

# 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 29, 2019**

**DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL**

**ANGEL SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST XVI**



## ¶ ANGEL SUNDAY

Today 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 are at 10:40 AM. Vespers of the Angels with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ THIS WEEK

The Month of the Holy Rosary opens on **Tuesday**, as do our October Devotions. **Wednesday** is the great feast of the **Guardian Angels**. **First Thursday** comes the “Little Flower,” **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**, and we pray for all our priests. On **First Friday** we greet the gentle **St. Francis of Assisi**.

## ¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited most school days at 3:10 PM. Every Wednesday the Rosary is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 3:00 PM with Benediction and Holy Communion at 3:20 PM. Join our children in prayer!

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Teresa Boyd, Paul O'Connor and his family, the repose of the soul of †Sam Adelo, and all of our sick and shut in.

## ¶ CATECHISM CORNER

*The truths absolutely necessary to be known and believed, as a means of salvation, are:*

1. That there is a God who will reward the good and punish the wicked.
2. The principal mysteries of our holy faith.

## *Lumen Christi*

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

**Charity, mercy & grace for all of God's enemies**  
(Patrick Curry)



## ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**10:55 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass, Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Rosary & Confessions  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass  
**6:30 PM** Sacred Heart Devotions

### *All Night Adoration*

**First Friday Reparation Intention:** *In reparation to the Sacred Heart, and that the Family Rosary be a daily prayer in every family.*



## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Confessions & Rosary

**7:30 AM** High Mass

**8:10 AM** Devotions, Benediction, Meditation

**8:35 AM** Low Mass

**First Saturday Reparation Intention:** *For those Catholics who will **not** say the Rosary, or who say it poorly, and for Protestants and Modernists who blaspheme it.*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ROSARY SUNDAY

**Roses** to be blessed and carried in **procession** and then taken home as a sacramental will be available for purchase in the vestibule before the High Mass. Extra roses may be available before the 11:30. All Rosary Confraternity members should sit together at the High Mass, wearing their medals, and walking with their banner afterwards in the procession. Tickets may still be purchased for the Rosary Confraternity Breakfast. Rosaries will be blessed, with all the indulgences, during the announcements of each Mass. Other religious articles will be blessed after the *Low Masses*. The Second Collection is for Seminary Support.

There are no Sunday Classes. The day ends with Rosary Vespers at 4:45 PM with Benediction.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Most Holy Rosary (Oct 7) with Collect and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVII. Third collect of St. Bruno. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

### Collection Report

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.....\$4,835.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



**ST. MICHAEL AND THE ANGELS  
AT MASS**

It is said that St. Michael presides over the worship of adoration rendered to the Most High and offers to God the prayers of the faithful symbolized by incense whose smoke rises towards Heaven. In fact, the liturgy presents St. Michael to us as the incense-bearer, standing beside the altar as our intercessor and the bearer of the Church's prayers before the throne of God. "An Angel of the Lord stood near the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand, and there was given to him much incense, and the smoke of the perfumes ascended before God." [Offertory, Mass of St. Michael]

At the beginning of Holy Mass [the true Mass], his name is mentioned in the confession of faults made by the priest at the foot of the altar, and by the faithful in turn. At the offertory, in Solemn High Mass, the priest implores the blessing of the Almighty upon the oblation through the intercession of St. Michael. And during the Canon of the Mass [The Canon was obliterated in the *Novus Ordo*, as were several other beautiful orations, for which either nothing was supplied at all or banal prose was added.], after the Consecration, the priest prays God to command that the oblation be borne by the hands of His holy Angel to His altar on high. The Angel here referred to is doubtless the Archangel Michael. With loving solicitude he watches over the Precious Blood, that no accident may occur, and also over all the tiny particles which may fall from the consecrated Hosts at the time of Holy Communion, that they may not be lost or desecrated.



**Let us beg** St. Michael and his Angels to impart to us a greater realization of the infinite value of the Mass, "where Christ spiritually sprinkles the souls of the faithful with His Blood." St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi says of this spiritual sprinkling: "This Blood when applied to the soul, imparts to it as much dignity as if it were decked in a costly robe. It imparts such brilliance and splendor that couldst thou behold the effulgence of thy soul when sprinkled with that Blood, thou wouldst fall down to adore it.' Happy the soul adorned with such beauty! Let us go to Holy Mass often, that we may be sprinkled with this adorable Blood and our soul arrayed in rich apparel which will render us glorious forever in the sight of the Angels and the Saints. The Catholic Church owns no greater, no more costly treasure than the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ; for a single drop of this Blood, which is united to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, outweighs in value all the riches of Heaven and earth.

**PRAYER WHEN UNABLE TO ASSIST  
AT DAILY MASS**

Go, my Angel Guardian dear,  
To church for me—the Mass to hear.  
Go, kneel devoutly at my place  
And treasure for me every grace.  
At the Offertory time  
Please offer me to God Divine.  
All I have and all I am,  
Present it with the Precious Lamb.  
Adore for me the great Oblation.  
Pray for all I hold most dear  
Be they far or be they near.  
Remember, too, my own dear dead  
For whom Christ's Precious Blood was  
shed.

At Communion bring spiritually to me  
Christ's flesh and blood my food to be,  
To give me strength and holy grace;  
A pledge to see Him face to face,  
And when the Holy Mass is done  
Then with His blessing, come back  
home.



**LOVE'S CANTICLE**

Teresa's dying lips once more unclose  
To utter plaintively  
The canticle sung ever to her Lord:  
"My God—I—Love—Thee!"

My God, I love Thee! Let me strive to  
make  
Love's canticle my own,  
Lest in that certain, yet uncertain hour  
Its strains may be unknown.

— Sister M. Raymond

**A PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

*Holy Virgin Mary, there was never anyone like thee born in the world among women—daughter and handmaid of the most high King, our Father in Heaven; mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ; spouse of the Holy Ghost! With the archangel St. Michael and all the Virtues of Heaven and all the saints, pray for us at the throne of thy beloved most holy Son, our Lord and Master.*



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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The last Sunday of September brings us the angels, and brings the children to the rail to be blessed and rededicated to them there. But this is a *great* Angel Sunday, falling as it does on the feast of their prince and leader, magnificent St. Michael, Guardian Angel of the Catholic Church. Start saying (we all know it by heart) the St. Michael prayer every day. You, we, could use it. You could also use his secret weapon, against which Satan is helpless, humility...

What a fine month of September we made. The first Sunday was for St. Joseph, patron of those dedicated to labor. Then came Our Lady's Birthday, with its blessings, then her Seven Sorrows with another blessing and a picnic. Last week was a quiet "green" Sunday, just to let us catch our breath. This can be a blessing. Today we keep the great feast of the Angels, Michaelmas.

Tuesday comes the month of the Rosary, with daily October Devotions. The first Sunday of the month is our well beloved Rosary Sunday, with procession and a presentation at breakfast from our newest priest. Eight days later we remember Fatima's Miracle of the Sun, and meet on a Sunday evening for one final Fatima Rosary for Peace, candles in hand. The third Sunday of October is Mission Sunday, and the fourth Christ the King whose feast will crown our Forty Hours Devotion. A happy, holy, busy month for sure, but well paced this year withal.

Those are just the Sunday feasts. But ours is an all week affair, our Faith. Such beloved saints, just this week: The Guardian Angels, the Little Flower, St. Francis. Try to live, more and more, by the Church Cycle, rather than by the news cycle. You'll find it so uplifting, and really you won't miss much. So much of it lies and propaganda. But if you do dip your feet in the swamp, be sure to lift your eyes heavenward, for Heaven's sake!

Sweet Autumn mornings and some dry delicious days came in last week, almost on schedule for the delayed Autumn Equinox and end of Summer. But it seems more Summer is scheduled for this week, too. We should pray for some refreshing rains. I've been watering the cloister garden a little myself, just to preserve it. I was happy to see three coveted monarchs enjoying this oasis. I hope you do, too.

But no silver lining comes without its cloud. (Good news for the pessimist.) Allergies have struck, as they always do when days are at their most beautiful. We must soldier on. The choir continues to thrive and find its new identity with so many welcome men's voices. The school choir gives great glory to God each weekday in a church which would almost be empty, were it not

for the angels.

**Fr. Cekada** is giving a unique Public Speaking course on Fridays for the High Schoolers. We are grateful to Mrs. Richesson for teaching Algebra and Geometry each day for our High School as well. Our school enrollment is the same as last year with two new students.

St. Gertrude the Great *is* great because of these things. 1) An absolute and uncompromising Catholic Faith, 2) Unstinting and solemn daily worship with the unchanged liturgy, 3) The generosity of countless souls who give of themselves, their time and talents, as well as their tithes.

The McFathers are with **Fr. Sons** in Milwaukee today for the closing ceremonies of their Forty Hours. Fr. Sons comes down tomorrow with **Fr. McGuire**, **Fr. McKenna** having left right away to serve his northern missions.

Crank up the Family Rosary this week, won't you? It may have gotten misplaced because we're all so busy. Priorities...it's all about what's important. But family and prayer are meant to go together, like October and Rosary. See you for devotions? Don't forget First Friday's All Night Adoration in the shuffle. Oh and remember, your angel never forgets you!

– Bishop Dolan

### All Night Adoration Guard of Honor October 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:** Levi Giese, *Volunteer needed*

**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:** Bob Uhlenbrock, Matthew Giese

**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** Paddy Omlor, Joseph Simpson

**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***

*Dear Members of the Guard of Honor,*

*Please note the First Friday October Adoration is as usual this week. On the last weekend of October, we have our Forty Hours Devotion, October 25-27. This takes the place of the November Adoration. So, two All Night Adorations in October, and none in November. Please note this change. Our Lord is waiting for you!*

*God bless you! Bishop Dolan*

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# 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.

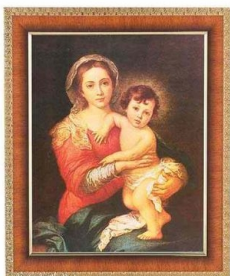
**BENEFITS:** 1. The special protection of the mother of God. 2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death. 3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order. 4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court. 5.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



**THE GREATNESS OF THE  
GUARDIAN ANGELS**

One can grow in love of God by loving Him, that is, by multiplying day and night aspirations of love for Him. Every act of love is like wood placed on the fire; it ignites, inflames, increases the flame of our love.

We must often recall the state of our soul and examine to what point holy love dominates it, to see if it truly is the motive of our actions and our sentiments, and, after this examination, we must conceive a great desire to love God even more, begging Him for the grace to do so and to know how to love Him with all the strength of our soul.

We should imitate our good Guardian Angel: in church, his profound worship before the Tabernacle; in prayer, his recollection and his piety; in our affairs, his union with God; in our temptations, his glorious battles against the devil; in the practice of charity, his patience in bearing the mistakes and defects of our neighbor, his gentleness, his generosity, his assistance; in short, his conformity to God's good pleasure in all things, the uprightness of his intentions and his pure and innocent life.

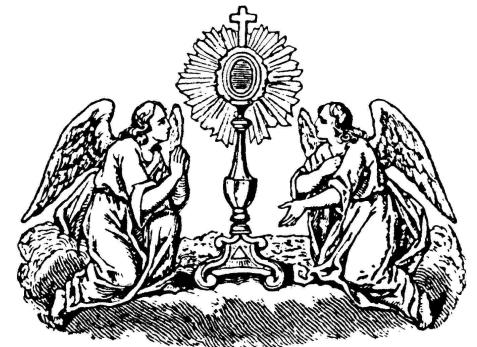
- Ven. Clelia Merloni

*Ven. Clelia Merloni († 1930) founded the Congregation of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart.*



**BUT ST. MICHAEL** is not alone present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar. Christian tradition assures us that innumerable Angels also assist at Mass. St. John Chrysostom, among others, states that "When Mass is being celebrated, the Sanctuary is filled with countless Angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar." Besides the guardian Angels of the faithful who are present, thousands of Heavenly spirits assist at Mass, reverently worshipping their Lord and God. With what sentiments of profound veneration do they not adore the Precious Blood being shed anew upon the altar! It is the self-same Blood that was shed on Calvary, but with this difference, that then It fell upon the ground and stones, whereas in Holy Mass, It is applied to the souls of those present. The efficacy of the Mass is so wonderful, God's mercy and generosity are then so unlimited that there is no moment so propitious to ask for favors as when Jesus is born on the altar. The Angels know this full well and come in throngs to adore their Divine Master and make their petitions at this hour of mercy. What an example for us! Whenever we attend Holy Mass, therefore, let us unite with St. Michael and the holy Angels, "and place our offerings and petitions in their pure hands, to be presented to the Most High, that He may receive them graciously and pardon our lack of devotion for the sake of the devotion of the celestial spirits with whom we associate ourselves. It was revealed to St.

Mechtilde that three thousand Angels from the choir of Thrones are ever in devout attendance around every Tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Doubtless a much greater number are present at Holy Mass, which is not merely a Sacrament but also a sacrifice." And we read in the revelations of St. Bridget: "One day when I was assisting at the Holy Sacrifice, I saw an immense number of Holy Angels descend and gather around the altar, contemplating the priest. They sang heavenly canticles that ravished my heart, Heaven itself seemed to be contemplating the great Sacrifice. And yet we poor mortals, blind and miserable creatures, assist at Mass with so little love, relish and respect!" Do Catholics ever think of this amazing truth, namely: that at Mass they are praying in the midst of thousands of God's Angels?



¶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Forty Hours, October 25-27.**

Opening services begin on Friday evening and will be followed by the Chili Supper. Adoration continues on Saturday, and the Devotion closes on Sunday evening with Procession and Benediction.

**All Saints Sunday, November 3.**

Prepare a costume and presentation about a saint with your child for the All Saints' Party after the High Mass!

**Servers**

SUN 10/6

7:30 AM **LOW**: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM **HIGH**: **MCS**: R. VandeRyt, J. Lacy  
**CROSS**: C. Arlinghaus **BANNER**: P. Omlor **TH**:  
M. Simpson **ACS**: T. Lawrence, D. Simpson  
**TORCH & BIER**: J. & N. Kolenich, J. & D.  
England, J. Stewart, P. Omlor  
11:30 AM **LOW**: P. & A. McClorey  
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION**: G. Miller  
5:45 PM **LOW**: G. Miller

MON	9/30/19	ST. JEROME, CD
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Ronald E. Kitchen ( <i>Marge</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Special Intentions ( <i>Anny Reilly</i> )
TUE	10/1/19	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY ST. REMIGIUS, BPC
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Grandchildren ( <i>Kuebler/Volz</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mom & Dad ( <i>Simpson kids</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Thank you Victor & Doris Ritze ( <i>Dave &amp; MaryAnn Marko</i> )
	3:10 PM	<b>Rosary</b>
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> All living members of Christensen & Kloberdanz families ( <i>Mary Christensen</i> )
WED	10/2/19	THE GUARDIAN ANGELS FIRST WEDNESDAY
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> St. Joseph – Thanksgiving for prayers answered ( <i>Kent Maki</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Levi & Jacinta Giese ( <i>JC Simpson</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> First Wednesday – My intentions ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
	3:00 PM	<b>Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Holy Communion</b>
☞	5:10 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Thanksgiving to Holy Souls ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
THU	10/3/19	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, V FIRST THURSDAY
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention in honor of St. Therese ( <i>Jamie Wagner</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> †Sharon Patton Birthday ( <i>Patton/Moore Family</i> )
	3:10 PM	<b>Rosary</b>
FRI	10/4/19	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, C • FIRST FRIDAY
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> In Thanksgiving ( <i>Denise Riggs</i> )
	10:55 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>Low Mass &amp; Benediction</b> Thanksgiving to Holy Souls ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
	6:30 PM	<b>Sacred Heart Devotions</b> <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	10/5/19	FIRST SATURDAY • OUR LADY'S SATURDAY SS. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:10 AM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Our Children, Godchildren & Grandchildren ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Michael Briggs</i> )
	8:10 AM	<b>Devotions, Benediction, First Saturday Meditation</b>
	8:35 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. George Wingert 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 10/12/19 ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> )
SUN	10/6/19	ROSARY SUNDAY PENTECOST XVII • ST. BRUNO, C
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>

## ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

CARMELITE (1873-1897)

At the age of fifteen, Thérèse Martin received a special dispensation (on account of her age) to enter the Carmelite convent in her hometown of Lisieux, France, where two of her sisters had preceded her. Early in life she had determined that she wished to be a saint, and she devised her own method, which she called “the Little Way.” It was an effort to respond with love to each chore, encounter, or petty insult of her daily life. She believed that by the practice of this discipline she could take the ordinary business of life and convert it into the fuel of holiness. And by the small, molecular influence of each action and intention, she might transform the world.

Thérèse did not have much time to practice this method. She died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four. Yet she left behind an autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*. Published posthumously, it quickly assured her reputation as one of the most popular saints of modern times. As she had written, “After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth.” Ironically, through her Little Way, this cloistered Carmelite nun had pointed a way to lay holiness, a spiritual method that could be practiced by anyone in every situation of life.

Thérèse was canonized in 1925 and named the patron of missions.

*“I am only a very little soul, who can only offer very little things to our Lord.” – St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

## ¶ LET'S DO IT!

We are reviving the **Christmas Craft Sale. November 10, 17, 24.** So, get busy!

We will accept handcrafted items. You know you are very talented, let's see what you can turn out in a hurry. If you have a nice antique item that you would like to donate please let us know. Otherwise, we'll stick to what crafts you have available. We hope to make this an exciting shopping opportunity for your holiday gift giving. Note that it is earlier than ever for the organized customer. Please drop your items off in the social hall the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>, marked for the Craft Sale. For more information contact Cora at: [unionhaus10@gmail.com](mailto:unionhaus10@gmail.com) or 859-384-0103



7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Colleen Greenwell
9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For all the members of the Rosary Confraternity, Living & Deceased
10:30 AM	<b>Rosary Procession, followed by the Confraternity Breakfast</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Sharon Patton Birthday Remembrance ( <i>The Wilker family</i> )
4:45 PM	<b>Rosary, Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

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