



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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September 27, 2020

PENTECOST XVII

ANGEL SUNDAY • Ss. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM



¶ ANGEL SUNDAY

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

¶ THIS WEEK

Good King Wenceslaus is **Monday's** saint. **Tuesday** is the feast of the Dedication of St. Michael, Archangel, and **Wednesday** the great Doctor of the Church, St. Jerome. The month of the Holy Rosary opens on **First Thursday**, as do our October Devotions. We pray for all our priests. **First Friday** is the great feast of the Guardian Angels. **First Saturday** comes the "Little Flower," St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

¶ 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!

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

- 8:00 AM Low Mass
- 10:50 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.*



O most powerful angel, thou who art my guardian, I beseech thee, by the sovereign hatred thou hast for sin because it offends God, Whom you love with a pure and perfect love, obtain for me a sincere and lasting sorrow for my sins and an implacable hatred against all sin, of what kind soever, so that I may never more offend my God, till the last moment of my life. And this special intention of virtue which I make unto thy prayer (the special virtue you desire). Pater. Ave. Gloria Patri.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

- 7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
- 7:30 AM High Mass
- 8:15 AM Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
- 8:40 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 4:30 PM with Benediction.

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



¶ OUR SICK

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

Congratulations

to Levi and Jacinta Giese on the baptism of their son, Anthony John, on Sunday, September 20, 2020.



Collection Report

Sunday, September 20th\$4,475.00
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. MICHAEL IN TIME OF PEACE

Four offices are given to the Archangel Michael by Christian tradition—namely, to fight against Satan; to rescue souls from his power, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of God’s people, whether Jews in the Old Law or Christians in the New; and to call men’s souls from earth and bring them to Judgment. All through the Middle Ages he was the patron of the Church and of knights. The Greek Liturgy styles him “highest general;” but the early Christians regarded some of the martyrs as their military patrons, and entrusted the care and protection of their sick or wounded to St. Michael. He was the miraculous healer and the Angel of Peace, who calmed and soothed, consoled and comforted when the clash of arms had died away and blood no longer flowed. Indeed, at the place where he was first venerated in Phrygia his prestige as angelic healer obscured his interposition in military affairs.

His position as a celestial physician is also recognized in the Eternal City, where he appeared over the Moles Hadriani (Castel di S. Angelo) in 950, during the passage of the procession ordered by Pope St. Gregory, to procure the cessation of the plague then devastating Rome. Upon the appearance of St. Michael the scourge vanished. Boniface IV caused a church of St. Michael to be erected on the site of this apparition. At Monte St. Michel, in France, the saint’s feast is kept on the 18th of October, the anniversary of the dedication of the first church erected there in his honor. Monte St. Michel is, before all else, the sailors’ sanctuary—*St. Michaelis in periculo maris*.

In pagan times many German mountains were consecrated to the god Wotan. Christianity ousted Wotan and enthroned St. Michael in his place, which is why so many shrines and chapels of St. Michael are to be

found perched among the mountains of the Fatherland today.

The apparition of St. Michael at his sanctuary on Monte Gargano restored his glory as patron of war. But when the day of battle is done, it is well for us to remember that he is also the Angel of Peace and the angelic healer, to whom we are invited to turn with confidence, in order that he may bind our wounds and bring balm to our suffering hearts.

– M. Barry O’Delany



Wedding  Banns
First time:
Steven Cerise & Victoria Kiernan



Lumen Christi

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

Tom & Anna Gardner children
(Thomas Gardner)

MY ANGEL

The glory we share
 Is the Face you clearly see.
 You fight my invisible foe,
 The anger that flares
 From who knows where?
 You counter the dagger glare—
 Oh the crossfire in my soul!
 There you go—
 Giver of good thoughts,
 Catalyst and companion
 Constant in kind deeds,
 Guardian Angel,
 Free and faithful
 Deputy.

– Rita Simmonds



THE STAR GARDEN

The lovely flowers of daytime
 Are not closed up at night,
 But carried by God’s angels
 To make His garden bright.

Nor do they fade in Winter,—
 These sweet ones cannot die;
 God bids His angels pick them,
 And place them in the sky.

– E. Merryweather



Friday was a ferial day, a welcome rest in the midst of the so many feasts September brings, as well as the “feast of sorrow” which has been ours all this month. But the innocent children, whose sweet singing again resounds at the school Mass, refresh and restore us as we strive to give it all to God, joys and sorrows, our sacrifices united with His at Calvary, at the altar. After all, to go up to the altar of God is to have our youth rejoiced.



Ten days, somebody said, of beautiful September weather, but the rainless weather does leave everything dry. Never mind, soon the rains will return to usher in a cooler October, and soon this incredible year of loss and gain will be ushered out. The ending will be good if enough will pray. Remember, *that's our job*. For this we have been given peace and freedom here beyond the berm, at St. Gertrude the Great. It may be that our prayers will yet be heard, but **your** prayers *will* be heard by God who sees and rewards—or punishes—all. Pray.

So, first to the angels, whose seven choirs of countless celestial “prayer warriors” surround us, and crowd around the altar in adoration. St. Michael’s Solemn Mass is Tuesday. The Guardian Angels’ turn comes First Friday. Take your turn that night adoring. It’s your job. This is why God spared us, and spares us still.

Then the Saints come marching in the next fortnight, led by the “greatest saint of modern times,” St. Therese. Humble St. Francis ducks behind the Dominican Rosary next Sunday, Rosary Sunday. I pray it is a glorious, triumphant feast, for the Rosary is *the* weapon we must wield for victory. After the High Mass and the Blessing of Roses comes the Procession, and then the traditional “Communion Breakfast.”

I thought now might be a good time, since the times are so quickly changing, to go over the “old days,” our foundation years of the late Seventies and the Eighties at St. Gertrude the Great. It’s quite a story. I hope you can join us!

Time to crank up the Family Rosary, isn’t it? We’ll be praying the daily Rosary in church. Fr. Martin Gomez of Dos Rios, Veracruz, Mexico, tells me he prays a *daily* Rosary with his devout parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Often this year he offered this devotion for us here, and especially Fr. Cekada. See, we *are* surrounded and united with prayers. Be part of it.

But at least *teach* your children “the words,” and the best way to do that is to repeat them daily, to pray together. You won’t regret it!

May the Angels bless our children and guide their guides. That would be us.

– Bishop Dolan

In the 60s, the KGB did some fascinating psychological experiments.

They learned that **if you bombard human subjects with fear messages nonstop, in two months or less most of the subjects are completely brainwashed to believe the false message.**

To the point that **no amount of clear information they are shown, to the contrary, can change their mind.**

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

October 2020

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, *Volunteer needed*

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, *Volunteer needed*

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: Bill Herman, Joseph Simpson

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, John Riggs

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212



“Whoever you are, who love the Mother of God, take note and reflect with all your innermost feelings upon her, who wept for the Only-Begotten as He died... The grief she felt in the Passion of her Son, goes beyond all understanding.”
– St. Amadeus of Lausanne

A DEEP-ROOTED LOVE

The love of a Catholic for the Blessed Virgin is so deep-rooted that, as a rule, it is almost the last thing of which Satan is able to deprive him. It is in the supernatural order what a mother's love is in the natural order—the first thing a child learns, the very last that he forgets. Bishop Grimes, of New Zealand, in a recent pastoral, quotes Luther's astounding commentary on Mary's prophecy,—a commentary which is, perhaps, its most striking fulfillment:

The Blessed Virgin meant to proclaim that her worship should last from generation to generation. There should never be a time which should not resound her praises. This is what she declares by the words, "Behold, from henceforth all generations"—that is, from this moment is to begin that course of uninterrupted praise which shall last for all ages. As to the word "blessed," it is worthy of remark that the Greek makaria has a wider signification than "call blessed;" for it means "make blessed" or "beautify." So that we should honor Mary not only with the lips and voice, by genuflections, salutations, the

erecting of statues, temples, and edifices; but we must honor her really and truly, with our whole heart and from the very depths of our soul.

After that of Luther, the names of Huss and Wyckliffe are most familiar to Protestant ears; but it would doubtless be a great surprise to many of our separated brethren to learn—the fact is vouched for by the Calvinist historian, La Roque—that John Huss to his dying day was a firm and unflinching advocate of devotion to the Blessed Virgin. As for Wyckliffe, his writings leave no room for doubt that he believed in the invocation of saints, honored their images, and venerated Christ's Mother as their Queen and the advocate of sinners.

It is a curious fact that, while doing their utmost to undermine Christian dogmas, apostates often cling with firmness to devotion to Mary; and that when this devotion is utterly lost, the moral law is openly derided and defied. — *The Ave Maria*



The image of Mary the Mother of God, whether graven exteriorly or, still better, inwardly impressed upon our imaginations and hearts, is something which, once known, for our soul's health we can never consent to forgo.
— Joseph Rickaby, S.J.

Psst: Do you know our story? Time to pass it on!



**ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, October 4th

after the High Mass

**Bishop Dolan will speak about the early history of
St. Gertrude the Great.**

\$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

FRANZ JÄGERSTÄTTER

Franz Jägerstätter was an Austrian farmer, husband, father, and Nazi resister. He was executed in 1943 because his conscience forbade him to serve in the German army, to take an oath of obedience to Hitler, or to cooperate in any way with the Nazi war machine. He maintained his position even against the common opinion of the Catholic Church in Austria and Germany (and numerous priests who tried thus to counsel him) that Catholics could fight for their country without endorsing or participating in the evil intentions of the Nazi regime. Franz never spoke against those who fought or the hierarchy who authorized them. Rather, he held himself accountable for the particular grace God had given him, the prophetic insight that solidified his conviction that the Nazi regime was antithetical to the Gospel and that its war of conquest and plunder was unjust.

But the early life of this Austrian peasant showed little sign of the luminous solitary heroism for which he is celebrated today. Franz was born in 1907 in the small Austrian village of Sankt Radegund. After a basic education, he took up farming the land he would eventually inherit, and also took his place among the boisterous young men of the village. When they weren't working, these fellows played cards, engaged in sports, danced, and got into fights among themselves or with the youth of neighboring villages. Above all, they sought the company of young women. Franz was popular and had a bit of daring in those days. Like everyone in the area, he was a Catholic of ordinary observance, but by age twenty he was becoming restless. He lapsed from the practice of his faith for a while, went to work for wages in the iron mines in Eisenherz, and returned after three years riding his own motorcycle (a first for the

village).

Now back to church, and occasionally making pilgrimages to the nearby Marian shrine at Altötting, Franz had not entirely lost his "wild streak." In 1933, he fathered a child with one of the local women. (Though he was unable to marry the mother, he remained attentive to his eldest daughter for the rest of his life.) After this liaison, Franz realized that he wanted to commit to settling down on the farm and living his faith with more consistency. He realized that he needed a companion to share every aspect of life. On April 9, 1936, he married Franziska Schwaninger, a devout Catholic from Hochburg. There was some great grace and some hidden beauty in this relationship that marked a radical transformation in his life. After they returned from a honeymoon-pilgrimage in Rome, villagers noticed that he had changed. The lovable, fun, troublemaking youth had more than matured; he was going to weekday Masses and receiving Communion frequently with his wife, studying the Bible, and developing firm convictions right around the time Austria "joined" Hitler's "Greater Germany." His conversion to a deeper faith corresponded to the beginning of his refusal to capitulate to Hitler or participate in the Nazi regime's social program. It was the beginning of a witness that would ultimately separate him from his wife and daughters, his village, and his own life—so that he might remain faithful to Christ and attain eternal life.

—John Janaro

The real conspiracy theorists believe that the government cares about them, the media would never mislead or lie to them and the pharmaceutical industry that makes billions off sickness wants to cure them.

CONFRATERNITY ENROLLMENTS

Enrollments into the **Rosary Confraternity** will take place on **Sunday, October 11**, after the High Mass. If you are interested, contact the office. The **only obligation** of the Rosary Confraternity is to pray fifteen decades of the rosary **each week**. (This does not bind under sin.)

For those who cannot attend:

For those who would like to be enrolled but who live too far away to come, you may still join the Confraternity. You will need a priest to perform the enrollment ceremony, and then send a form in to us, with yours and the priest's names, the date and location, and you will be recorded as enrolled.

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.



"Her Son will deny her nothing that she asks, and herein lies her power. While she defends the Church, neither height nor depth, neither men nor evil spirits, neither great monarchs, nor craft of man, nor popular violence, can avail to harm us; for human life is short, but Mary reigns above, a Queen forever."

—John Henry Newman



MON	9/28/20	ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Paul O'Connor, †Rose Wellman (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Briggs</i>)
TUE	9/29/20	DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL 7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Joseph Young (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Our Children & Grandchildren (<i>K/V</i>) 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan – Thanksgiving (<i>Mary Christensen</i>)
WED	9/30/20	ST. JEROME, CD 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>David Bayer</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom & Dad! (<i>The Gieses</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Robert Brockman (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Joan Landry (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
THU	10/1/20	FIRST THURSDAY • ST. REMIGIUS, BPC 7:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Jason Murray</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada & Poor Souls (<i>Tim Hopkins</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 3:10 PM Rosary
FRI	10/2/20	FIRST FRIDAY • THE GUARDIAN ANGELS 8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving for holy friendships (<i>C. Reynolds</i>) 10:50 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Holy Souls, St. Joseph & St. Anthony (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Rose Wellman (Simpson) (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & First Friday Devotions All Night Adoration
SAT	10/3/20	FIRST SATURDAY ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, V 7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM High Mass †Ronald E. Kitchen (<i>Marge</i>) 8:15 AM First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, First Saturday Meditation 8:40 AM Low Mass Church & Country (<i>Dolores Ritze</i>) After Mass: Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	10/4/20	ROSARY SUNDAY • PENTECOST XVIII ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, C 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Frank, Rose & Malia Beckerich</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For all the Members of the Rosary Confraternity, living & deceased 10:30 AM Rosary Procession, followed by Confraternity Breakfast

The protective presence of our Angel will culminate in our final hour and our death. Then our guardian angel will stand guard over the mortality that is ours. He will be the valiant knight warding off the assaults of the malevolent dragon to ensure us a good death, that is, a death opening onto blessed Life rather than the dreaded second death. Finally, when we have breathed our last, it is our guardian angel who will take our soul in his hands and bear it up to the bosom of God.

“O my most holy guardian angel, never forsake me until the last moment of my life, that my soul may then be borne up on your wings to find eternal peace among the elect.” – *St. Gertrude the Great*



Covid Craziiness

President of Tanzania Dr. John Magufuli spoke in a press conference about the crazy results of a goat, a papaya and a sheep that had tested positive for CoVid-19.

He then fired the head of the laboratory who was responsible for the test evaluation.

A German children’s charity got laboratory tests done on one of the masks typically sold in shops, after it had been worn by a child in school for 8 (!) hours. Result: 82 bacterial colonies and 4 mold (fungoid) colonies.



The Church is intolerant in principle because she believes; she is tolerant in practice because she loves. The enemies of the Church are tolerant in principle because they do not believe; they are intolerant in practice because they do not love.

– *Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.*

The essence of modernity is that nothing is sacred.

SERVERS

THU 9/29 11:25 AM SOL:HIGH: MC1: D. McConnell MC2: M. Simpson TH: C. Richesson ACs: N. McClorey, A. McConnell CROSS: D. Simpson TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson & Volunteers

SUN 10/4 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, C. Richesson MC: J. Lacy TH: M. Simpson ACs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson CROSS: T. England TORCH: J. Kolenich, D. England, J. & B. McGinnis, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence
 11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller



11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Billy Young & family (*T. Bayer*)
4:30 PM Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great