

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

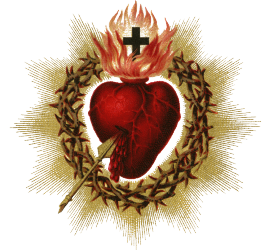
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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



June 21, 2020 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART FATHER'S DAY • PENTECOST III ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C



¶ SACRED HEART SUNDAY

Happy Father's Day!
Today we begin our *Happy Father's Day* congregational singing for the High Mass. He who sings prays twice! Thank you for your assistance. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the



Communion Rail after all Masses. Vespers with Sacred Heart Devotions are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

¶ ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tuesday is the Vigil of St. John the Baptist. Solemn High Mass will be at 5:45 PM, followed by the traditional potluck & barbecue and the Blessing of the Bonfire. Bring a side dish, dessert, or beverage to share, but most of all, bring yourself!

Wednesday is the feast of the Nativity of St. John himself, with Masses at 8 and 11:25 AM, and 5:10 PM.

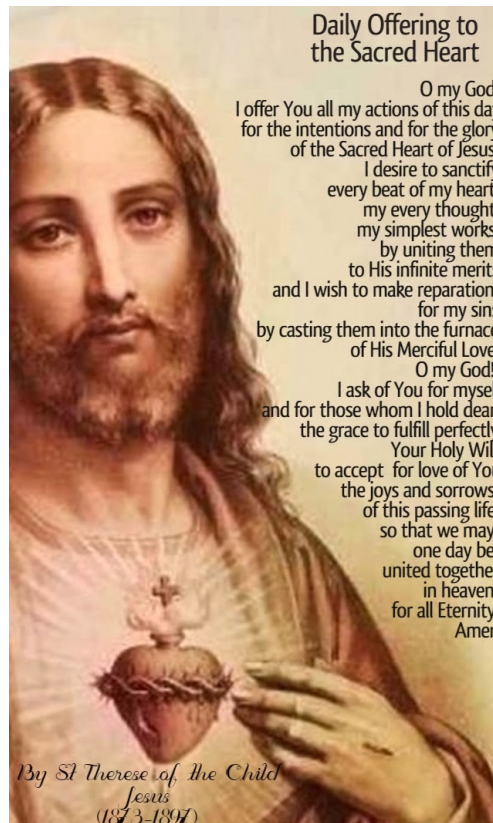


Lumen Christi

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

Monica Prell

(Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Prell)



Daily Offering to the Sacred Heart

O my God!
I offer You all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of His Merciful Love.
O my God!
I ask of You for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Your Holy Will, to accept for love of You the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity.
Amen

By St. Therese of the Child Jesus (1873-1897)

¶ OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

On Friday we begin a Triduum in preparation for the feast on Saturday. Come to Mass at 7:30 or 8:20 AM to ask her intercession in all of your needs.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this Tuesday, June 23rd, following the 8:00 AM Mass and before the 5:45 PM, at 5:30. Don't forget to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IV

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost IV. Second collect of St. Irenaeus, third within the octave of St. John the Baptist. Trinity Preface.

¶ AN OPPORTUNITY

The Sisters have faithfully been doing the Monday cleaning of the church, bathrooms, sacristy and Helfta Hall for several years. We are looking for someone to take over this paid part-time job at the end of July. Please contact Mark Lotarski or Bishop Dolan. The job could be joined with other cleaning/janitorial work to make it more substantial if needed.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Bud Patton, Theresa Couch, Cathy Gardner, Maria Dutcher, Kyle & Mary McGuire, Paul McConnell, Joan Landry, and Joan Fey.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 14th.....\$5,362.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE SACRED HEART

The Heart of Jesus Christ, of Jesus Christ whole and entire, is a Heart divine and human at the same time, and thus it is worthy of the worship of adoration, but that is not all. The Heart of Jesus opened on the cross by the iron of the lance is the door by which we can enter into the knowledge of Infinite Love....

The worship of the Sacred Heart is the worship, inspired by gratitude, of the love of God, of Jesus Christ, for man; it is above all and before all the worship of Infinite Love.... The doctrine of Infinite Love is certainly no new doctrine; it appears in the first pages of Genesis, and down the ages the little children learn it on their mothers' knees when learning their Bible history. Indeed the whole Sacred Scripture reveals God as Infinite Love.

It shines forth in creation, for it is only omnipotent Love, wise and infinite, that could have imagined this great work and accomplished it. It shines forth in the mediation of the Word when, after the sin of Adam, He offers Himself to expiate the fault of the guilty; and when this sublime sacrifice is accepted by the Father and the Holy Spirit, Infinite Love manifests itself in the holy Gospels, it flows forth from all its pages, it shines with a splendid light in the Redemption. Indeed, who is there that does not see that it is Infinite Love that made the Son of God descend from heaven and become incarnate; that induced Him to take on Himself all our weaknesses, except sin, and that delivered Him up to ignominy and death?

It shows itself in the descent of the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that came to enlighten the world and inflame men's hearts; in the formation of the Church, in the institution of the divine Sacraments, particularly in the Eucharist. What a marvelous invention of Infinite Love! *Infinite*

Love! It is the substance of Catholic doctrine, it is its center; it is the explanation of all the mysteries of our faith. It is not only the love of God for the creature, it is God Himself!

– Ven. Louise Margaret Clare de la Touche



THE HEART OF THE MATTER

At seventeen, Marguerite-Marie Alacoque went out at her mother's urging and partied with her brothers and friends. Carnival season was in full swing, with its masquerades and freely flowing wines. The Alacoque family's fortunes, recently restored after years of poverty, provided ample reason to celebrate and finery to wear. But Marguerite, a mystic at heart, preferred devotion to dancing. After one evening's revelry, Marguerite saw Jesus, suffering yet showing her His loving Heart. Soon she traded silken ball gowns for a nun's habit.

In the convent, her visions continued. On the feast of St. John, whose scriptural message of God's love Marguerite-Marie surely knew, Jesus invited her to rest her head on His Heart. He revealed to her the wonders of His love and urged her to make those wonders known to others. Believers affirmed while skeptics doubted the veracity of her visions. Eventually, the believers prevailed, and Marguerite-Marie's mission fostered widespread, heart-centered Christian piety like hers. Annually, nineteen days after Pentecost, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The heart of this day, and of the Gospel, is love.

ZACHARIAH IN THE TEMPLE

The inner chamber is holy.

I offer prayers
Of obligation
And longing.
I am old.

My life is reaching smoke and rote.

I ask
I receive
But do not believe.
For this I'm choked, made dumb.
Praise will not compel
My tongue.
My heart is startled
Into wonder.
The inner chamber is silent.
Incense rises.
I am mute with news.
I have a son.

– Rita Simmonds

Come to St. John's Eve and learn all about it.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, glowing furnace of love! Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and amiable Savior, consume my heart with that burning fire wherewith Thine is ever inflamed, pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things conformed to Thine. May Thy will be the rule alike of my desires and my actions. Amen. (500 days)

2020 YAG registration closes on Sunday, June 28th. Go to yagincincy.org to register!



***Girls' Camp is July 21-23
Please call or email the office if
your girls will be attending.***

Summer arrived without much fanfare yesterday afternoon, with the Solstice. We always celebrate the “longest day” the Church’s way, with the blessing and lighting of the bonfire for St. John’s Eve, marking as well the shortest night of the year.

So, time to celebrate! Come, join us, put your cares away for an evening, and celebrate with us. Mass is at 5:45 PM, the parish barbeque (bring a side dish or dessert, if you’d like), informal games and visiting as we await dusk and the bonfire blessing, songs and marshmallows, with the Rosary to conclude. Don’t fear the bugs; we’re having the area sprayed in advance. A good time is scheduled for all. Just like the good old days.

Speaking of which, what a great Solemnity of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, was vouchsafed to us. A full church, beautiful altars, a rousing choir, expert up and coming masters of ceremony, and the so touching scene of the little ones going to Jesus, to be fed with His Body and Blood for the first time. And how triumphant, how full of thanksgiving was the outdoor procession and Benediction.

Two processions in as many days, for on Saturday the 13th (great St. Anthony’s Day), Kirby says that up to 65 souls demonstrated only their love for Mary and the Catholic Faith in our Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace. May Heaven hear and spare.

Meanwhile, the Octave Masses of Corpus Christi, “Coram Sanctissimo,” with the privilege of daily Exposition and Benediction were well attended, the times varying each day to afford many the possibility of assisting at one. May Heaven hear and spare.

A nice contingent of St. Gertrude faithful is travelling to Florida for **Fr. Luke Petrizzi’s** ordination on Wednesday, Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Remember him that day. Many will be staying through the weekend as our “St. Gertrude Four” receive the next step to the priesthood, called “the last minors.” The seminarians are allowed a brief vacation, and we look forward to seeing them...briefly.

Celebrations continue all week. **Fr. Guillaume Hecquard** will be marking his tenth priestly anniversary on Saturday, June 27, feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Ordinarily I would try to attend such an event, but in addition to my duties here, the world is having a revolution, which makes travel difficult. Ten years ago it was not so, and I have fond memories of the French ordination trip, which went smoothly with the able assistance of Fr. McGuire. Afterwards we satisfied our piety, visiting Lisieux (St. Therese) with the new priest, and then going on the Paray-Le-Monial (the Sacred Heart).

Pray for our brethren in Argentina, who feel the lash of the One World Bergoglio Revolution still most harshly. The government is insisting each church keep a register of all who attend, that Communion be given in the hand, and even is regulating other details of public worship. Maybe our government worshippers would enjoy a visit to the Southern Hemisphere? Our priests there continue their Catacomb Masses.



Our afflictions here are much more mild in contrast, but the increasing food prices and artificially created shortages are burdensome. Surely, though, the “Republican” named judges have imposed the greatest outrages, which most people quietly accept. But perhaps not. May American good sense win the day. It will, if Americans have the sense to pray, especially to our country’s patroness, Mary Immaculate. Pray the Rosary *daily*.

May she, with her so holy spouse, St. Joseph, bless and fortify our fathers on their day. Never was your role more attacked or more essential.

St. Joseph keep you close to his Son’s Heart,

Bishop Dolan

EPISTLE THOUGHTS: TODAY’S CHALLENGE AND CONSOLATION

The miseries of this present life are the test to which God puts His soldiers; He passes judgment upon them, and classifies them, according to the degree of courage they have shown. Therefore is it, that we all have our share of suffering. The combat has commenced. God is looking on, watching how each of us comports himself. The day is not far off, when the Judge will pass sentence on the merits of each combatant, and award to each one the recompense he has won. Combat now; peace and rest and a crown, then. Happy they who, during these days of probation, have recognized *the mighty hand of God* in all the trials they have had, and have *humbled* themselves under its pressure, lovingly and confidingly! Against such Christians, who have been *strong in faith*, the *roaring lion* has not been able to prevail. They were *sober*, they were *watchful*, during this their pilgrimage. They were fully convinced of this, that every one has to suffer in the present life; they therefore never sighed and moaned, as though they were the only sufferers; they did not assume the attitude of victims, and call it resignation; but they took each trial as it came, and, without talking to everyone about it, they quietly and joyously united it with the sufferings of Christ. O true Christians! you will be joyous for all eternity, when there will be made the manifestations of that *eternal glory in Christ Jesus*, which He will pass on to you, that you may share it with Him forever!

– Dom Gueranger

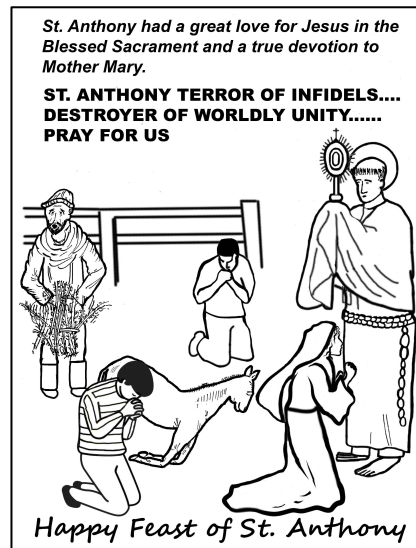
- MON 6/22/20 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
ST. PAULUS OF NOLA, BPC
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Dominic! (*Theresa Simpson*)
- TUE 6/23/20 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
Summer Novena II
5:30 PM Summer Novena II
5:45 PM Solemn High Mass In honor of St. Joseph & Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Thanksgiving (*Sarah Burns*)
followed by Parish Barbeque, Social Evening, Blessing of Bonfire for St. John's Eve
- WED 6/24/20 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
WITHIN THE OCTAVE
8:00 AM Low Mass Family Conversions (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
☞ **11:25 AM Low Mass** Fr. Petrizzi (*T. Bayer*)
☞ **5:10 PM Low Mass** Clergy of SGG (*Michael Treder*)
- THU 6/25/20 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
ST. WILLIAM, AB • *EUCCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS*
7:00 AM Low Mass David T. – safety & health (*H.Y.*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
Benediction for feast of Eucharistic Heart
- FRI 6/26/20 OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART**
SS. JOHN & PAUL, MM • OPENING OF THE TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
8:00 AM Low Mass Sebastian Smith (*Collin Smith*)
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass Vocations to the priesthood (*Collin Smith*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
- SAT 6/27/20 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
VIGIL OF SS. PETER & PAUL
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Thanksgiving & special intentions (*Sarah Burns*)
8:05 AM Salve, Triduum, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for a special intention (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
- SUN 6/28/20 PENTECOST IV • ST. IRENAEUS, BPM**
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
9:00 AM High Mass In honor of St. Dymphna, St. Vitalis & Our Lady of Consolation – special intention (*Sarah Burns*)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Brockman Children & Spouses
4:45 PM First Vespers of Ss. Peter & Paul, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the conversion of my daughters (*Kevin & Theresa Weller*)

St. Anthony of Padua was not born a saint, but he became one as the result of prayer, self-denial and penance, which attracted to him God's many graces.

On a summer evening in the year 1219, five mendicant friars arrived at the gate of the ancient Abbey of Coimbra, asking for hospitality from the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. They received a whole-hearted welcome. When they had refreshed themselves, they revealed that they belonged to the new Religious Family founded by St. Francis of Assisi. They said that they hoped to reach Morocco, in order to convert the Saracens and, if it was God's pleasure, to receive the palm of Martyrdom. Amongst the Canons Regular, who were listening to them, was the youthful Anthony, who had already consecrated his life to God. (*To be continued*)



Blessed Lilies in honor of St. Anthony are available at sggresources.org.



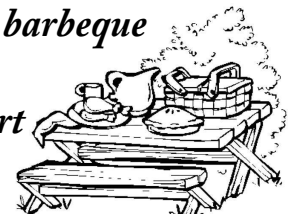
St. John's Eve

Tuesday, June 23

Mass at 5:45 followed by barbeque

& bonfire

Bring a side dish or dessert to share!



SERVERS

TUE 6/23 5:45 PM: MCs: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: C. Richesson CROSS: Na. McClorey ACs: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, M. & N. Kolenich

SUN 6/28 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, C. Richesson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: P. Omlor, J. Kolenich TORCH: T. & D. England, J. Stewart, C. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM Low: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller