekend, and thank **Frs.**

Cekada and **Lehtoranta** for their extra work.

Stay in Mary’s Immaculate Heart this month, nestled close to Jesus who is our all.

– **Bishop Dolan**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF AUGUST
FEAST OF THE ETERNAL FATHER**

Prayer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the True Repairer of the Outrages Committed Against the Glory of His Father

O Jesus, at the sight of the blasphemers of the sacred Name of God, we beseech Thee to repeat with us the prayer Thou didst once address to Thy Divine Father, and which has been given to us by Saint John, Thy beloved disciple: *Father, glorify Thy Name.* Then, O Divine Jesus, came a voice from heaven saying: *I have glorified It already, and I will glorify It again.*



May that voice resound throughout the earth, we entreat Thee by Thy sacred wounds and by Thy adorable Face! As for us, forgetting at this moment our own interests, in order to defend the glory of Thy Father’s Name, we will keep in mind the three first petitions of the prayer Thou Thyself has taught us: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

Prayer to the Eternal Father for a Country

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy well-beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name and for the salvation of the United States of America.

LOVE IN CHRIST

Let a father say, “Love me.” Let a mother say, “Love me.”

To these words I will say, “Be silent.”

But isn’t what they are asking for just? Shouldn’t I give back what I have received?

The father says, “I fathered you.” The mother says, “I fed you.”...

Let us answer our father and mother when they justly say “love us.” Let us answer, “I will love you in Christ, not instead of Christ. You will be with me in Him, but I will not be with you without Him.”

“But we don’t care for Christ,” they say.

“And I care for Christ more than I care for you. Should I obey the ones who raised me and lose the One who created me?”

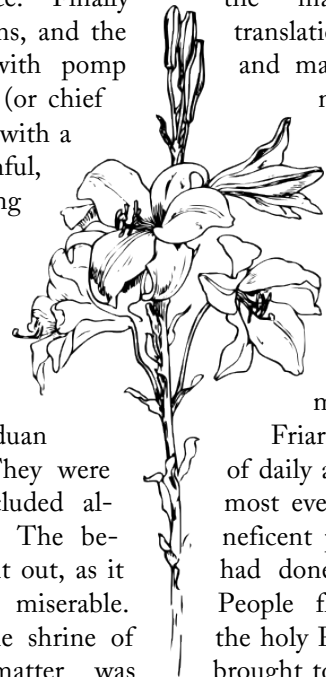
– *St. Augustine*

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ST. ANTHONY: THE PATRON OF PADUA
THE GLORY OF LISBON
(continued)

- MON 8/5/19 DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**
W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Margaret L. Soli (*Jim Soli*)
- TUE 8/6/19 THE TRANSFIGURATION**
 Ss. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM
SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
W 8:00 AM High Mass My Family & Friends (*Rich VandeRyt*)
11:25 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Good surgery for Beth Prell
- WED 8/7/19 ST. CAJETAN, C**
 ST. DONATUS, BPM
7:00 AM Low Mass First Wednesday, in honor of St. Joseph (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
W 8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of Our Heavenly Father (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
☞ 5:10 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Rich VandeRyt*)
- THU 8/8/19 Ss. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM**
FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS
7:00 AM Low Mass The David Bayer Family (*The Ken Schroepfer Family*)
W 8:00 AM Low Mass Henry Sieverding (*Mike Sieverding*)
- FRI 8/9/19 ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C**
 ST. ROMANUS, M
 VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE
ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM
 OPENING OF ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM
8:00 AM Low Mass Lawrence Sandberg – Conversion (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
W 5:45 PM Low Mass †Viola Fischer (*Theresa Simpson*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 8/10/19 ST. LAWRENCE, M**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass For the chronically sick & suffering (*Shyam Suyambu*)
8:10 AM Salve & St. Philomena Triduum
8:20 AM High Mass Emmaline Haught (*Matthew Giese*)
- SUN 8/11/19 PENTECOST IX**
 Ss. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM
ST. PHILOMENA, VM
 CLOSING OF ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Angeline Andreotta (*Bishop Dolan*)
9:00 AM High Mass Christopher Richesson – Happy Birthday (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*R. Uhlenbrock*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

The reason of the monks' anxiety, and of their prudential concealment of the death, was that the remains, by Anthony's direction, were to be removed to a church of Our Lady hard by the Franciscan monastery, and it was all too certain that the inhabitants of the quarter then known as the Bridge's Head would oppose such removal. Their fears were justified by the event. Menacing crowds guarded all approaches to the convent, and the Stone Bridge near at hand. A bridge of boats, which had been prepared to effect the crossing of the stream at another point, was broken to pieces. For four days and nights the body remained unburied, incorrupt, and emitting a sweet fragrance. Finally the malcontents were brought to terms, and the translation of the remains was effected with pomp and majesty. The Bishop, the *podesta* (or chief magistrate), and other notables, with a vast concourse of the faithful, bearing torches and chanting sacred canticles, accompanied his chosen resting-place, under the shadow of his Mother's altar.



From that time forth miracles were multiplied, until at last the Paduan Friars ceased to recount them. They were of daily and hourly occurrence, and included almost every department of human misery. The beloved saint went out, as it had done in life, to the poor and the miserable. People flocked from far and near to the shrine of the holy Franciscan, and at length the matter was brought to the attention of the Holy See. A commission, consisting of the Bishop of Padua and the Benedictine and Dominican priors, was appointed to examine into the marvels. An investigation was made, and each prodigy substantiated by the sworn testimony of the most credible eye-witnesses. The miracles, in fact, were so numerous and so incontestable that the demand for canonization was practically unanimous. Amongst the small minority that pleaded for delay, on the ground of undue haste in the proceedings, a certain cardinal had made himself conspicuous. Admonished as to his error in a vision, he became one of the foremost promoters of the Cause.

SERVERS

- SAT 8/10 8:20 AM HIGH: MC: P. Omlor TH: M. Simpson ACs: D. Simpson, Seminarian
- SUN 8/11 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: R. VandeRyt, M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: M. Simpson, C Arlinghaus TORCH: T. & D. England, J. & N. Kolenich
 11:30 AM LOW: P. & A. McClorey
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: Seminarian
 5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian