



# 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 20, 2020

### SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY PENTECOST XVI • SS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM

#### ¶ SEVEN SORROWS SUNDAY

Sunday Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. The Blessing of the Sick will precede the Blessing of Expectant Mothers at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Out of respect for †Fr. Cekada, the **Parish Picnic has been cancelled**. First Vespers of St. Matthew with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ SEPTEMBER MARIAN MASSES

If you would like your intentions to be remembered for the last Marian feast, Our Lady of Ransom, envelopes are available in the vestibule. Fill them out and return them to the collection basket, bookstore, or office.

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ANGEL SUNDAY

The Blessing of Children for Angel Sunday will take place after all Masses. Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

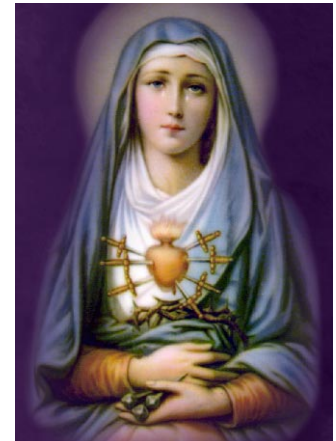
📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XVII, second collect of Ss. Cosmas & Damian. Trinity Preface.



#### Prayer to our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin,  
Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the overwhelming grief  
you experienced  
when you witnessed  
the martyrdom,  
the crucifixion  
and the death,  
of your divine Son,  
look upon me  
with eyes of compassion  
and awaken in my heart  
a tender commiseration  
for those sufferings,  
as well as a sincere  
detestation of my sins,  
in order that,  
being disengaged  
from all undue affection  
for the passing joys  
of this earth,  
I may sigh after  
the eternal Jerusalem  
and that, henceforward,  
all my thoughts  
and all my actions  
may be directed  
towards this one  
most desirable object,  
the honour,  
glory and love  
to our divine  
Lord Jesus,  
and to you,  
the Holy  
and Immaculate  
Mother of God.  
Amen

By St. Bonaventure  
(1217-1274)  
Doctor of the Church



#### ¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Mary McGuire, Jesse Stewart, Regina Gilliam, and all the intentions that have been recommended to us.

*By the cross of our salvation  
Mary stood in desolation,  
While the Savior hung above.  
All her human powers failing,  
Sorrow's sword, at last prevailing,  
Stabs and breaks her heart of love...  
Virgin Mary, full of sorrow,  
From your love I ask to borrow  
Love enough to share your pain.  
Make my heart to burn with fire,  
Make Christ's love my own desire,  
Who for love of me was slain.*

*"Most lovable name whose gentle invocation drives away fear at the hour of death, frightens the foe and sows peace in the hearts that venerate her..."*

— St. Anthony of Padua

**Congratulations** to Billy and Mary Rose Young on the baptism of their daughter, Elizabeth Elaine, today, September 20, 2020.



*"The spear which opened His side passed through the soul of the Virgin, which could not be torn from the heart of Jesus."*

— St. Bernard (1090-1153)

Mellifluous Doctor of the Church

Collection Report

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.....\$5,198.00

MARY'S PATIENCE

We also have our share of suffering and humiliation. It is useless to try and escape from it, useless to rebel against it. If we embrace the cross patiently and lovingly, as Jesus and Mary did, it will seem lighter, even welcome. If we attempt to cast it from us, it will weigh more heavily on our shoulders.

There are two kinds of men, those who bear their cross patiently and embrace it because they wish to be like Jesus, and those who do not want to suffer and rebel. The former may stagger beneath their daily burden, but they have peace of soul because they are putting into practice, the great Gospel precept: "By your patience, you will win your souls" (Lk 21:19). They know that they are on the path to Heaven and this thought is consolation, which cannot be taken from them. The second group of men rebel against the cross, and, therefore, suffer doubly, in body and in soul. "The senseless man," the Holy Spirit says, "loves not to be reproved" (Prov 15:12).

To which of these two categories do we belong? Do we love our cross, or do we carry it patiently, at least? Anyone who does not want the cross, does not want Jesus. Let the example of Mary and of the Saints inspire us. They always bore their burden patiently; they even looked for suffering and humiliation. If we cannot reach such heroic heights, let us at least accept, from the hands of Our Lord, the cross which He offers us. Let us accept the sufferings which we meet on the way of life. If we are not heroic enough to seek to be unknown and mortified, let us resolve to accept, patiently, the inevitable sorrows of life.

—Antonio Cardinal Bacci



O MOTHER OF SORROWS, STAND BY ME IN MY LAST AGONY

St. Gabriel Francis Possenti of Our Lady of Sorrows (1838-1862)



O Mother of Sorrows, by the anguish and love with which thou did stand at the Cross of Jesus, stand by me in my last agony. To thy maternal heart I commend the last three hours of my life. Offer these hours to the Eternal Father in union with the agony of our dearest Lord, in atonement for my sins. Offer to the Eternal Father the most precious blood of Jesus, mingled with your tears on Calvary, that I may obtain the grace of receiving Holy Communion with the most perfect love and contrition before my death and that I may breathe forth my soul in the adorable presence of Jesus. Dearest Mother, when the moment of my death has at last come, present me as your child to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive me for having offended Him, for I knew not what I did. Beg Him to receive me into His kingdom of glory to be united with Him forever. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE THE PIETA

Weeping Mother! all thy anguish  
Deeper than the deepest sea,  
All thy tears and soulful languish  
Crushed thy heart because of me!

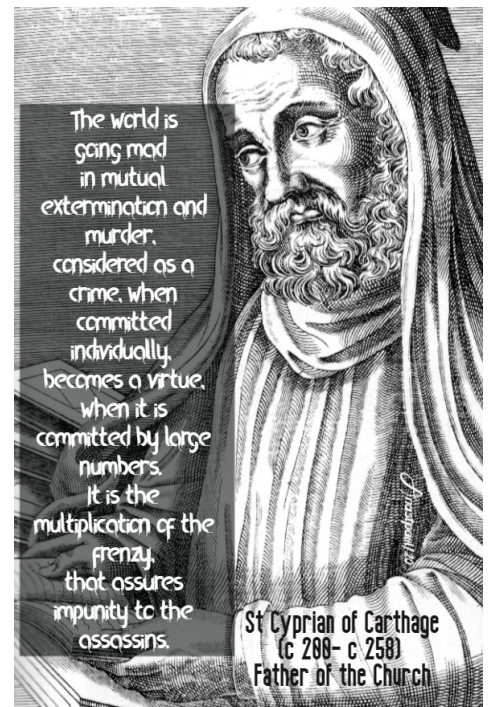
I with sin untold have driven  
This cruel sword into thy heart,  
But though time on time forgiven  
I neglected Magdalen's part.

Now repentant, list my pleading—  
I who drove that sharp sword there,  
I who caused thy grief exceeding—  
Mother! hearken to my prayer:

When the sword of sorrow spends me  
(And life's bitterness I feel)  
Help me clasp it though it rends me  
To my heart with bands of steel.

Mother! though my heart be riven,  
Help me suffer silently.  
Tears alone will open Heaven  
For a sinner such as me!

—Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.



"Near the cross stood His Mother,  
speechless; living she died;  
dying she lived."

—St. Alphonsus (1696-1787)

This past week flew by with tears and memories, intricate funeral plans and the thousand details which must be worked out at such a time. It is difficult to put everything, anything, into words, but the funeral went very well. I am grateful to God and His Mother, and to so many of you who helped and expressed condolences, worked, sang, served, prayed, kept watch and just “were there” at this time. You know this all means very much. God reward each of you, touched by the life of this great priest of God, and sorrowed at his passing. We shall not see his like again. One internet mourner described Fr. Cekada as “a world legend.” He is not far wrong.



The funeral on Thursday drew well over two hundred mourners. The long car procession to St. Stephen's Cemetery alone was so impressive. The music was magnificent, which would have rejoiced Fr. Cekada's heart. The ensemble made a splendid tribute as well as a historical gathering. Twelve priests and three bishops were present. I doubt we will ever see that again. Remember this day. As you remember Fr. Cekada, remember as well both to pray for his soul, and to ask him to pray for us, for our protection and perseverance, now and in the coming weeks.

I have the impression that Fr. Cekada's death marks the end of an era. Let us be ready for the next, fortified by the example of our fathers—and mothers—in the Faith. New challenges, changed conditions await us in the Brave New World of the Covid “Reset.” 9/11, the date of Father's death, marked the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what was the imposition of an utterly new worldwide tyranny and perpetual war. We have now entered into the next stage. We are in God's merciful hands. Let us at least try to stay united, for the foe does not recognize our little differences or divisions.

No picnic today. We are still mourning, and recovering from these events of September. But remember Rosary Sunday, its Mass, Procession and Breakfast. I thought this might be a good time to speak about our early history at St. Gertrude the Great. It is a glorious one, and should not be forgotten as we now turn the page.

May Our Lady of Sorrows, sweetest Comforter of the Afflicted, be our consolation now in our days of grief.

– Bishop Dolan

Dear Bishop Dolan,

Thank you for asking about us down here in our current plight! It has been quite a “learning experience” being in varying degrees of constant lockdown since March, after formerly enjoying freedom from tyranny. Apparently, Victoria has officially beaten the record for the longest lockdown (and Melbourne, in particular, being I think the most severe lockdown for most of those nearly six months).

What a great grace to be a Catholic during challenging times such as these! Despite the ongoing daily struggles: including some ludicrous Mask-ferals attacks, temptations to be sad about all that we have lost, and feelings of intimidation by what more might lie ahead before this has run its full course, I have been blessed with a profound sense of calm and peace, that only our Faith and trust in God—with His grace—can provide. We are most fortunate indeed to be children of the Light. The encouraging sermons provided by both you, and Fr. Eldracher, have been truly invaluable! And also for additional reasons, Fr. E. has been a veritable “port in a storm” to his entire congregation during this unique and onerous time. *Deo gratias!*

We have been following whatever information comes our way regarding Fr. Cekada's physical state, and have thus been keeping up the prayers. I understand this must be an extremely taxing and emotionally-difficult time for not just Father but for many of you there. If it's any consolation, the SGG clergy can be assured that there are countless Catholics all over the world who are praying and thinking about you all...and especially Fr. Cekada, whom so, so, so many of us owe an unspeakable debt of gratitude! May God bless and reward him.

## ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST



***Sunday, October 4th***

after the High Mass

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

**Keep & Sign your ticket for prize drawings**

## ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>9/21/20</b>	<b>ST. MATTHEW, APÉV</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Ryan Greenwell ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> ) (from 9/20) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> For the missions and for the poor ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/22/20</b>	<b>ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC</b> SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Charles Simpson ( <i>David Bayer</i> ) <i>N.B. No 8:00 AM Mass</i> <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †David Ostertag ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Hunter Lumbatis – success in seminary ( <i>Katie Zarlengo &amp; Anna Kolenich</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/23/20</b>	<b>ST. LINUS, PM • ST. THECLA, VM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Therese Young ( <i>Bill &amp; Terri Young</i> ) <i>N.B. No 8:00 AM Mass</i> <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Father Cekada ( <i>Alex McConnell</i> ) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> †Joan Landry – birthday ( <i>M. Sutton</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>9/24/20</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF RANSOM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers ( <i>The Fathers</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Thank you, Grandpa & Karen! ( <i>Levi &amp; Jacinta Giese</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Marian Intentions
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/25/20</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Irene Ulanowski ( <i>Colleen Eldracher</i> ) <b>11:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Bob, †Sally, & †Stephen Gregory ( <i>Colleen Eldracher</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> †Rose Wellman (Simpson) ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/26/20</b>	<b>SS. ISAAC JOGUES &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b> SS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM <b>7:15 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Phil & †Barbara (12yr anniversary) Schmelzer ( <i>Mike Briggs Family</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve &amp; Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM High Mass</b> †Pete Gebel & †Chuck Bellavia ( <i>Simpson family</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/27/20</b>	<b>PENTECOST XVII • ANGEL SUNDAY</b> SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM <i>ANGEL SUNDAY BLESSING FOLLOWS ALL MASSES</i> <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Mark Lotarski – Thank you! ( <i>Dave &amp; MaryAnn Marko</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> †Gary Amyx Month's Mind <b>10:40 AM Catechism Classes</b> <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> For our Godchildren – Simon, Vincent, Madison, & Taylor ( <i>Karen &amp; Paul Puglielli</i> ) <b>4:45 PM Vespers with Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



### FOR THE DYING

Jesus, Savior and Lover of souls, by the memory of Thine own agonizing death on the cross, have mercy upon all the dying. At every instant, sweet Jesus, some poor souls are trembling on the threshold of eternity, about to appear before Thy awful judgment. Have mercy on them all, with a most tender mercy, at this the hour of their greatest need.

Remember, dear Jesus, the awful price which Thou hast paid for their redemption. Remember the anguish of Thine agony in the Garden, the bloody sweat with which Thou didst bedew the ground, the pang of Thy betrayal, the insolence and cruelty of Thine executioners, the mockery of Thy trial, the torture of Thy scourging, the weariness and suffering of Thy Way of the Cross! Oh, by these holy memories, help the souls of the dying!

Remember, most good and merciful Jesus, the anguish of Thy crucifixion, the bitterness of Thy dereliction, Thy thirst and sufferings, and Thy agonizing death, and help and heal the souls of the departing. Give them strength, dear Lord, at the last hour. Give them love and sorrow. Sustain them by Thy holy graces; deliver them from the attacks of the enemy. We ask it of Thee through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Thy Mother, and of all Thine angels and saints. Amen.

#### CONFRATERNITY ENROLLMENTS

**Enrollments** into the **Rosary Confraternity** will take place one Sunday in October. If you are interested, contact the office ([parishoffice@sgg.org](mailto:parishoffice@sgg.org), 513-645-4212). The **only obligation** of the Rosary Confraternity is to pray fifteen decades of the rosary each week. (This does not bind under sin.)

#### Benefits of the Rosary Confraternity:

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.

#### Servers

**SUN 9/27** 7:30 AM **Low**: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM **High**: **CHAPLAINS**: P. Omlor, J. Lacy **TH**: D. Simpson **ACs**: C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence **TORCH**: C. VanderPutten, M. & J. Kolenich, C. McGinnis  
11:30 AM **Low**: A.D. Kinnett, Na. McClurey  
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION**: G. Miller  
5:45 PM **Low**: G. Miller