

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 15, 2019
SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST XIV • ST. NICOMEDES, M



¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER SUNDAY

Today's High Mass is the third of our September Marian Masses. The Blessing of the Sick is available at the Communion Rail. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be moved to next Sunday.) Sunday Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers due to the **Parish Picnic** at Sharon Woods Park. Everyone is invited! Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the Cardinal Crest Shelter. We're providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share, a salad or dessert, or a favorite game if you would like.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Two Franciscan feasts lead off our week: the **Stigmata of St. Francis** on **Tuesday**, and the "flying Franciscan," **St. Joseph Cupertino**, on **Wednesday**. On **Thursday** are the feasts of **Our Lady of La Salette** and **St. Januarius**. **St. Matthew the Apostle** and patron saint of tax questions is on **Saturday**.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail next Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XV. Second collect of St. Thomas of Villanova, third of Ss. Maurice & Companions. Trinity Preface.

¶ UPCOMING: ROSARY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6, is Rosary Sunday. Mark your calendars!

Lumen Christi

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

Conversion & healing for the Hanna Family
(Janine Oleyar)



¶ OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

A Triduum in honor of Our Lady of La Salette (the *Weeping Virgin of La Salette*) begins Tuesday after the 11:25 AM Mass and concludes Thursday on her feast.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the **Fall Ember Days**. Catholics between the ages of 21-59 are bound to the Laws of Fast; those who have reached their 7th year may eat meat only once, at the principal meal, on Wednesday and Saturday. The Ember Days were instituted for a good harvest and to draw down God's blessings upon the September ordinations. Pray for priests!

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

The Ten Commandments of God.

– Exodus XX

1. I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not adore them nor serve them.
2. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Joan Fey, Raymond Donadio, Jenny Nies, Cathy, and the repose of the souls of †Jeanne Lytle and †Susan Feldhake.

Wedding Banns

Second time:

Mark Fischer Jr. & Anne Young

OUR NEW CHOIR SEASON BEGINS!

Today we begin our new choir season for 2019-20, and there's quite a bit of news to share with you.

First, after ten years of unwavering dedication to musical excellence, as well as a heroic amount of hard work, Mrs. Joan Lotarski will be leaving her post as our choir director.

She will continue, however, as Choir Librarian, copying music and preparing the music books for the members. (We also remember with gratitude Theresa Hill, who faithfully undertook this important behind-the-scenes work for the choir in previous years.)

Joan began her work as director in the fall of 2009, and led our little choir for a full ten choir seasons. This involved not only the job of presiding over rehearsals and the Sunday High Mass, but also the unseen and exacting task of planning the musical program for Sundays and feasts, as well as organizing the vast quantity of sheet music we use.

Under Joan's leadership, the SGG choir added to its repertory an amazing array of sacred works from all musical eras—medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and modern—including Mass ordinaries (13), Credo (3), Asperges/Vidi Aquam settings (4), motets (66), responsories, chants (4), vernacular Christmas pieces (17), processions and other vocal works.

This added up to an amazing number of new pieces over ten years—174! Dozens of these are posted in videos on my Work of Human Hands YouTube site, and attest to the quality and variety of our little choir's accomplishments.

While there were many musical high points under Joan's direction over the years, the apex was certainly the music for the Pontifical Mass commemorating Bishop Dolan's Twenty-Fifth Consecration Anniversary last November. It was magnificent in every respect!

May God reward Joan for her dedication to the beauty of divine

worship and with it, the honor and glory of God—which still continues in her direction of the SGG School Choir for our daily High Mass!

I am pleased to announce that one of our sopranos, Miss Sarah Burns, has volunteered to become our new director. Sarah brings with her a considerable degree of musical experience. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education, and despite her youth, has already directed seven choirs. Welcome Sarah!

Second, our longest-serving member, Mrs. Lexi Briggs, will also be leaving the choir.

Lexi has been singing with us so faithfully for over thirty years, since 1988, not only in the adult choir on Sundays, but also on countless other occasions.

For a couple of years, two of Lexi's daughters, Rosemary and Caroline, joined with Theresa and Jacinta Simpson to form an informal but sublime singing group, dubbed by Bishop Dolan the "Bonaventura Quartet," which Lexi directed. They sang on Friday nights during Lent, and for weddings and other occasions.

We often turned to Lexi as the "institutional memory" of the choir for tips on how the choir performed certain pieces in the past. It was Lexi's inspiration that led us to revive the magnificent Gruber Terra Tremuit for last Easter.

We are grateful to Lexi for her decades-long fidelity to the cause of bringing beauty and solemnity to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the gift of her voice!

Third, the choir's "tech division," Andrew Richesson and Nick McClorey are continuing their work on a database that will allow choir members to see the following Sunday's musical program, view or download the scores of the motets and Masses, and listen to mp3s of their part.

George Friedrich Handel, eat your heart out!

Fourth, we welcome a number of new members to the choir this season. Our practices are on Wednesday nights

at 6:30. If you think you might be interested in joining, please speak with me or with Miss Burns. You don't have to be a Pavarotti or be able to sight-sing music—since I certainly can't!

St. Cecilia, pray for us!

—Fr. Cekada



MY LADY ESTHER

My Lady Esther, beautiful
With beauty indescribable,
Of guileless grace and modest mien,
With much of handmaid and of queen,
Nor less of mother than of maid,
Dared stand in awe, yet unafraid
Of all the pains that death might bring,
Before the presence of her King.

Where no man dared approach, alone
She came and pleaded for her own,
Sure that her beauty would be heard
For me, whose life lay on his word.
Oh, never beamed a star so fair
As did my Lady Esther there,
For Heaven's eyes be e'er so clear,
They lack the sparkle of a tear.

And that great King of mind unknown
By love was fixed fast to his throne,
Transformed by joy to know that here
Was one whose love surpassed her fear.
Well might have Sheba's queen foregone
Not only all of Solomon,
But every grace and every thing
For just one smile from such a King.

How much that smile did mean to me
My Lady Esther knows, for she
Of guileless grace and modest mien,
As much a Handmaid as a Queen,
Nor less a Mother than a Maid,
Dared stand alone and unafraid
Before her King, who smiled upon
Her tears and said: "*Behold thy son!*"

—Fray Angelico Chavez

The Book of Esther, a type of Our Lady, is read in September. Try it.

Last Sunday was a beautiful start to a new season, with the Nativity of Our Lady, celebration and catechism for the children, a good attendance and a beautiful High Mass presented for Mary's birthday by the school children. Visitors swelled our numbers. They usually do, anymore, and I saw happy children from all over wandering out with a blue cupcake or a pansy seedling.



Mary's Holy Name comes during the Octave, as does Jesus' Name at Christmas. We finished the Child Mary Novena on Friday, whose Fatima observance led us to West Chester, Rosary in hand.

This was a great week for church attendance the *Catholic* way, not just on Sunday. A good number made the 13th Tuesday of St. Anthony, and the closing of Our Mother of Perpetual Help's Summer Novena. May your persevering prayers be heard.

Fr. Cekada was excited and pleased by the first practice, new members and customary enthusiasm shown by the choir on Wednesday evening, heard by us, and the angels, at this morning's High Mass of the Seven Sorrows.

Today we have the usual/unusual annual combination of the Blessing of the Sick in the morning, and the great fun of the Parish Picnic in the afternoon. But the combination spells parish life at St. Gertrude the Great. Thank you for sharing yours with us.

Next we look forward to Angel Sunday on Michaelmas, September 29, and Rosary Sunday the following week. Oh, don't forget the Fall Ember Days for a little timely penance. Speaking of penance, it has been hot, hasn't it? Florida weather for September, but I'm sure Autumn is waiting just around the corner.

"Through the Virgin Mother, may Our Lord grant you health and peace." This is the little blessing of the sick I say when I sign you with the cross, and I sign off with it today.

– Bishop Dolan

P.S. I forgot to mention last week in my "America is great" list that a very nice black gentleman bought breakfast for Fr. Cekada and me at the airport Brueggers' Bagels. They're really good there, the staff, I mean, but their bagels are, too. Of course, across the way is Chick-Fil-A which is good to patronize as well. *Almost* makes me wish I travelled more!

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee. 300 days

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to screen me from the Justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou has done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee, too, by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in heaven. Amen.

PICNIC NEWS

Thank you Albert Daniel Kinnett for his generous donation of candy for the piñata. All children will take part in whacking and snacking. The Lawrence family donated the prizes for the children's games. Thanks from all of us.



VISIT THE BOOKSTORE!

SGG Bumper stickers are in stock. Spread devotion to the Latin Mass and promote information about the crisis in the church. These small but powerful signs are just \$2.50 and can be easily mailed.

The bookstore has sick call crucifix sets for a low price of \$35. Every home should have holy water and beeswax candles in case of an emergency. These items are contained inside of this crucifix.

When you visit the bookstore be sure to look up. We have vintage and new prints that are quite nice.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation have been turning out cards. Check out their collection of 20+ different note cards. They are available for any sentiment or occasion being blank on the inside. They have new aprons on display; fabrics vary from floral to horses. These no-tie aprons are wonderful for the cook or artist in your life. All sales go directly to our Sisters.

MON	9/16/19	SS. CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BPMM SS. EUPHEMIA, LUCY & GEMINIANUS, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday, †Mom (<i>Todd & Jennifer Porter</i>)
TUE	9/17/19	STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Angela Plowman – 1 st Anniversary Sept. 22 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Grace McClorey – Happy Birthday (<i>Fr. Lehnoranta</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass St. Francis of Assisi (Prayers Answered) (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
WED	9/18/19	ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C • EMBER WEDNESDAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to God (<i>Shyam Suyambu</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Audrey Dunaway</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special Intention (<i>Matthew Giese</i>)
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & Family</i>)
THU	9/19/19	ST. JANUARIUS, BPM & COMPANIONS, MM <i>OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Michael Volz (<i>Kueblers</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Anthony & Katia Ruegamer (<i>JC Simpson</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Monica Prell (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
FRI	9/20/19	SS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM VIGIL OF ST. MATTHEW • EMBER FRIDAY <i>FAST</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell – 2 nd year (<i>The Vander Putten Family</i>)
	11:10 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell
	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
SAT	9/21/19	ST. MATTHEW, APÉV • EMBER SATURDAY <i>FAST</i>
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (AV) (<i>Kuebler/Volz</i>)
	8:10 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass For Matt & Katy on their wedding day (<i>Simpson family</i>)
SUN	9/22/19	PENTECOST XV • ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Joe & Kathy Bayer – Happy 50 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Return of Family to true Faith & Sacraments (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

“AS SHE NEVER APPEARED BEFORE:” LA SALETTE

Since the Assumption of our Blessed Lady into heaven, she has often appeared to her children on earth. But Mary appeared on the mountain of La Salette, as she never appeared before.

1. She was seen in grief, with all the signs of the most profound sorrow; she shed abundant tears whilst speaking to the children; she carried on her breast the image of her Divine Son nailed to the cross, with the other tokens of His sufferings.

2. No sanctuary has ever been dedicated to Our Lady, under circumstances of such general interest. Nowhere had she ever invited her people to conversion with words so touching, and in so pressing a manner. Never before did she call sinning men back to Christ, by a living representation of the scene on Calvary, where she stood as the Mother of Sorrows at the feet of her expiring Son, all, doubtless, on account of the enormity of our sins in this age.

3. Again, how remarkable that the Apparition should have happened on the eve of the very day, which the Church has appointed to commemorate the Seven Dolors of our Blessed Lady.

4. One curious fact must not be forgotten, as strikingly corroborative of all other evidence as to the truth of the children’s story. The spring, near where our Lady appeared, had been completely dried up previous to the vision; it began to flow immediately after, and has continued to run copiously ever since in a beautiful stream of the clearest water. This is a stumbling-block for scoffers, and for those of small faith, rather inconvenient. As a fact, as evidence, it cannot be got over.



Collection Report

Sunday, September 8th.....\$3,773.00
Thank you for your generosity.
Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

SERVERS

SAT 9/21	8:20 AM HIGH: P. Omlor, M. & D. Simpson
SUN 9/22	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: P. Omlor TH: T. Lawrence ACs: C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson TORCH: D. Simpson, J. Stewart, T. & D. England 11:30 AM LOW: A. & Na. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

PARISH PICNIC

TODAY FROM 1-5 PM IN SHARON WOODS PARK AT THE CARDINAL CREST SHELTER

Please bring a dish to share if you would like, but most of all bring yourself!
Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided.



Enter park at main entrance from Lebanon Rd. (Rt. 42). Take second right – Cardinal Crest will be the first picnic area.



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 6th
after the High Mass

Fr. Caleb Sons will speak about his path to the priesthood.

INTERESTED IN THE CONFRATERNITY?

OBLIGATIONS: Each member strives to pray fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

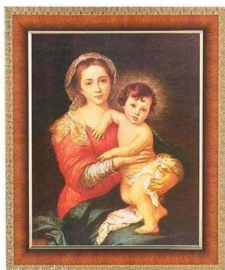
BENEFITS: 1. The special protection of the mother of God. 2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death. 3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order. 4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court. 5. Various plenary and partial indulgences.

Induction ceremony will be scheduled later as interest arises.

Communion Breakfast

\$7 each or \$25 a Family - Get your tickets now!

You don't need to be a member to enjoy the breakfast and the talk. Please come!



Keep & Sign your ticket for prize drawings
Madonna & Child Framed Print
Mother of Sorrows Statue & Rosary

