

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 18, 2019

PENTECOST X

WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASSUMPTION

ST. AGAPITUS, M • ST. HELENA, EMPRESS



¶ PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

☞ *“Every duty that we neglect obscures a truth that we should remember.” – Archbp. Spaulding* ☞

¶ FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The devotional feast we keep on Thursday, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was instituted by Pope Pius XII during World War II. He invited Christians to take refuge with the Blessed Mother of God and appeal to the pure love of her Immaculate Heart, which assures us her motherly protection, and which is also the highest example of the imitation of Christ. The Mother of God herself pointed out this protection and example to the world, when she revealed the mystery of her love during the apparitions of Fatima.



During these times of war and distress, won't you console the Immaculate Heart of Mary and beg her for peace for our country, for the world and for yourself? Masses are at 7:00 and 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

☞ *“Each time you repeat the Lord's Prayer, think for a moment in what state of mind you are when you ask: God that His kingdom should come.” – Lacordaire* ☞

Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention

(Patrick Curry)



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XI

Vespers with Benediction resume on September 8th.

☞ *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XI. Second collect of St. Louis, King. Third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

☞ *“Idleness is the enemy of the soul.” – St. Bernard* ☞

¶ UPCOMING

Catechism Classes: Sunday Classes resume on September 8, the Nativity of Our Lady, with a short class, following the Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings. A blessed pansy plant *and* a blue cupcake await each child.

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

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Eugene Berry, Joseph McMahan, and the repose of the souls of †Raymond Garcia and †Jane Osterhaus.

☞ *“O that we could take this simple view of things—to feel that the one thing which lies before us is to please God!” – Cardinal Newman* ☞

¶ HOLY COMMUNION

Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids. Water may be taken at any time.
- Have confessed your sins to a true Catholic Priest.

The Communicant kneels at the Communion Rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The Communicant does not say “Amen” after the priest says *“Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.”*

☞ *“Let us not forget, that Jesus not only suffered but also rose in glory; so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection, by way of suffering and the Cross.” – Fr. Maximilian Kolbe* ☞

Collection Report

Sunday, August 11th\$3,232.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



REJOICING IN THE BEAUTY OF
THE BLESSED MOTHER

We have come within the most sacred light of the Feast of the Assumption, wherein we all see our shortcomings more distinctly than ever, and rejoice proportionately in the beauty of our Blessed Mother, who does not neglect us, though we are such poor, shabby beggars at her feet. She leads us to see in each other all the little virtues which make us dear to her, if we are sincere in our love of Our Lord and of herself. No matter how ragged and unlovely a rosebush may be, it still has some bud upon it that has a lovely tint or a breath of fragrance, for which we like it, because the rose is so beautiful that a single petal is charming. So, if we strive to love heavenly things we become part of the family of the saints, and a tiny fragrance at least tells to whom we belong.

We must not be sad over our faults, or those of our companions, but take up our time completely in thanksgiving of all sorts that we are in a state of grace, and will strive daily to become more diligent in obtaining victories. I have been so silent that you could not know how much I have thanked you for your prayers, and felt their aid, and how happy I have been to think that I have been at all connected with the calling together of such loving servants of God, who have borne the heat and distress of a city summer with the best cheer any good soldiers could show. May God bless you with numberless years of happiness for every moment of your pain and faintness in the past months, and for your patient fidelity to your resolutions.... We here pray for you every day, with true fervor, and on the blessed Feast of the Assumption we shall not forget you.

— Rose Hawthorne (Mother Mary Alphonsa), the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne, founded the Dominican Sisters for the Care of Incurable Cancer

SUNDAY SEVEN:
SEVEN INEVITABLES

1. To come face to face with God as our judge.
2. To live eternally a life of bliss or a life of woe.
3. To live in a state of eternal unforgetfulness.
4. To see what our actions have done to others.
5. To know the use we should have made of our talents.
6. To live forever in the place we deserve.
7. To be eternally unable to change our abode.



PRAYER OF MARRIED PERSONS
TO ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNE

O models of pious and virtuous married persons, St. Joachim and St. Anne! Through the wondrous blessing with which God gladdened your hearts when He chose you as the parents of the ever Blessed Virgin, the Mother of Our Savior, obtain for us, we beseech you, the grace to desire nothing but virtue and piety; that, in fidelity and love, we may share each other's joys and sorrows, and together with our children lead such a life as to insure entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven! Amen.



St. Philomena herself suggested the following as a devotion acceptable to her: "Recite the Apostles' Creed three times: once for the perseverance of the just, once for the conversion of sinners, and a third time for the return of heretics and infidels to the Faith."

OUR LADY OF THE SKIES

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven;
A woman clothed with the sun,
And the moon under her feet,
And upon her head a crown of twelve stars.
(Revelation XII, i)*

Twelve stars upon the brow of her,
No queen is crowned as she,
The footstool for the feet of her,
The moon stoops down to be.

The radiance that falls from her
Had moon and stars outdone,
The glory of the robes of her
Is woven of the sun.

She is the woman wonderful
Who in the heaven appears;
God's splendor is the light of her
That blinds the burning spheres.

St. John in sacred ecstasy
Beholds, with raptured eyes,
Above the world, protecting it,
Our Lady of the Skies.

— James M. Hayes



We do not limit ourselves in love. We want to love the Lord Jesus, with her heart, or rather, that she would love the Lord, with our heart. — Fr. Maximilian Kolbe

The last big week of Summer was really blessed. A little rain blessed us first, early on, to offset a bit of the traditional August draught. Our Nigerian seminarians kindly spent two days working on our beautiful cloister garden in preparation for the Assumption. The cloister seems to make a lovely and practical setting, with its seating and shade possibilities, for outdoor ceremonies. The seminarians also slew the weeds on the gravel path. We are grateful to Gino for the traditional in time for the Assumption grotto fountain repair. It makes a world of difference, but attracts more outsiders than insiders, which is interesting.

The mice situation is one of those “good news/bad news” things. The mice *really* like St. Gertrude the Great, and attend regularly, unlike some folk. But electronic repellents and electronic mice coffins have made their appearance, and *possibly* the odd traditional mice trap or two. Mice were in the ladies room the other day, but I was unable to address the issue immediately. I *have* appointed a mouse squad and I am sanguine (well, I *am* sanguine, I am told) that in time we will see the fruits thereof. But next time (pace Puccini!) I’ll get a female cat.

The *good* news is that we are no longer poor as church mice. While we still must and do “punch above our weight,” Fr. **Cekada** says; we have a solid core congregation which tithes regularly and conscientiously. (August is still a rough month, Father says.) Crowds of floaters come and go all year long, but this is not reflected in the collection basket. It is your offerings which enable us to make it, and make Mass available for those who do not give their share. Still, they are giving God to God at Mass, and it is a grand thing to make that possible. He will judge the rest. *Benedicimus Domino.*

Far from poor, we are rich, most of all in devoted faithful. How generously you’ve been providing us with solid dinners and delicious desserts for the duration of the seminarian visits at least. Another couple of weeks, I think. Your generosity for feast days and “feeds” is legendary, or should be. Finally so many people assist at Holy Mass *virtually* (via the webcast), but *actually* contribute! God love you, good Gertrudians everywhere.

We are grieved at our fallen away, a casualty, no doubt, of the modern world, and leave the light on for them. Some pretty much take the Summer off, but may return a bit for the Fall. “The smoking flax shall he not quench.” The education of our children in the faith, Mass most of all, but also class, is *the* crucial duty on which eternity depends. Prayers, please. Constant prayer, says St. Anthony of Egypt.

But I started to talk about rain. Some 65 souls eventually gathered for the Fatima Rosary Procession in front of First Watch (a good name for our work!) on a seemingly balmy Tuesday evening. More souls—how

encouraging!—joined us en route. So did some raindrops. I asked God to hold off this particular blessing until 8 PM. He did. Later on I amended my prayer “until 8:10,” but it was too late. The first took, and we had to take shelter from a fiercely wet and windy downpour. We finished our devotions in front of...First Watch! “From the morning watch even until the night, let Israel hope in the Lord.”

The Assumption was perfect. One of those “just enough” days which get us by nicely, started in the cloister with the Blessing of First Fruits. A handful of children, really, but just enough. The Legacy kindly provided the choir, and Fr. Cekada the organ. The Sisters professed their vows and were crowned with roses in a simple but very moving ceremony. The complex drama of the Pontifical Mass rendered our very best to the Most High in honor of our Queen Assumed into Heaven. The Sisters even found time to bake a cake. *Very good!* A classic and very holy Holy Day.

May you find your shelter in Mary’s Immaculate Heart!



– Bishop Dolan

THIS IS REALISTIC. READ IT!

Sin has blurred your vision. You no longer see anything in that state which has hardened your heart so that you no longer feel anything either, and I am just as sure that nothing I have said to you will cause you to think any further about it. O my God, into what depths does sin lead us!

So, you will say, it is of no use saying any more prayers since ours are only insults which we are paying to God. That was not what I wanted you to understand when I told you that your prayers were merely lies. But instead of saying, “My God, I love You,” say, “My God, I do not love You, but all I ask is the grace to love You.” Instead of saying, “My God, I am very sorry for having offended You,” say to Him, “My God, I do not feel any sorrow for my sins, but give me all the sorrow which I ought to have for them.” Very far from saying, “My God, I would like to confess my sins,” say instead, “My God, I feel myself very attached to my sins, and it seems to me that I do not want ever to renounce them; give me that horror which I ought to feel for them, so that I may abhor them, detest them, and confess them, so that I may never go back to them!”

O my God, give us, please, that eternal horror of sin, since it is Your enemy, since it was sin that caused Your death, since it robs us of Your friendship, since it separates us from You. O divine Savior, grant that whenever we come to pray, we shall do so with hearts detached from sin, hearts that love You, and hearts that in speaking to You will speak only the truth!

That is the grace, my dear brethren, that I desire for you.

– St. John Marie Vianney

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ST. ANTHONY: THE PATRON OF PADUA
THE GLORY OF LISBON

(continued)

- MON 8/19/19 **ST. JOHN EUDES, C**
WITHIN THE OCTAVE
W 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Sue Menefee, anniversary of death (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
- TUE 8/20/19 **ST. BERNARD, ABCD**
WITHIN THE OCTAVE
SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
W 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Ryan Greenwell (*Eva Nellenbach*)
11:25 AM **Low Mass** †Beatrice Lutkehaus, First Anniversary
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Mrs. Jacinta Young (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
- WED 8/21/19 **ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, C**
WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OUR LADY OF KNOCK
7:00 AM **Low Mass** For the John Eldracher family – thank you! (*Simpson family*)
W 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Margaret Soli (*Mary & family*)
☞ 5:10 PM **Low Mass** Success for a student doctor with his medical boards (*A friend*)
- THU 8/22/19 **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**
SS. TIMOTHY & COMPANIONS, MM
7:00 AM **Low Mass** †Thelma Macke Sieverding (*Mike Sieverding*)
W 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Jacob Vogel (*Mike Sieverding*)
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Extended Morris-Niehaus Family Living & Deceased (*S. & C. Niehaus*)
- FRI 8/23/19 **ST. PHILIP BENIZI, C**
VIGIL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW
8:00 AM **Low Mass** In Honor of the Infant of Prague (*Chip McClorey*)
5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**
W 5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the choir & servers at Jacinta & Levi's wedding (*Simpson Family*)
6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 8/24/19 **ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP**
OUR LADY HEALTH OF THE SICK
7:15 AM **Confessions**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Anthony & Katia's future (*Cora Arlinghaus*)
8:05 AM **Salve & Sermon**
8:15 AM **High Mass** Anthony & Katia Ruegemer – Blessings on marriage (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
- SUN 8/25/19 **PENTECOST XI**
ST. LOUIS, KING, C
7:05 AM **Rosary**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Joe & Kathy Bayer – Happy 50th Anniversary (*Joe & Nathalie Andreotta*)
9:00 AM **High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
11:05 AM **Rosary**
11:30 AM **Low Mass** †Dr. Ken Zwergel (*J. Hille*)
5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Diane Dumaire (*Joe & Kathy Bayer*)

Miracles the most extraordinary continued to be wrought. Amongst those examined and attested during the process of canonization, and crowned with the pontifical seal of authenticity, were the cure of five paralytics, nineteen lame persons, two humpbacks, instantaneously relieved of their deformity, two epileptics, two fever patients; while, finally, in two instances the dead were raised to life. Of course these were merely chosen from the mass of marvels by which the eminent sanctity of the holy Franciscan had been manifested.



A child who had been drowned in a deep vessel of water was restored to life in answer to the prayers and lamentations of the distracted mother. She implored St. Anthony's assistance, and promised to give the weight of the child in corn to the poor if her prayer were heard. At midnight the child, who had been dead many hours, was restored to perfect health.

☞ "He who prays receives most." – St. Alphonsus Liguori ☞



LIBERAL HYPOCRISY



Lessons to be learned. The first lesson is that *there is no liberty for those who deny liberty*. This was one of the axioms of the French Revolution. Here we could say, *There is no Vatican II for those who deny Vatican II*. In other words, for those who even dare to *criticize* Vatican II, there is no dialoguing, no sensitivity, no openness, no pluralism, no "accompaniment," no "discernment," in a word no wishy-washy, mushy, sleazy, nebulous, murky, or hazy approach to truth, so typical of Vatican II theology, but instead nothing but stern rigidity, so typical of pre-Vatican II Catholicism. No freedom of thought, but only swift excommunication. The difference is that the Catholic Church uses this very stern rigidity with regard to heresy and error, which rightfully deserve such treatment. The Modernists, on the other hand, use it only when the Golden Calf of Vatican II is blasphemed.

– Bishop Sanborn

SERVERS

- SUN 8/25 7:30 AM **Low**: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **High**: MC: R. VandeRyt TH: P. McClorey ACs: P. Omlor, N. McClorey TORCH: T. & D. England, J. Stewart, A. McClorey
11:30 AM **Low**: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
5:45 PM **Low**: G. Miller