

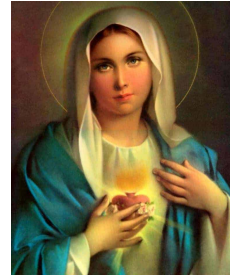
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



August 2, 2020

PENTECOST IX

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD

ST. STEPHEN I, PM

¶ PENTECOST IX

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. The second collection is to support our seminary. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Don't forget the "Little Church" in the vestibule, to receive your alms for Masses for poor priests!

¶ THIS WEEK

Monday's Mass opens the week with the Finding of St. Stephen's Relics, which was the divine impetus for devotion to the relics of the saints. **Tuesday's** St. Dominic shares the day with Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony (Summer Novena VIII). **First Wednesday** remembers St. Joseph as we honor his Spouse, Our Lady of the Snows. **First Thursday** calls us to Thabor for the Transfiguration. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 7:00 AM Mass and during the 8 AM Mass. With concluding Benediction, we offer prayers for our priests and seminarians. Together, that makes a beautiful morning Holy Hour. **First Friday** has its regular Reparation Holy Communion at one of the three Masses, and All Night Adoration. **Second Saturday** rather than First concludes the Eucharistic Vigil of Prayer, with two Masses and Benediction.

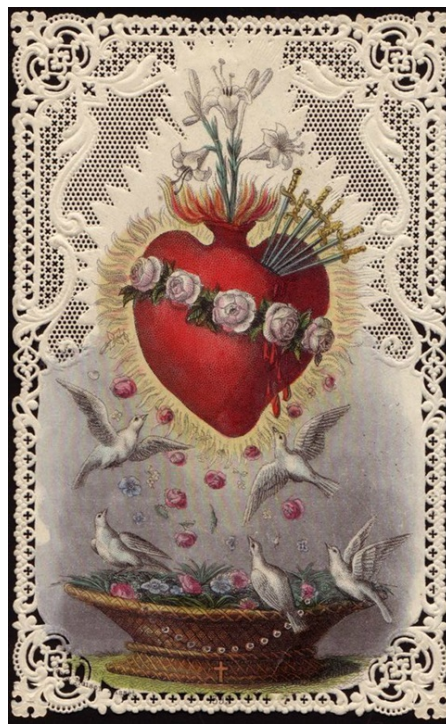
¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Joan Karian, and Jesse Stewart.

Lumen Christi

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

Thank you for answered prayers
(Anonymous)



"O humility, humility! Whenever I hear people making so much of difficult times, I cannot help but think they are lacking in this virtue.

"God does not need your works. What He needs is the resoluteness of your will."

— St. Teresa of Avila

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass

11:00 AM Confessions

11:25 AM Low Mass & Benediction

5:00 PM Exposition

5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:30 PM Novena & Benediction

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: The conversion of sinners through a true devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

There will be no Vespers next Sunday.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X. Second collect of St. John Vianney, third of St. Romanus. Trinity Preface.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 26th.....\$6,432.00



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prophetic Warning for the World Today

That the Eternal Sacrifice has a special timeliness for all ages and all people is well illustrated in today's Mass. The Gospel describes the scene on the Mount of Olives, whence Jesus of Nazareth once looked down with prophetic eye upon the decide city, Jerusalem. This was not merely a historic event of nineteen hundred years ago. Christ's words of warning have echoed down the centuries to every civilization that has likewise lusted after evil and crucified its Savior by rejecting the things that are God's. Especially in [the last] century, that prophetic warning has rung out many times across the world from the Mystic Christ, through His visible head on earth. For instance, at the beginning of World War II Pius XII, as he saw "the nations swept into the whirlpool of war," sorrowfully exclaimed: "It seems as though we ought to repeat to the world in His Name: 'If thou...hadst known...the things that are to thy peace; but now they are hidden from thine eyes.'" These *things* were not discerned, however, because the world as usual had refused to heed the Christ who had also spoken through His vicar a few years earlier from the Olivet of Vatican hill. Looking down like the Savior of old upon a decide world given up to the idolatry of riches and pleasures, Pius XI also wept as he exclaimed: "Woe to mankind if God, thus spurned by His creatures, allows in His justice free course to this devastating flood (of evil) and uses it as a scourge to chastise the world."

And what is this flood of evil which now more than ever threatens to overwhelm our world today?

Instead of the great law of love and human brotherhood, which embraces and holds in a single family all nations and peoples under one Father...there enters hatred, driving all to destruction. In public life sacred principles, which are to be the standard of all social intercourse, are trampled upon; the solid foundations of right and honesty, on which the state should rest, are undermined.... Thus we see today...the satanical banners of war against God and against religion brazenly unfurled to the winds in the midst of all people and in all parts of the earth.



Was it not just such a sight as this which Jesus saw as He looked down into the hearts of men that day from the Mount of Olives? For what has always brought upon the world this sentence of destruction—what else but its refusal to understand the only "ways that can bring (it) peace?"

THE COVIDS

Now, the Mask Wearing People had faces with masks.

The Open Face People refused and held fast.

Those masks did no good, 'cause the virus is small.

You might think such a thing wouldn't matter at all.

But, because they had masks, all the Mask Wearing People Would brag, "We're the kindest of all the Townsheeple!"

With their snoots in the air, they would sniff and they'd snort, "We'll have nothing to do with the Open Face sort!"

And, whenever they met some, when they were out walking, They'd whine and they'd moan, squealing and squawking.

When the Mask Wearing People went out to the mall, Could an Open Face enter the store? Not at all.

You only could shop if your faces had masks. Still the Open Face People refused and held fast.

The liberal despots demanded compliance. "Cover your faces!" In the name of fake science.

They lied and they threatened, without hesitation. "No life as before! Not without vaccination!"

When the Mask Wearing People had frankfurter roasts, Or picnics or parties or marshmallow toasts,

They'd socially distance, with ten persons or less. Signaling virtue, how their friends were impressed!

They kept loved ones away. Never let them come near. And that's how they rolled, with suspicion and fear.

It seemed rather hopeless. The wicked were winning. Looting, destroying and openly sinning.

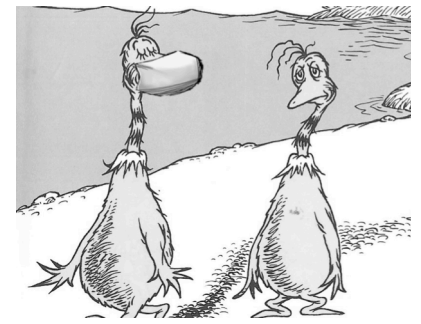
We looked for a leader, a man among men. To restore law and order, as once it had been.

But never it was, and it never will be. Until at long last, ALL the nations accede.

That Christ is Our King and the problem is man. We cannot fix this, but only He can.

So Open Face People, just remain unified. In faith, hope and love we have Truth on our side.

Fast, pray and battle, persecutions endured. The story's been written, the victory assured.



We tend to divide news between the good and the bad. But the truth is that the only bad is sin, which God, however, often permits for His good purposes. So, we're really in a win/win situation. Good to keep in mind these days of so much "bad news." How good is the good God!

The Boys Camp was another triumph following that of the Girls Camp. 38 boys joined **Fr. McKenna**, our four fine seminarians and a number of fathers for three great days of exercise and games, prayers and spirituality, good example and the forming of friendships. Thanks for your support for this important apostolate.

One happy development has been the continued participation of our St. Hugh fathers and sons in the Boys Camp, never stronger than this year. Both churches benefit, as well as our future Catholic men and leaders, of course.

Three of our seminarians return to Florida after a busy but also enjoyable month of vacation. They did a lot of work on vacation, and more awaits them at Most Holy Trinity, I am sure. **Mr. Thomas Ojeka** remains here to help us through the Assumption, for which we are grateful.

Fr. Cekada left the hospital healed of his chief complaints, but very much the worse for wear. Hospitals are funny places, aren't they? He's still very weak, and must now recommence (once again!) his physical therapy for walking, manual dexterity, and slowly building up his strength. He prays for patience and perseverance. As the Psalmist says, "I said, 'Now I start. This change is from the Right Hand of the Most High!'"

But we did enjoy some fine dinners this week. Always cheering, and such a practical help. Many thanks. The socializing, conversation and good cheer as we eat together around Fr. Cekada in his living room chair, does him great good.

The good news from the Sisters is that they have decided to establish a fully contemplative cloister. How much we need the prayers and penance of dedicated religious in our crazy days. Beckie Mattingly left the Sisters her house in her will. After protracted litigation with her family, the Sisters finally took possession of the house in the Spring, and successfully sold it. With the returns, they have purchased a house and a piece of land in rural Louisiana, where the dollar stretches far more than in greater Cincinnati. We will miss the good Sisters, but understand their decision. We know we may always count on their prayers.

Meanwhile, we busy "Martha souls" will try to pick up the slack. We'll need to organize the Sunday Catechism classes for starters. Any ideas? All help appreciated. Based on the poor participation of parents this past year, looks like we'll have to work on recruiting students as well as teachers.

Some parents treated registration as a kind of "union job." Sign up, but don't show up. The world is changing, that's for sure. I'm glad the Sisters will be praying for us.



Make a sacrifice to pray some extra this week, won't you? Prayer isn't only for nuns or priests. There's Tuesday's Novena, and Thursday's Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Most of all, First Friday, and the all night watch before the monstrance. Powerful prayer! Help us out.

Let us never forget, "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

– Bishop Dolan

THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT A COVID WORLD

Whatever the science and politics of Covid and of what the World Economic Forum chillingly refers to as "The Great Reset," whatever you believe and whatever is true, the tremendous good that can come in the aftermath of this worldwide series of events is undeniable and staring us right in the face.

Millions—no billions—of people have had their lives turned upside down. Some have faced almost no negative consequences, some have even benefited, but many more face, have faced, or will face in the near future, extreme hardship.

That means there is unprecedented opportunity to do good....

*...Pray for all those world controllers with misplaced and twisted utopian ideas or outright sinister motives, for the profiteers of vaccines and ventilators, for the billionaires who dream of a green, depopulated planet, for politicians who seemed to get sick pleasure in controlling our movements and putting us under house arrest, for the b***** who made people die alone and without funerals, for the social engineers who are revving up for yet more change; for the psychologists, intelligence agents, advertisers and other propaganda artists so diabolically effective at brainwashing and manipulating millions, for those at high levels of the economic food chain who bilked the masses, for everyone who has wrongfully profited from the vast Covid industry, for the ugly mobs of Communist vandals and looters and racially motivated haters. What they did is done. We cannot go back. May God forgive them and change them.*

Pray for those given over to mass media and its lies. Like drunks returning again and again to the bottle, they in some cases choose their mental slavery. They are addicted to fear and constant crisis. They love slavery and want it. They put their trust in government instead of God. Many right now are mentally deranged and delusional. There is nothing we can do for these people but pray for them and cultivate kindness toward them, remembering that we in many cases were once the same way and are still greatly flawed. You don't have to agree with someone politically to care for them or love them.

Let's pray for ourselves most of all that we not become obsessed, despairing, angry, irritable or otherwise unhinged or forget that the greatest problems we have are within ourselves....

No matter what our circumstances, even in just a few minutes a day, we can counter desolation and need with acts of love. We have power after all. God has not abandoned us and He sees everything we do.

– Excerpted from an article by Laura Wood

✠ CALENDAR

MON	8/3/20	FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR 8:00 AM Low Mass †Gus Kurtz – anniversary (<i>S. Kurtz</i>)
TUE	8/4/20	ST. DOMINIC, C <i>Summer Novena VIII follows all Masses</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass William Lewis (<i>Hunter Lumbatis</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Charles J. Bellavia (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>) ☞ 5:00 PM Low Mass †Peter Gebel (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
WED	8/5/20	DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS FIRST WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Therese Young (<i>Annie Fischer</i>) 8:00 AM High Mass For all those who prayed & had Masses for †Richard's soul ☞ 5:10 PM Low Mass In Thanksgiving to my Anonymous Benefactor (<i>Donna Patton</i>)
THU	8/6/20	THE TRANSFIGURATION • FIRST THURSDAY SS. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass Bishops, Priests, Seminarians & Sisters (<i>K/V</i>) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:55 AM First Thursday Holy Hour 8:00 AM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Devotions for the Sanctification of Priests, Benediction ☞ 11:25 AM Low Mass For our SGG Priests & Seminarians & Missions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar</i>)
FRI	8/7/20	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. CAJETAN, C • ST. DONATUS, BPM 8:00 AM Low Mass Grayson J. Kitchen & Cardiac Team (<i>Marge</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass †Rob Brockman (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>) First Friday Devotions & Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Fr. Bernard Gerhardt (<i>Andrea J. Reilly</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Devotions <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	8/8/20	SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM <i>FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS</i> 7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass †Peter Gebel: Month's Mind (<i>R. & R. Uhlenbrock</i>) 8:15 AM Devotions & Benediction 8:35 AM Low Mass †Sue Bryant – 4 th Anniversary of Death (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
SUN	8/9/20	PENTECOST X • ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C ST. ROMANUS, M • ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Mary Ann Field – Birthday (<i>Scott Field</i>) <i>NO Vespers</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass †Chuck Bellavia (<i>D. McClorey Family</i>)

✠ CATECHISM, COMMUNION, ADORATION

IMAGINE THEIR CATECHISM

David muses, “In some Muslim countries if a woman is caught in public not wearing her Niqab face mask she is assaulted, shamed and shunned. Looks like that is happening in the good old USA. Is a new Religion sweeping the country? If so, I have a name for it. ‘Muzzle-Ems.’”

Which, fortunately, begins with “M,” so we retain the alliteration in “Muzzle-em Morons.”

– Becky Akers

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

August 2020

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
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, Hunter Lumbatis
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, Bayer
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, Bayer
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Peter Eldracher
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, *Volunteer needed*
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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

When going to the Communion Rail, after the bell has rung at the communion of the priest, (if necessary, raise the kneeler quietly without banging it,) walk slowly, with eyes modestly cast down and hands folded reverently before the breast. Be careful so to hold the communion cloth that it forms a flat surface or table over which the priest will administer the Holy Communion. Raise the head moderately when he arrives, and keeping the eyes closed, protrude the tongue moderately from the mouth. Swallow the Sacred Host at the rail. Pause a moment in reverent adoration after receiving and then withdraw as you came. Never approach the altar without clean hands and face, and always remove gloves before receiving. Do not gaze about, nor permit children to do so.

SERVERS

SUN 8/9 7:30 AM **Low**: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **High**: MC: J. Lacy TH: C. Richesson ACs: P. Omlor, T. England
TORCH: S. Richesson, D. Simpson, D. England, C. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM **Low**: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
5:45 PM **Low**: G. Miller