

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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May 16, 2021

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION ST. UBALDUS, BPC • ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M • ST. BRENDAN, C



¶ SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

All of our *children* who are Confirmation candidates must attend an *obligatory Day of Recollection* on **Thursday, May 20th**. The day begins at **9:00 AM**. Please bring a lunch. Children should be in Sunday clothes and have a prayer book and rosary with them. The day concludes with Benediction at 2:50 PM.

¶ VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 22nd, the Vigil of Pentecost, is a day of *fast and partial abstinence*. You are invited to the beautiful Vigil of Pentecost Mass and **ceremonies of Confirmation**. The Vigil begins at 8:00 AM, the Mass closer to 9:30. After Mass, there will be the enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos. *Those who assist at the Vigil and Mass may consider themselves as dispensed from the Fast, but all may eat meat only once, at the principal meal.*

St. Antoninus says that the prayers of Mary have the force of command with Jesus Christ. Hence he concludes, that it is impossible for the Son not to grant a grace for which the Mother asks.

St Basil the Great (329-379) Father and Doctor of the Church



Simple in Himself, the Spirit is manifold in His mighty works. The whole of His being is present to each individual, the whole of His being is present everywhere.

Though shared in by many, He remains unchanged, His self-giving is no loss to Himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea and yet is enjoyed by each person, as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth His grace in full measure, sufficient for all and yet, is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive Him. To all creatures that share in Him, He gives a delight, limited only by their own nature, not by His ability to give.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Rick Woods, Tim Hopkins, Fr. Baumberger, Mary Lois Themann, and Esther.

O Virgin without peer, be with me in danger and trial.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 9th.....\$6,678.00

¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, two weeks from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices these next two weeks for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

O Virgin, model of every virtue, I kneel at your feet.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost. There will be no Sunday Classes. Pentecost Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Feast of Pentecost. Preface of Pentecost.



POWERFUL SACRAMENTALS

After the triumph of the Church, the great doctor, St. Athanasius, thus expressed his own convictions and confidence in reference to this important subject: "The sign of the cross," he says, "has the power of dispelling all the secret charms of magic, and of rendering harmless all the deadly draughts it employs. Let any one but try what I say; let him make the sign of the cross in the midst of the demons, and of pretended oracles, and magical spells; let him invoke the name of Christ, and he will see for himself how the devils fly from this sign and this name, how the oracles are struck dumb, and how magic and its philters lose their power!"

So that this power of *the cross* is, at the same time, an *historical truth*, and a *dogma of our faith*; and it is only because our faith is weak, that we so seldom have recourse to it, and so seldom experience help from it. The snares of Satan are laid for us on every side; we are surrounded by dangers both of soul and body: let us imitate the early Christians and defend ourselves by making a *more frequent* use of the sign of the cross. Will the happy time ever come again for our country when we shall...not be insulted for wearing it openly on our breast besides loving it secretly in our heart?

...It must be profitable to us to use with faith the medal of St. Benedict on occasions when we have reason to fear the snares of the enemy. Its protection will infallibly prove efficacious in every kind of temptation. Numerous and undeniable facts attest its powerful efficacy on a thousand different occasions, in which the faithful had reason to apprehend a danger, either from the direct agency of Satan, or from the effects of certain evil practices. We may also employ it in favor of others as a means of preserving or delivering them from

dangers, which we foresee are threatening them. Unforeseen accidents may happen to us on land or on sea; let us carry about us this holy medal with faith and we shall be protected. ...The wicked spirits, in their hatred of man, sometimes...infest the various articles of nourishment which the same Providence has given to us. Or again, it is not unfrequently the case that our bodily sufferings are caused or protracted by the influence of these our cruel enemies. Experience has proved that the medal of St. Benedict, made use of with a proper intention and with prayer, has frequently broken the snares of the devil, procured a visible improvement in cases of sickness, and sometimes even effected a complete cure.

– Dom Gueranger,
"The Medal of St. Benedict"



VISIT THE BOOKSTORE

The *Bible in Pictures*, *Pictorial Lives of the Saints* or a combat rosary would make an excellent Confirmation gift. We have all in supply.

We have new greeting cards for the low price of \$2 for a large card and \$1 for small cards. Different designs for weddings, Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Catechisms are back in stock. Find the *Catechism of the Council of Trent*, and *My Catholic Faith*—a wonderful book with many illustrations that make reading about the faith a joy.

Catholic gift giving ideas and more can be found in the bookstore, and outside on the movable stand.

"There was never a pandemic, and the shot in the arm isn't a vaccine."

G.K. Chesterton was fascinated by the thought of a woman crowned queen of the angelic host. Man has been made "a little lower than the angels;" yet the Son of Man Who is God, had a human mother, and her the angels worship. Yet still she is ours, he boasted as he wrote:

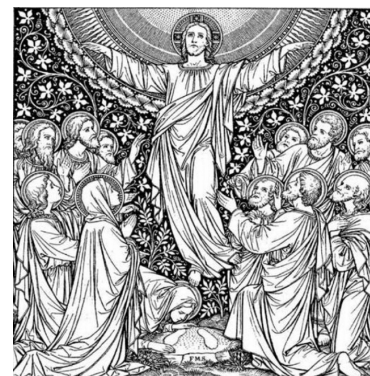
THE CROWNING OF MARY

"Our Lady went into a strange country,
Our Lady, for she was ours
And had run on the little hills behind the houses
And pulled small flowers;
But she rose up and went into a strange country
With strange thrones and powers.

"Our Lady went into a strange country
And they crowned her for a queen,
For she needed never to be stayed or questioned
But only seen;
And they were broken down under unbearable beauty
As we have been.

"Our Lady wears a crown in a strange country
The crown He gave,
But she has not forgotten to call her old companions,
To call and crave;
And to hear her calling a man might arise and thunder
On the doors of the grave."

– G.K. Chesterton
Chesterton again for the Corner this week. A great Catholic convert, who seems so up to date these days.



Quite a week, last week. With so much happening, one would almost forget the weather. But it too is part of God's plan. We began in dark and rain, with thunder and lightning during the High Mass. This necessitated Plan "B," the very reason why we have a cloister. So, we went around the church with our May hymns and the Blessed Mother and the First Communion children, blessed to be crowning Our Lady of Fatima. We then passed dry-shod through the cloister, and returned to church for the coronation. In America, it is customary for an innocent daughter of Eve to crown the New Eve our Queen. Really a most beautiful Mass and May Crowning.

The successive days brightened considerably, with frosty mornings giving way to sunny afternoons, the very picture of "the fairest of seasons, sweet May." We were cheered by the weather to perform our three-day Rogation duty, a sweet obligation to knock insistently on Heaven's door for help, enlisting the assistance of all the saints as we chanted the litanies.

Ascension Thursday was a real *holy* day, one of the Fathers noted. We spent the morning in church. The school children, still strong after three days of processing, sang beautifully for the High Mass. Michael extinguished the Paschal Candle after the Gospel, and Our Lord ascended into Heaven.

Later we adjourned for a fine meal, but soon reconnoitered in the sacristy to plan with Paddy our Vespers, Exposition and Low Mass. A closing prayer sent us on our way to Union Center Blvd. and the first of our Fatima Rosary Processions for peace. It was a beautiful evening, and we opened this annual devotion, rather than closed it, with a record attendance. Dominic and John counted in the high eighties. We'll say ninety. Now to continue this new tradition...

Continuous prayer has always marked our church life, and the need was never greater. The Guardian Angel of Portugal urged the three seers of Fatima to pray! for the conversion of their country, then in the throes of a Masonic/Communist revolution. Sound familiar? Pray! There seems to be some relief, some increasing popular awareness of the issues. This should animate and encourage us, but never make us think it's soon "back to normal." The hour is late, our prayer is our bulwark and support.

Among the Fifth Century portents and disasters which inspired the penitential Rogation Processions were the usual earthquake, fire, plague and famine...and "wild beasts in the marketplace." I discovered that the wild beasts referred to were deer. They appeared Tuesday morning in my garden. It was a Rogation Day, feast of their founder St. Mamertus, as well. Quite a coincidence. The beasts didn't seem too disastrous. They nibbled a bit at some bark, and were on their way.

This church week begins quietly but fervently as we continue our Pentecost Novena along with May Devotions. The First Communicants come on Thursday for their

Recollection, and return on Saturday for their Confirmation. Pray for them. Remember that there are **no evening services on Friday**, as we prepare for the Pentecost Pontifical the next day. Join us if you can. It's our last bit of Holy Week, a mini Easter Vigil as the long Paschal Season closes, and gives way to Summer. Sunday is Pentecost, "the Fiftieth Day." The Holy Ghost comes not only to conclude the work begun at the end of January, but to bring to perfection the precious work of God in you, His adopted child.

Remember the Holy Ghost's gift of Knowledge and ask for it in abundance. May Mary, Spouse of the Spirit, intercede for you.

– Bishop Dolan

P.S. St. Michael the Archangel is back on duty, looking better than ever. We appreciate the help, angelic and human both.



CATECHISM CORNER

We must not wrong our neighbor in his character or good name, by calumny, detraction, or rash judgment; or on his honor by reproaches or affronts; or rob him of his peace of mind, by scoffs or contempt; or of his friends, by carrying stories backwards and forwards. In all such cases, whosoever wrongs his neighbor is obliged to make reparation or satisfaction.

A TIMELY PRAYER TO THE MARTYRS

Sleep your sleep of Peace, O holy Martyrs! Rest yet a little time, till your fellow-servants and brethren, who are to be slain, even as you, shall be filled up (Apoc. vi. II). The number has been added to in every century; but the world is now near its end, and its last period is to be rich in Martyrdom. When the reign of the Man of Sin (II. Thess. ii. 3) begins its course, and the final tempest rages against the bark of holy Church, then, O Martyrs of Christ, protect the Christian people, in return for the yearly tribute of honor that it has paid to your venerable names. Pray also for us, who are living during these sad times, whose miseries seem like the distant howling of the storm that is to precede the end of the world. Strengthen our hearts, O holy Martyrs! and whatever may be the lot prepared for us by Providence, obtain for us, that we may be faithful to Him, Who would be to us, what He has been to you, the Resurrection and the Life. (St. John xi. 25)

MON	5/17/21	ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C • NOVENA 4 8:00 AM Low Mass Henry Sieverding (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass, Pentecost Novena †George Koeppl birthday (1906-2004) (<i>Nathalie & Joe Andreotta</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/18/21	ST. VENANTIUS, M • NOVENA 5 7:00 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt 8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Nikki Lehman</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass, Pentecost Novena †Rob Brockman – 1 st Anniversary (<i>Jane Brockman & Family</i>) (from 5/9) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Harry Karian (<i>Joan Karian</i>)
WED	5/19/21	ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC • NOVENA 6 ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Helen Rose Smith (<i>Edward W. Smith</i>) (rescheduled from 5/14/21) 11:25 AM High Mass, Pentecost Novena †Frank Beckerich (<i>Jeanine & Patty Holtz</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:15 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Simpson – Congratulations! (<i>Hunter Lumbatis</i>)
THU	5/20/21	OCTAVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION • NOVENA 7 ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C CONFIRMATION DAY OF RECOLLECTION 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (SV) (<i>K/V</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 9:00 AM Opening of the Day of Recollection 11:25 AM High Mass †H.O. Hinton (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) Pentecost Novena 2:50 PM May Devotions & Closing Benediction
FRI	5/21/21	FERIAL DAY • NOVENA 8 7:00 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great (from 5/9/21) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Alfred Martin, 10 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society Exposition, Pentecost Novena, May Devotions & Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction No Evening Services
SAT	5/22/21	VIGIL OF PENTECOST <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> NOVENA 9 • ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W 7:50 AM May Devotions, Closing of Pentecost Novena 8:00 AM Pentecost Vigil 9:30 AM (approx.) High Mass For Our Confirmands followed by Confirmations
SUN	5/23/21	PENTECOST SUNDAY 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Our family & Godchildren (<i>Dan & Mary</i>) 9:00 AM Veni Creator & High Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Ed & Mary Louise Richesson</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Kathryn St. Denis – Apr. 9 birthday (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)

ST. ERIC



Sweden, at present, contains very few Catholics; though it was once a Catholic country, and gave several saints to the Church. Among these is St. Eric. He was one of the great men of the country: a king, a law-giver, a warrior, and a sage. He occupied the throne of Sweden when the neighboring States, Finland and Denmark, were eagerly looking out for war, and for new territory to grab. It fell to Eric to meet both on the field of battle. The Finns he met first, and vanquished them. But he loved peace rather than war, and wept when he saw the corpses of the pagans whom he had sent before God unbaptized. Accordingly, he sought no more war, but gave himself to prayer and meditation and the relief of the poor. This last was his chief delight; and not only by alms but by wise and fatherly laws did he minister to the wants of the needy.

He was, however, again compelled to take up the sword, this time against the Danes. When told during Mass that his enemies were approaching, he did not hurry, but calmly awaited the conclusion of the Holy Sacrifice. When it was finished, he, like a good soldier of Christ, went out with his guards to meet the foe. He fought till overpowered by superior numbers; and then fell, horribly maltreated by his murderers. His name is still popular in Sweden, and his feast is a national holiday. But the Mass is honored there no more, and the beautiful cathedral erected at Upral to the memory of the royal martyr is in Protestant hands. St. Eric died May 18, 1151.

St. Antoninus, 1459: "In the case in which the pope would become a heretic, he would find himself, by that fact alone and without any other sentence, separated from the Church. A head separated from a body cannot, as long as it remains separated, be head of the same body from which it was cut off. A pope who would be separated from the Church by heresy, therefore, would by that very fact itself cease to be head of the Church. He could not be a heretic and remain pope, because, since he is outside of the Church, he cannot possess the keys of the Church."

SERVERS

THE PONTIFICAL MASS SERVERS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY WILL BE POSTED IN THE SACRISTY.

SUN 5/23	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great