

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 1, 2019

PENTECOST XII

ST. GILES, AB • TWELVE HOLY BROTHERS, MM



¶ PENTECOST XII

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

☞ *Severus relates that while St. Martin was saying Mass, a fiery globe used to appear above his head.* ☞

¶ THIS WEEK

Honor **St. Joseph**, patron saint of those who work, tomorrow on **Labor Day**, which is also the feast of **St. Stephen, King of Hungary**. **Tuesday** we continue our Summer Novena after the Masses, and honor **St. Pius X**, the scourge of modernists. (Pray for the SSPX!) **First Wednesday** our school bells ring and the beautiful 11:25 AM High Masses resume. **First Thursday** calls for prayers for priests, and **First Friday** to renew our devotion to the **Sacred Heart**, and continue our Communions of Reparation. Keep watch with Jesus in the Monstrance overnight. **First Saturday** ends the week. Surprise Our Lady by hearing Mass (7:30 and 8:30 AM).

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass & Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena

All Night Adoration

Intention for First Friday: In honor of the Child Mary, for all of our school-age children and teachers.

Lumen Christi

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

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



¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass, Salve
8:10 AM Devotions, Benediction
8:30 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: NATIVITY OF OUR LADY – PENTECOST XIII

Sunday Classes resume next Sunday, the Nativity of Our Lady, with a short class (10:50 AM), following the Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings. A blessed pansy plant and a blue cupcake await each child. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

☞ *Set Your Missal:* Nativity of Our Lady, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIII. Third collect of St. Adrian. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony & Katia Ruegemer on their wedding, Saturday, August 24, 2019.



¶ YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please pray for Virginia Kramer, Helen Duffenbach, and Bernard Radford.

☞ *"We must offer ourselves to God, like a clean, smooth canvas and not worry about ourselves, about what God may choose to paint on it, but at each moment feel only the stroke of His brush."* – Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade SJ ☞

¶ UPCOMING

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

Collection Report

Sunday, August 25th\$4,573.00

Thank you for your generosity.



A VISIT TO THE DOCTOR

Finally, there is the radical evil of undue attachment to one's own judgment and one's own will. This is the poisoned source of all our sins and imperfections. How few know how to trace their particular maladies to this fountain-head of every disorder! Only too often is it not self-judgment that pretends to prescribe the remedy, and self-will that sees to the application, while, on the contrary, it is just self-judgment and self-will that should be sacrificed without mercy and first of all? Providence will help us to correct such errors or such weakness....

God desires to keep us constantly disposed to renounce our judgments and to immolate our wills. Therefore He is careful to conceal His designs from us. Very often He will proceed in a manner contrary to our anticipations and ideas, and will directly attack both our tastes and our repugnances. If we wish to examine the matter closely we shall find that He does nothing without a very definite purpose.

As a true Savior, as a Physician as firm as He is wise and discreet, He applies the fire and the iron now to this place, now to that, but particularly there where His practiced eye sees faults to be expiated, defects to be corrected, or a weak point to be strengthened. In spite of the protests of nature, He will continue the treatment with a merciful severity, so long as He judges it necessary to complete our cure and to dispose us for the reception of His gifts. "Self-will," says Pliny, "that which man loves most dearly and most highly prizes, is thus put to the torture and most cruelly oppressed, since it is compelled to endure not merely what it does not desire but even what is most contrary to its desire." God wills to conquer and tame it.

— Dom Vitalis Lehodey, O.C.S.O.
Dom Vitalis Lehodey († 1948) was abbot of Notre Dame de Grace, Bricquebec, France.



PRAYER TO DOCTOR JESUS

O Divine Child Doctor, Thou Who dost cure every infirmity, seeing the innumerable dangers which threaten me, and my sickness both of soul and body, Thou hast willed to be my Jesus, which is my Salvation.

Thank you, my Jesus! Grant me, I beseech Thee, health of body and soul so that I might triumph in the work of my salvation, weighed down as I am by all of the evils I suffer for my sins. Amen.

(The devotion to "Doctor Jesus" comes to us from Mexico, where it is a very popular form of praying to Our Lord. The Mexicans love to take all their needs, both spiritual and physical, to the loving Infant Jesus. They are convinced that because He is so little and loving He will not be able to refuse their requests. Would that we all had such innocent trust in the goodness of Our God!)



TO ST. JOSEPH

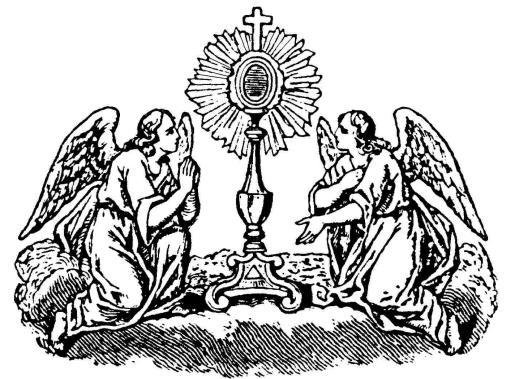
St. Joseph, when the day was done
And all your work put by,
You saw the stars come one by one
Out in the violet sky.

You did not know the stars by name,
But there sat at your knee
One who had made the light and flame
And all things bright that be.

You heard with Him birds in the tree
Twitter "Good-night" o'erhead,
The Maker of the world must see
His little ones to bed.

Then when the darkness settled round,
To Him your prayers were said;
No wonder that your sleep was ground
The angels loved to tread.

— Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C.



THE HOLY HOUR?

So few stayed 'round to honor You
As You sat on Your throne exposed
'Tis a privilege offered, of which so few
did partake
They had other things to do, I suppose

Forgive them, O Lord, and keep them
close to Your Heart
As You're always there for their every
need
And I'll pray that they stay, when they
next have the chance
And together, we'll offer our love to
Thee.

— John Seyfried

First Friday reminder!

Thank you to the few souls who attended Connie Kamphaus' anniversary Requiem Mass on Wednesday. Gone for one full year, long time in grief, brief moment in eternity.

The final days of summer are at hand, and that means back to school. And that will also mean the return of our daily school Masses. St. Gertrude's serves not only our parishioners in the Cincinnati area, but also our growing Internet congregation. Bishop Sanborn's Queen of All Saints academy, which also has online students, has already begun its fall semester. Our schools do immensely valuable work both regarding the cultivation of good education, and the preservation of culture. And there can never be any education or culture, which profits the soul as well as brain, without the Catholic Faith.

Earlier this year I got news from Finland that the very first school I ever attended in my hometown has been closed. The school building, where I studied my first and second grade, also had my first ever library. Still, after all these years, I remember both the school and the library with fondness. I still know the names and stories of my favorite children and youth authors whose books I loved so much, Elina Karjalainen, Anni Polva, Jalmari Finne, and Aapeli from Finland, and Astrid Lindgren and Gösta Knutsson from Sweden. I often remained at the library for a long time after school, picking for myself a big pile of books to be read at home.

Both schools and libraries in Finland are in big trouble, because there are not many children left, and those who are, don't have the patience to read anymore. The library in my former school had already for a long time worked with very limited availability, and will now disappear completely. The number of public libraries in my country is now about 700, while forty years ago it was over 1600. (In comparison, Ohio has 481 public libraries.)

I really enjoyed Fr. McGuire's sermon on Sunday. It showed very well how digital progress is really digital slavery. My father is a video mechanic, and when he was a young worker in the 70's and 80's, the mechanical things like TVs, videos and home computers were designed to last for a long time. The designers wanted to serve the consumer by making products which the customers could trust to last and serve them well. Nowadays the computers and smartphones are more like status symbols, meant to be replaced fast. And also, they are designed in the way, that one really needs to buy a new gadget to replace the old one every two or three

years, because it is easier and oftentimes cheaper to purchase a new one than update or fix the old one. Of course we cannot function today without computers, and only very few of us are determined enough to function without television and movie/entertainment industry. First there is created the desire, and then this desire is made the necessity; but, as I also learned from my father: "He's not stupid who sells, but he who buys."

The more people concentrate on the things of the world, the less they think about eternity. While visiting our St. Hugh church in Milwaukee during Assumption time, the Seminarians and I made a visit to see the old college and novitiate of the Assumption Franciscans in Burlington, Wisconsin. This old school complex and church as well as their land area is now for sale, because nobody is using it anymore. In the 60's it had hundreds of young people studying there, and now the place is abandoned and decayed. It would cost about 30 to 40 million dollars to make the place usable again. This visit was a concrete showing of the failure of the Vatican II religion—and it truly is a different religion, not Catholicism. Vatican II is a failure but the modernization of man to think only of his earthly life, not God or his soul, has been a ravishing success.

In many ways, this tactic of the modernist is the same as those of the Communists. In the 50's and 60's the Communists tried to destroy Christianity through open persecution. They failed, so today they use a different system. There was a good article in *The Guardian* this January, which showed that the Communists do not anymore try to destroy religion, but regulate and control it. This plan is called "the thought reform," and is meant to give the churches leaders who would be submissive to the state and also preach politically correct teaching. One of the tricks is to retranslate and annotate the Bible, to find commonalities with socialism. Sound familiar? Instead of open persecution, our enemy seeks to work within the church structures. Many are the souls who fall with this tactic.

But there is one thing which is made to last even further than a printed book, or 80's electronics. It is the souls of the Catholic faithful. The Church, while she lasts here on earth, is not meant to be used for a while and then disposed, like an artisan "made in China," but preserved faithfully within the Church and her Sacraments. As the priest says when he administers Holy Communion: "May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting. Amen."

MON 9/2/19 LABOR DAY • ST. STEPHEN, KING OF HUNGARY, C
8:00 AM Votive Low Mass of St. Joseph Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
9:00 AM Low Mass Sarah's Intentions (*Theresa Simpson*)

TUE 9/3/19 ST. PIUS X, PC
MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention 3 (*Annie Young*)
11:25 AM Low Mass †Paulina Strauss – 2nd Anniversary (*The Fathers*)
 ☞ **No 5:00 PM Mass**

WED 9/4/19 FIRST WEDNESDAY • FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FERIAI DAY • ST. ROSE OF VITERBO, V
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Clare Lotarski*)
11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost First Wednesday – my intentions (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
5:10 PM Low Mass Next soul to be released from Purgatory (*Mike Sieverding*)

THU 9/5/19 FIRST THURSDAY
 ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC
7:00 AM Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (*James Kolenich*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Jim Soli – Thank you! (*Bishop Dolan*)
11:25 AM High Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus*)

FRI 9/6/19 FIRST FRIDAY • FERIAI DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass David T. (*H.Y.*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*) **Benediction**
5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Mary Campagna (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Devotions
All Night Adoration

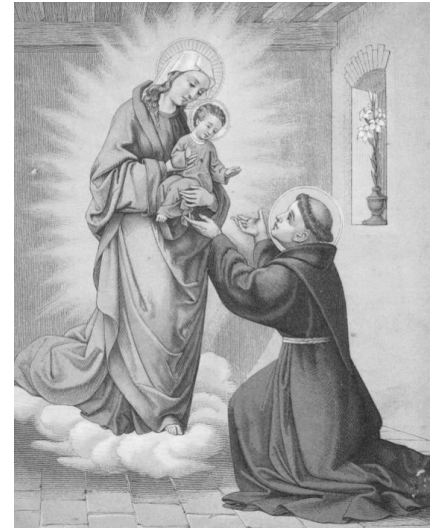
SAT 9/7/19 FIRST SATURDAY • OUR LADY'S SATURDAY FERIAI DAY • ST. CLOUD, C
7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass †Rosa Barre – 42nd Anniversary Sept. 7 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
8:10 AM First Saturday Devotions, Benediction
8:30 AM Meditation & Low Mass Doris Ritze – Birthday

SUN 9/8/19 NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
 PENTECOST XIII • ST. ADRIAN, M
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Fr. Cekada (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*) (from 7/18)
9:00 AM High Mass Parishioners of SGG
Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings
10:50 AM First Sunday Catechism Class
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass For my family & friends (*Jason Murray*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

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

(continued)

In the Office of the saint many other miracles are celebrated, among them that of the shipwrecked mariners who in the throes of a tempest were saved from perishing by prayer to blessed Anthony. They were directed to a safe haven by a mysterious light, and so the hymn of praise declares: "He was a sign of salvation to shipwrecked mariners, whom he guided and led by a ray of light." There, too, is specified the case of a cleric who, being wont to scoff at these miracles, fell dangerously ill. Cured by a vow to the saint, he became the most zealous defender of that saint's prerogatives. "A sign," says the Office, "was given to the sleeping cleric, who, having made a vow, arose to glorify the saint by public testimony."



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor
September 2019

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Ken Gilliam, Kirby Bischel
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Sam & Leo Arlinghaus
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, *Volunteer needed*
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Danny Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, *Volunteer needed*
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Paddy Omlor
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212

Servers

SUN 9/8 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM **HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor **TH:** Na. McClorey **ACs:** D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus **CROSS:** M. Simpson **TORCH:** T. & D. England, J. Stewart, A. McClorey
 11:30 AM **LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
 4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller
 5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller