



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

Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Anthony Cekada
Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

September 22, 2019

PENTECOST XV

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC
SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM



¶ PENTECOST XV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. Sunday Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

¶ MARIAN INTENTIONS

Mass Intention forms are in the pews for one more Marian Mass on Tuesday, the feast of Our Lady of Ransom. Fill one out and return it to the office or bookstore.

¶ NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

On Thursday we honor "saints from our soil," the North American Martyrs, at 7:00, 8:00, and 11:25 AM High Mass. Please join us.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: MICHAELMAS, ANGEL SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the very great feast of the Guardian Protector of the Church, St. Michael the Archangel. The Blessing of Children and their dedication to their Guardian Angels will take place after all Masses. Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers of the Angels with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Dedication of St. Michael, Archangel, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVI. Trinity Preface.



¶ ROSARY SUNDAY IS COMING UP!

Sunday, October 6, is Rosary Sunday. Mark your calendars! The Rosary Confraternity Breakfast follows the High Mass. Tickets on sale now! Newly ordained **Fr. Caleb Sons** will talk about his journey to the priesthood.

Wedding 🎒 **Banns**

Third time:

Mark Fischer Jr. & Anne Young

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Nicole Kimpel, Rebecca Burns, Fr. David Baryj, Fr. Eugene Barry, and the repose of the soul of †Ray Donadio.

"I have made a pact with the Lord: when my soul has been purified in the flames of purgatory and deemed worthy to be admitted to the presence of God, I will take my place at the gate to paradise, but I shall not enter until I have seen the last of my spiritual children enter."

— Padre Pio

How to make a Flying or Emergency Novena: Nine Memorares said in a row with a tenth in thanksgiving.

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

The aim of the Catholic Religion is:

1. To show us the end for which we were created, namely: to know, love and serve God in this life, and to enjoy Him eternally in the next.
2. To indicate to us the means that are necessary to attain this end, namely: the exercise of faith, hope, and charity; keeping the commandments of God and of the Church; prayer and the sacraments.

AN OLD FRENCH PRAYER FOR FRIENDS

Blessed Mother of those whose names you can read in my heart, watch over them with every care. Make their way easy and their labors fruitful. Dry their tears if they weep; sanctify their joys; raise their courage if they weaken; restore their hope if they lose heart, their health if they be ill, truth if they err, and repentance if they fall. Amen.

A SHORT NOVENA

St. Thérèse, you who promised to make fall a shower of roses, see what confidence I put in you and receive my intentions. Ask the Lord to grant my prayers and obtain for me the grace to always love Him and make Him to be loved. Amen.

"If you should happen to stumble and fall like your Spouse, do not withdraw from the Cross or abandon it. No matter how great your trials may be, you will see that they are quite small, in comparison to His."

— Bl. Teresa Maria of the Cross OCD

Collection Report

Sunday, September 15th\$4,923.00

FOR RICH TAX COLLECTORS

Many wealthy people are disposed to use their abundance not to swell their own pride but to perform works of benevolence. They consider their greatest gain what they spend to alleviate the distress of others.

This virtue is open to all men, no matter what their class or condition, because all can be equal in their willingness to give, however unequal they may be in earthly fortune. Indeed their inequality in regard to worldly means is unimportant, provided they are found equal in spiritual possessions. Blessed, therefore, is that poverty which is not trapped by the love of temporal things and does not seek to be enriched by worldly wealth, but desires rather to grow rich in heavenly goods.

The apostles were the first after the Lord Himself to provide us with an example of this generous poverty, when they all equally left their belongings at the call of the heavenly master. By an immediate conversion they were turned from the catching of fish to become fishers of men, and by their own example they won many others to the imitation of their own faith. In these first sons of the Church there was but one heart, one soul. Leaving worldly property and possessions in their dedicated poverty, they were enriched with eternal goods, and in accordance with the apostolic preaching, they rejoiced to have nothing of this world and to possess all things with Christ.

— St. Leo the Great



TAKING UP OUR CROSS

The work of the Christ-Church is that “the world be saved”—through the cross, which makes us children of God in Christ, and through the Gospel, which teaches us how to live as children of God in Christ.

The cross is not something optional, neither for the world, nor for us. Accepting the cross and taking it up is the lion’s share of our work.

“You were crucified with Christ.” The cross is our most basic task; the rest comes afterward. “Those who want to be my disciples must take up their cross and”—only after that—“follow Me.” The world is saved, in potential, by the crucified Christ. And it is to a still-suffering world that we must impart the joy of Christ.

Saving the world does not mean making it happy; it means showing the world the meaning of its suffering and giving it a joy that “nothing can take away.” If we must fight against the misery and misfortune that Christ took so seriously as to speak of judging us in the end solely by what we did for others in this regard, we must keep in mind that what is at stake is ultimately not solving these problems and constructing a second earthly paradise; rather, what is at stake is eternal life...

Christ does not provide His followers with a set of wings to flee into heaven, but with a weight to drag them into the deepest corners of the earth. What may seem to be the specifically missionary vocation is in fact simply what it means to be embraced by Christ.

Despite any apparent contradiction, we diminish and falsify our love for Christ and the Church wherever we diminish that which draws us to the world and enables us to plunge ourselves into it. This is what the love of the world means, a love that is not an identification with the world, but a gift to it.

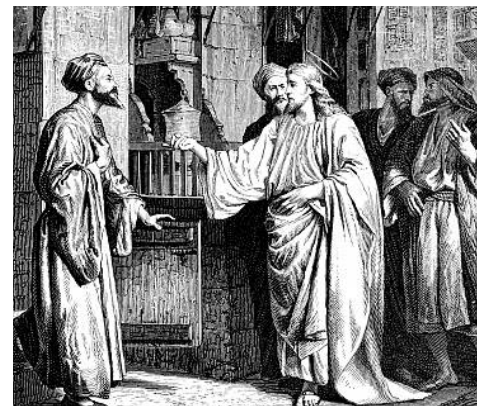
— Madeleine Delbr  l

HE CALLED

These coins I count,
Pinched from kindred flesh
Strained from blood,
Stain my hands and soul
Mark me deep in debt
Among my own.
A place of no return:
No gauge to know
The length I’ve gone
Until a line is thrown:
“Follow me.”
A rope that reached
And begged my heart “take hold.”
A voice that leapt
Into the depths,
A rescue and a probe.
A way to count among my own,
A call I didn’t earn,
A chance to leave the coins I’ve
squeezed,
The lead to my return.

I stand up straight
And walk away,
Yet dare not even crawl.
The debt I owe, I can’t repay.
I come this way because
He called.

Jesus called Matthew as he sat collecting taxes. In their work for the Roman occupiers, tax collectors frequently resorted to extortion. “The pursuit...was one full of all insolence and boldness, and a mode of gain whereof no fair account could be given, a shameless traffic, a robbery under cloak of law: yet nevertheless He who uttered the call was ashamed of none of these things” (St. John Chrysostom). To think that Our Lord called Levi, the hated tax collector and made him Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist!



✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Last Sunday's picnic was...smooth. With the best attendance in several years, we had the Cardinal Crest all to ourselves; a cozy corner. Everyone was fed, and so well. Games were played, visiting, too, with old friends and new. The Heresy Piñata didn't put up much of a fight, and a good thing too, for the children were ready for it, and soon battled it into submission, and the candy flowed forth. Thanks to Lotarskis for shopping and cooking, and "Marlys and them" for the games.

I almost forgot the choir. It's not every parish picnic which can boast of a choir and fancy part music! But so we did, in **Fr. Cekada's** original way, to thank Joan Lotarski and Lexi Briggs for their so many years of loyal service. Indeed, a memorable parish picnic.

Many were the sick that were blessed for the Sorrowful Mother last Sunday. Let us keep them in our prayers for continual healing. There are two Fr. Berrys to pray for, both quite ill. **Fr. Eugene Barry** of Colorado, and **Fr. David Baryj** (pronounced the same) of California.

The last of our September Marian Masses comes up on Tuesday, Our Lady of Ransom, introduced as well by its Triduum. The slave catchers are everywhere, chains in hand. Bind yourself to Mary to be free.

Kirby proudly reported 57 for our "very lucky" Friday the 13th Rosary Procession, blessed with a cool breeze and a beautiful sunset. It makes you feel sorry for those who were not able to make it.

Fr. McKenna is back this weekend, refreshed by a few days away. I'm visiting our little but growing Milwaukee church, now drawing more and more true Catholics from Chicagoland. Next weekend, Michaelmas, they will be having solemn services for Forty Hours and the start of their new season. We salute them and wish them well, and *great growth*.

Fr. Nkamuke somehow is managing to serve some *ten* missions in the land of St. Patrick, Nigeria. He also has two seminarians to train for the major seminary, but avows he finds it difficult to schedule classes, as there is always a catechumen to catechize, a baby to baptize, or a couple to prepare for marriage. We don't know how he does it, and are happy at least to support him doing it. Godspeed to our Nigerian seminarians on their way to the altar.

Believe it or not, we are already discussing dates for next year's YAG and camps in July. How's that for being organized? The truth is that it will be here

before you know it, so best prepare....

I hope your September is going well, and that we will see *all* of our children next week for Angel Sunday. The blessing is a dear tradition and a powerful protection as well. Oh, speaking of traditions, the Rosary Sunday Communion Breakfast tickets are going quickly!

The Angels go home with you today, and bring you back next week...if not before!

– Bishop Dolan

P.S. I forgot the raccoon report. They're BAAACK! The other day they were moving in their heavy appliances during the 8, and excavating for more wall apartments by the 5 PM. Nothing if not hard workers, these creatures. But we're on it too, with traps and marshmallows and further investigating as to how they *ever* got in again. I only wish some of our families were as eager to be here as these cute but destructive furry mammals.

A far more welcome visitor is the lonely but elegant Monarch butterfly who has been devoutly frequenting our cloister of late, like a lost monk. He'll eventually be off to winter in Mexico.



A SHORTER NOVENA

Little Flower
Show thy power
In this hour
St. Therese
Hear my prayer

MON	9/23/19	ST. LINUS, PM • ST. THECLA, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (CB) (<i>Kuebler/Volz</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Health to improve for Keith & Mary (<i>Mary Christensen</i>)
TUE	9/24/19	OUR LADY OF RANSOM CLOSING OF TRIDUUM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass My Intentions (<i>Patsy Holmes</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Steve Reen – 1 st Anniversary (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Marian Mass Intentions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (<i>Sue Kurtz</i>)
WED	9/25/19	FERIAL DAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Jake & †Elsie Kloberdanz, †Angela Appelhang, †John & †Gloria Boggie (<i>Mary Christensen</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Margaret Soli (<i>Mary, James & Hannah Lacy</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	☞ 5:10 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	9/26/19	SS. ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MM SS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Barbara (11 years) & †Phillip Schmelzer (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Rake
FRI	9/27/19	SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For the conversion of President Donald Trump (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
	11:10 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass Brendan Lotarski (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For all who assisted us with our wedding (<i>The Gieses</i>)
	6:30 PM	Novena & Benediction
SAT	9/28/19	ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass For the safety of all people who travel (<i>Shyam Suyambu</i>)
	8:10 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass My Godmother – Happy Birthday! (<i>Cecilia Simpson</i>)
SUN	9/29/19	DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL PENTECOST XVI BLESSING OF CHILDREN AFTER ALL MASSES
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Dan Brueggemann family & their intentions (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass God's blessings on our seminarians (<i>Simpson family</i>) (rescheduled)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for a loving, supportive husband – Joe Prell (<i>Elizabeth Prell</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers of the Angels, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 6th

after the High Mass

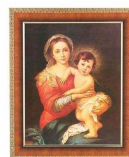
Newly Ordained

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

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

Watch for members selling tickets or find them in the bookstore.

Keep & Sign your ticket for prize drawings



Madonna & Child Framed Print

Mother of Sorrows Statue & Rosary



JUST ASK

Dear Padre Pio, I recall your promise to the Lord, "I will stand at the gates of heaven until I see all my spiritual children have entered." Encouraged by your gracious promise, I ask you to accept me as your spiritual child.



O Blessed Padre Pio, holy bearer of the wounds of Christ, accept us this day as your spiritual sons and daughters and keep us always on the Little Way by your intercession. And do thou, O our Spiritual Father, relieve our suffering and the suffering of those we love, and then stay there at the Gates of Heaven, as you promised, until all of your spiritual children have entered through, even and including us and all those we love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Servers

SUN 9/29 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor CROSS: C. Arlinghaus TH: C. Richesson ACS: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence MITRE: Na. McClorey CROZIER: P. McClorey TORCH: D. Simpson, S. Richesson, A. McClorey, J. Stewart, T. & D. England
11:30 AM LOW: A.D Kinnett, J. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller