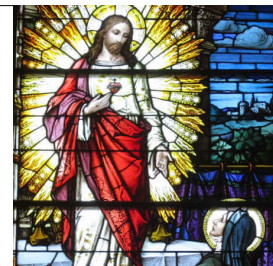


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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June 20, 2021
PENTECOST IV
FATHER'S DAY • ST. SILVERIUS, PM



¶ PENTECOST IV

Today we begin our **congregational singing** for the High Mass. He who sings prays twice! Thank you for your assistance. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

Happy
Father's
Day



¶ ST. JOHN'S EVE

Join us this Wednesday evening (June 23rd) for Mass, Vespers, a BBQ & potluck supper, good company and the blessing of the St. John's Fire. The church will provide hotdogs, beverages, and the marshmallows. We ask that you bring a salad or a dessert to share. If you have folding lawn chairs please feel free to bring those along too! The schedule for the evening is as follows: **5:45 PM:** Vigil Mass, BBQ & Potluck Supper, visiting and informal games. **8:30 PM:** Lighting and Blessing of St. John's Bonfire, followed by songs for sure, and a marshmallow roast. After dark the Rosary concludes the Vigil and festivities.

Lumen Christi

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

Family & friends to return to the Faith
(Maggie Fieser)



¶ THIS WEEK

"Je me souviens," "I remember," is the motto of French Canada, which celebrates its patronal feast on **Thursday**—the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. So, *remember* this week. Remember, and don't forget St. Anthony's **Tuesday**, and the Sacred Heart's **Friday**. On Friday, remember to begin with us the Triduum to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony this **Tuesday** after all Masses. **Don't forget** to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST V

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost V, second collect of the octave of St. John the Baptist. Trinity Preface.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 YAG: July 9-11

Boys' Camp: July 27-29

¶ MISSING SOMETHING?

If you have lost an item at church, please call or email inquiring, as we do have a Lost and Found. parishoffice@sgg.org | 513.645.4212 Thank you!

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Eugene Berry, Rhonda Soeder, Les Pomerville, the Arthur family, and the repose of the souls of †Fr. Clement Procopio and †Fr. Bernard Champagne.

¶ SERVERS

Please have Mommy email or call if you'll be out of town this Summer. You could even do it yourself, and get extra credit.

PAY ATTENTION: EVERYTHING WILL CHANGE!

The birth of John the Baptist is, to the story of our salvation, what best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell might have called a “tipping-point:” “a dramatic moment...when everything can change all at once.” Today’s Mass texts—all of them—practically shout, “Pay attention! A new thing is happening!”

“Fear not, Zachary, thy prayer is heard,” the Introit sings. “I sanctified thee,” God tells little John in the Lesson, “and made thee a prophet unto the nations.” And the newborn John becomes a symbol for the moment when everything will change: his name—John, not Zechariah—represents a break with the past, and his father’s acceptance unlocks the old man’s lips that he may bless God. When John is grown, he will preach a baptism of repentance, urging those who hear him to turn away from the past, to start over.

John’s destiny, and ours, is to be a light, to “go before the Lord to prepare His way.” Because through us the “tender compassion of our God...shines on those who sit in darkness...”

Can I be like John, a servant through whom God’s glory shows? To be “a light to the nations” is probably more than I can do. But perhaps I do know someone who sits in darkness, who needs John’s comforting message: “You can start over. Turn toward the light. A new thing is happening!”

– Richard Reece

Wednesday evening is the solemn and ancient vigil of St. John the Baptist. Come to Mass, and stay for the picnic and bonfire. Somewhat less solemn, but blessing bonfires is very ancient.

THE IRISH JUNE



See the daisies shining in fields all over,
Hear the young thrush singing!
From the meadow near by catch the
smell o’ the clover
That the wind is bringing.

Back in the west hear the deep, full river,
The heart in him beating.
The reeds by the side of him toss and quiver,
The breezes greeting.

The wheat so tall in the ridges growing
Will soon be earing;
And look at the stalks since the April sowing,
With their blossoms peering!

Now thanks be to God for the blue sky bending
So bright above us!
We know from the promising days He’s sending
He continues to love us.

– P.J. Carroll, C.S.C.

THE LEGEND OF THE ROSE THORNS

(We translate this beautiful legend of the childhood of our Blessed Savior from an old Latin hymn by an unknown author.)



Once the Christ-Child
had a garden
Full of roses blushing red,
And He planned to make a
garland
For His sacred head.

When the roses all were blooming
Came the Jewish children there,
Plucking each a flaming rosebud
Till each bush was bare.

“How, then, will you make a garland?
Not a rose your path adorns.”
“You forget,” the Christ-Child answered,
“You have left the thorns.”

Of the thorns He made a garland,
Placed it on His sacred head;
And where roses should have blossomed,
Blood-drops bloomed instead.

St. John’s



Eve

**Wednesday,
June 23**

Mass at 5:45

*followed by
barbeque & bonfire*

**Bring a side dish
or dessert to
share!**



Happy Fathers Day. Since fathers, like the rest of us folks, are an endangered species anymore, it behooves us to celebrate it properly. Of course today is one of those peculiarly American holidays, celebrated more at a cookout than in church, with Dad as the chef. Our prayers go to our fathers today, essential and disappearing element in the composition of the perfect society at the root of all others, the family.

But if our church celebration is rather Joseph-like, low-key and mostly quiet, it is perhaps just as well, for three of the last four weekends have been big and beautiful affairs, our cherished traditions: Pentecost and Confirmation, Corpus Christi with First Communion and Procession, and then the High Mass and lovely reception for Graduation. I imagine we're all ready for a quiet Sunday. I say "quiet" but our version of quiet is like Easter Sunday, one visiting Sister once told me.

But not too quiet, because the singing continues. Thanks to the 9 o'clock congregation for serving as the choir each Summer, and to the men's Schola for non-stop singing. Did you know singing is actually good for overall health, and especially the heart? No wonder more than one wicked overseer tried to ban it as part of the Covid protocol.

The Girls Camp, tucked between Sundays, was anything but quiet. Still, they cut down considerably on the little girl screaming sounds we used to get years ago. This and other wonders were worked by "The Committee," the young ladies, most of them recent homeschool high school graduates, who organized the camp this year, and very well indeed. Former campers themselves, they had a bird's-eye view of how it works, and they made it work smoothly. As usual, camp is a nice combination of prayer, instruction, crafts and play. Many girls also enjoyed camping overnight on the church grounds. There were some deer sightings, but no coyotes, which is a definite mood enhancer.

Some of the governing girls did double duty (a good preparation for a future marriage vocation) also installing the vinyl lettering for our now freshened church sign. Many thanks to "M & M Inc."

What lovely June weather we've been having for...June! Just about perfect, and you know how rare perfection is. It was the same sweet weather which rewarded about 75 faithful who prayed and processed with us, Rosary in hand, last Sunday evening. Even a gentle breeze. May Heaven hear, draw near and spare.

The big event *this* week is our St. John's Eve celebration on Wednesday with Mass and Blessing of the

Bonfire and a fine cloister picnic supper in between. Bring something to share, and bring yourself.

God bless our Fathers!



– Bishop Dolan

**A GOOD MORNING PRAYER
SAY IT THOUGHTFULLY**

Remember, Christian soul, that thou hast this day and every day of thy life,

God to glorify,
Jesus to imitate,
The angels and saints to invoke,
A soul to save,
A body to mortify,
Sins to expiate,
Virtues to acquire,
Hell to avoid,
Heaven to gain,
Eternity to provide for,
Time to profit of,
Neighbors to edify,
The world to despise,
Devils to combat,
Passions to subdue,
Death perhaps to suffer,
And judgment to undergo.



**PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX
THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

by St. Vincent Strambi

Jesus, by this saving Sign, bless this listless soul of mine.
Jesus, by Thy feet nailed fast, mend the missteps of my past.
Jesus, with Thy riven hands, bend my will to love's demands.
Jesus, in Thy Heart laid bare, warm my inner coldness there.
Jesus, by Thy thorn-crowned head, still my pride till it is dead.
Jesus, by Thy muted tongue, stay my words that hurt someone.
Jesus, by Thy tired eyes, open mine to faith's surprise.
Jesus, by Thy fading breath, keep me faithful until death.
Yes, Lord, by this saving Sign, save this wayward soul of mine. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

- MON 6/21/21 ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C**
8:00 AM Low Mass Jeanne Omlor
- TUE 6/22/21 ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC**
SUMMER NOVENA II AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM Low Mass Benedikt Leo Elflein (*Keith & Jennifer Elflein*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Jim Soli*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Adele & Frank O'Toole – blessings on their marriage (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
- WED 6/23/21 VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
7:00 AM Low Mass Bob Uhlenbrock – Happy Birthday (*Aubrey Uhlenbrock*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Natalia Kolenich (*James Kolenich*)
5:45 PM Solemn High Mass For the repose of the soul of †Fr. Anthony Cekada (*Patrick Curry*)
St. John's Eve Parish Picnic & Bonfire
- THU 6/24/21 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Lorraine Gates (*Mary L.*)
☞ **11:25 AM Low Mass** Mary Beth Grumblatt
5:15 PM Low Mass Rafael Kuebler – Birthday (*K/V*)
- FRI 6/25/21 ST. WILLIAM, AB • OPENING OF TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy birthday Dad (*Anna & Cecilia Brueggemann*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Father McKenna (*Mike & Lexi Briggs*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 6/26/21 SS. JOHN & PAUL, MM**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Collin Smith (*Collin Smith*)
8:05 AM Salve, Sermon, Triduum
8:20 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Peter Eldracher (*Simpson family*)
- SUN 6/27/21 PENTECOST V • OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CLOSING OF TRIDUUM**
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Dan & Mary Brueggemann & Family – Thank you (*Linda Maki*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Kent Maki (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Happy 38th Anniversary Bill & Terri Young
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

A FATHER'S PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O holy Joseph, thou faithful companion of the Blessed Mother, thou who didst protect her and her Divine Child with such care, and didst devote thy whole life to them; I beseech thee to be also my and my children's protector and advocate with Jesus thy adopted Son. Obtain for me the grace to fulfill my duties to my children as thou and Mary have done to Jesus. St. Joseph, pray for me. Amen.



"This Bread you see on the Altar, consecrated by the word of God, is the Body of Christ. This chalice consecrated by the word of God, or rather its contents, is the Blood of Christ. In these two elements Our Lord desired to hand over, for our veneration and love, His Body and Blood, shed for the remission of our sins. If you have received them with a good disposition, then you are what you have received. As the apostle Paul declares: 'We are, all of us, one bread, one body.' (1 Cor 10,17)..."



– St. Augustine

Servers

- WED 6/23 5:45 PM SOL.HIGH: MCs:** P. Omlor, S. Richesson **TH:** T. Lawrence
CROSS: D. Simpson **ACs:** Na. McClorey, M. Simpson **TORCH:** 3 McGinnis boys, 3 Kolenich boys
- SUN 6/27 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson **MC:** Na. McClorey
TH: C. Richesson **ACs:** A. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus **TORCH:** J. Stewart, T. England, T. Lawrence, C. McGinnis
11:30 AM LOW: B. & T. Capetillo
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller



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