

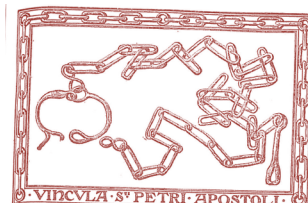
# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna



## August 1, 2021 ST. PETER'S CHAINS PENTECOST X



### ¶ ST. PETER'S CHAINS

Today is the feast of St. Peter's Chains, Titular of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Province of Cincinnati. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. The special Second Collection for our seminarians will be taken up. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests.

### ¶ THIS WEEK

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our second saint, Alphonsus Liguori, **Monday**, is a great servant of Mary. Two Masses are offered on **Tuesday** in connection with the St. Anthony Devotions. The 5 PM Devotions (no Mass) will include distribution of Holy Communion. St. Dominic, of the Rosary, is honored on **First Wednesday**. **First Thursday** honors Our Lady of the Snows, as we pray for priests during a Holy Hour of Mass and Benediction. Extra Adoration (starting at 5:00 PM) and Masses mark the Transfiguration on **First Friday**. Make a Communion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **First Saturday**.

### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Assumption, Blessing of Flowers:** Sunday, August 15, High Mass  
**Sodality of Charity Meeting:** Saturday, August 21  
**Parish Picnic:** Sunday, September 12



## The Chains of Saint Peter

How blessed is the force of prayer!  
Eager for Peter's fate,  
Thy soldiers, Herod, bound him fast,  
And watch'd before the gate.

But Jesus has His soldiers, too,  
They also vigils keep,  
They watch to prayer, while Peter rests  
In faith composed in sleep.

And Jesus other soldiers has,  
Responsive to the call  
Of prayer His holy angels come,  
Sent by the Lord of all.

Prayer brought an angel down from heaven,  
Sentries and bars are vain,  
With heavenly light the prison shines,  
Unlocked is Peter's chain.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XI

Please note, there will be NO Vespers next Sunday. **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XI, second collect of St. Peter's Chains, third of St. Paul, fourth of Ss. Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus. Trinity Preface.

### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass  
10:50 AM Confessions  
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction  
5:00 PM Exposition  
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary  
5:45 PM High Mass, Novena

#### *All Night Adoration*

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

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary & Confessions  
7:30 AM High Mass  
8:15 AM Devotions, Benediction, Meditation  
8:40 AM Low Mass

**First Saturday Intention:** *In reparation for the offenses of those who outrage the Blessed Virgin directly in her holy image.*

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Michael Bayer, Chris Browne, Therese Condit, Rick Woods, Taylor Welch, Yvonne Kramer, Gary & Debbie Hubbard, and the repose of the soul of †Catherine Gardner.

## Tumen Christi

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

### President Donald J. Trump & the United States of America

(Maureen Scanlon)

#### Collection Report

Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,082.00

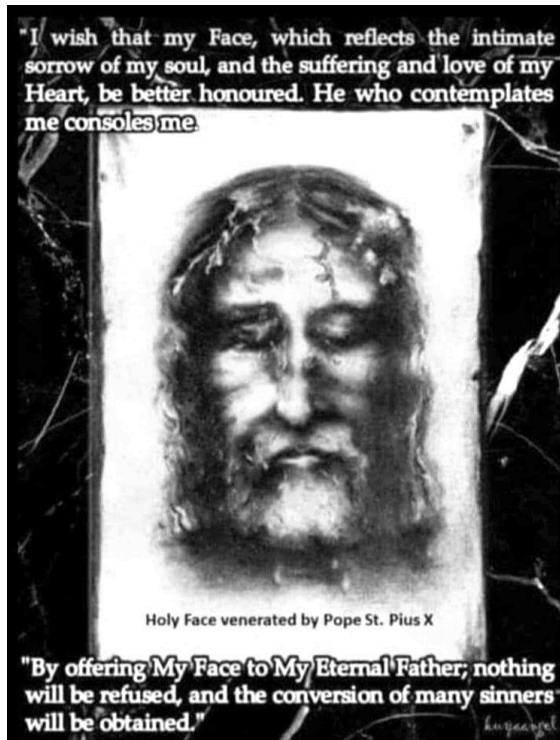
**HOMILY OF ST. AUGUSTINE**

Peter alone among the Apostles was accounted worthy to hear "Amen, I say to thee, that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church." Worthy indeed was he, to be the foundation-stone, the supporting pillar, the key to the kingdom, in building up the peoples into the house of God. Concerning this, the divine word says, "And they laid," it says, "their sick, that when Peter passed by, his shadow at the least might fall on them." If at that time the shadow of his body could give aid, how much more now can the fullness of his power? If a mere breath of air from him, as he passed by, was of such benefit to suppliants, how much more his favor now that he remains steadfast? With good reason is the iron of those penal chains held throughout all the churches of Christ to be more precious than gold.

If the shadow of him who visited was so potent to cure, how much more the chains of him who binds? If even the mere appearance of an empty image could have the force of healing in it, how much more healthfulness should the chains, with which he suffered, whose iron weight had pressed upon his sacred members, deserve to draw forth from his body? If he was so mighty to help his suppliants before his martyrdom, how much more must he avail after his triumph?

Happy those bonds, which by touching the Apostle rendered him a Martyr and so from manacles and fetters themselves were changed into a crown! Happy chains, which brought their prisoner even unto the cross of Christ, not so much for condemnation as for consecration!

Jesus said to His disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" Peter answered and said, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." "And I say to thee, that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church!"



**STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE**



**Holy Face** items are in stock now. If you have been wanting an image of the Holy Face, the Bookstore now has several sizes available.

Protection Crosses are in stock on a chain or individual for a keychain or adding to your own chain. The Holy Face chaplet is on display. There is even a mug with the prayer to help you remember to pray it daily.

New mugs of all sorts are on display. We have crusader mugs as well as the Holy Family and popular saints like Ss. Cecilia, Therese, Benedict, and St. Joseph. These mugs make a practical gift for someone that has everything or the minimalist person that doesn't want clutter.

YAG items are still on display. Make a gift of an item for your young person who went to the YAG this summer. Remembrance books, bags, mugs, and Christmas tree ornaments are available and are sure to make them smile. Bring back the fond memories of friendships made this summer.

**SANCTUARY**

Behind these doors the mood of peace  
Is ambient as an atmosphere,  
Bringing the troubled heart  
release—  
Rest here.

Only a frail suspended light  
Hangs low, whose threading rays  
appear  
To lift the eye, the inward sight—  
Rest here.

Let turmoil beat the portals of  
This shrine in vain; there is no fear  
When prayer wings softly, knowing  
love—  
Rest here.

— Helen Frith Stickne

**ACT. 12:6,7. – IND. PETRUM  
AB ANGELO SOLUTUM.**

*Mors tibi, & Herodes instant: cum nuncius  
ales*

*Gaudia fert, quae tu somnia ferre putas.*

*Quid tantum dedit ille (rogo) tibi? Vincula  
solvit.*

*Mors tibi, & Herodes none dedisset idem?  
— Richard Crashaw*



**ACT. 12:6-7. – ON ST. PETER SET  
FREE BY THE ANGEL.**

[For the Octave of St. Peter's Chains]

Death and Herod press on thee  
and suddenly  
Angels wings  
Joys bring  
Or were you dreaming?

What, I wonder, was the fuss?  
He broke your bonds asunder.  
But wouldn't death for you  
and Herod, too  
Have done the same?

— Bp. Dolan

*Something to think about... How many  
times have you been to the doctor when sick  
and they say there's nothing they can do  
because... it's a virus?*

This year St. Peter's Chains comes on a Sunday, so we may all celebrate this our patron St. Peter, as well as the great history of the Cathedral Church of Cincinnati. Unfortunately this historical church was all redone in the late 1950s, getting ready for Vatican II and the Changes, so you wouldn't be able to get a real idea of how it looked. The Cathedral was once called "The Nursery of Bishops" for the many bishops consecrated there and then sent off, west and north and south, apostles and successors of the apostles.

Like the old Cathedral, the feast itself of St. Peter's Chains was abolished by the infamous modernist missal of John XXIII, to prepare for Vatican II. Feast days of relics had to go. Superstitious, I suppose. They knew better.

But in addition to its history, the graces of the feast draw us. We ask in the Mass for God, at St. Peter's prayer, to loose the chains which hold the whole world captive today. Those chains were being carefully, patiently prepared long before the 50s and 60s, and do indeed imprison the world today. How ever will St. Peter be able to open the Gates of Heaven to those poor slaves who know God not, pawns in the power plays of our wealthy rulers. Prayer, of course. Prayer breaks chains, opens eyes, saves souls. It's the Rosary's *chain* of beads which sets us free as we meditate these Gospel mysteries.

Another blessed apostolate took place last week, drawing fathers and sons from Wisconsin and Illinois as well as Indiana and Ohio, to the annual Boys' Camp. Some 37 boys and young men participated. Many dads came too, and helped, as did our seminarians. Other fathers joined the camp dads in what has become a popular custom, *Men's Camp*, in the evening, after the little ones are tucked into their tents. This Camp provides a rare and precious time for dads to socialize together and to discuss some of the important issues of the day. A great time was had by all, and we are grateful to the **McFathers**, and all who helped, from archery to games to meals. (They *were* a little sore afterwards.)

**Fr. Lehtoranta** got in his Summer Sodality meeting for our young ladies and girls just before the boys descended on us. He always gives a great time to the girls in a well thought-out day. Visit Father's fine bulletin board to see his news, and stay to appreciate such an artistic and carefully presented endeavor. A labor of love!

Also in All Saints Hallway (featuring one saint for almost every day of the year) you will see a beautiful photo montage of Fr. Cekada's life and apostolate. Judy Metz originally assembled these pictures for Fr. Cekada's wake, and it seemed a shame to disperse them again. Susan McNally has arranged and framed them with an artistic eye. What a great way to remember a great priest. Remember him in your prayers.

The Firsts come this week, from St. Joseph's

Wednesday through First Saturday of this month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The McFathers are on the road, so read your bulletin and hear the Masses you can. On a thin week, we are still so enormously blessed.

May God bless you and break your chains at St. Peter's prayer.

– Bishop Dolan



#### All Night Adoration Guard of Honor – August 2021

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, Collin Smith

1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: DB & children

2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann

3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, Hunter Lumbatis

4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, David Marko

5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman

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

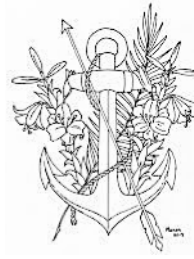
*If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

#### INOCULATION EXPERIMENTATION

**Morality.** First of all, it is forbidden to perform experimentations on a person without his consent. **No man has the right to do what he wants with the body of another.** Even if it is certain that the experiment will not cause any harm, the **act is evil because it is a violation of the natural right of another.** Such a consent is not implicit in the fact that a person entrusts himself to the care of a physician, and allows him to do what he thinks is useful.

...The question still remains as to whether a man can give permission to others to use his own body for their experiments and whether in such case the experiments would be committing an evil by using such a permission. In answer to this question, we must distinguish three possibilities. (a) If it is an experiment in which there is moral certitude, which excludes the probability or serious fear of error, that no harm will come to the man, such experiment is lawful if the results will benefit humanity. (b) **If it is an experiment which not only offers no benefit to the physical well-being of the person, but even presents a more or less serious danger of harmful consequences to the body, then such experiment is contrary to the moral law.** The reason for the illicitness of such experiment is that it would imply that the human body and, therefore, man himself was a thing ordained for external good; it would be tantamount to performing evil in order to achieve a good. One who performs an experiment in such circumstances does it *precisely because* he is uncertain, and it is in this uncertainty that the danger lies. Therefore, he *directly* wills a danger that will cause physical harm; this is never licit.

- MON 8/2/21 ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD**  
ST. STEPHEN I, PM  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Eldon Neukam (*From a grateful church*)
- TUE 8/3/21 FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR**  
*SUMMER NOVENA VIII AFTER ALL MASSES*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Claire Smith (*Collin Smith*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Bp. Dolan, Bp. Sanborn, †Fr. Cekada & Fr. Larrabee – priestly anniversary prayers (*Judy*)  
☞ **5:00 PM Summer Novena & Holy Communion**
- WED 8/4/21 ST. DOMINIC, C • FIRST WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Cathy Linsenmayer – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death (*Diane Puglielli*)  
☞ **5:15 PM Low Mass** Poor Souls in Thanksgiving (*Cora Arlinghaus*)
- THU 8/5/21 DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**  
FIRST THURSDAY  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Fr. Lehtoranta (*David Bayer*)  
**8:00 AM First Thursday Holy Hour for Priests & Seminarians: High Mass & Benediction** For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)  
☞ **11:25 AM Low Mass** †Thelma Macke Sieverding (*Mike Sieverding*)
- FRI 8/6/21 THE TRANSFIGURATION • FIRST FRIDAY**  
SS. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Brian McMahan  
**10:50 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** Members of our family living & dead (*Arlinghaus Family*)  
**First Friday Devotions, Benediction**  
**5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM High Mass** Mr. Simpson – Thank you (*The Choir Members*)  
**6:45 PM First Friday Devotions, All Night Adoration**
- SAT 8/7/21 FIRST SATURDAY**  
ST. CAJETAN, C • ST. DONATUS, BPM  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM High Mass** Juliana McKay & Veronica Tomasi (*Matthew Giese*)  
**8:15 AM First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, Meditation**  
**8:40 AM Low Mass** Charles D. Edward Payne (*Lee & Dianne Payne*)
- SUN 8/8/21 PENTECOST XI • SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM • FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS**  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Ken & Regina Gilliam (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** For the repose of the soul of †Fr. Cekada (*Joan Fey*)  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Karen & Paul Puglielli – for your anniversary (*Diane Puglielli*)  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



**The rude latter days are here!** They are clearly and universally marked by revolution, famine, atheism, heresy, despair and a general falling away from the Faith. Never have the powers of darkness been so strong, since the beginning of Christianity, as they are today! St. Philomena is the Patroness of the Children of Mary. Her prayer is so powerful with God! There is no class of people she does not help. If we hope to interest St. Philomena in our cause, we must imitate her virtues, for these are the secret of the power she has before the throne of God.

**PRAYER OF THE SEVEN BINDINGS  
REVEALED TO ST. MECHTILD**

Lord Jesus, by the love which kept Thee captive for nine months in the Virgin's womb; by the love which bound Thee in swaddling clothes and bands; by the love which gave Thee over bound into the hands of Thine enemies; by the chains in which the Jews delivered Thee bound into the hands of the judge; by the chains whereby Thou wast fastened to the column for Thy scourging; by the nails with which Thou wast fixed to the Cross; by the binding in which, when Thou wast dead, Thou wast wrapped in the Winding-sheet, and enclosed in the Sepulchre; by this love may those who are in any kind of chains or sin be loosed from them all.

*The prayer seems ideal to be prayed for our loved ones caught in the chains of sin!*

**FROM THE NUREMBERG TRIALS (1945)**

Hermann Goering to the question "How did you convince the German people to accept all this?" he replied: "It was easy and has nothing to do with Nazism. The only thing a government needs to turn people into slaves is fear. If you can find something to scare them you can make them do anything you want."



*You wouldn't need mandates, incentives or coercion if the situation was real and the jab was proven safe.*

*For the discerning, the story elements are riddled with plot holes, their methods suspect and their censorship telling.*

**SERVERS**

- SUN 8/8 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: C. Richesson TH: S. Richesson ACs: P. Omlor, J. Stewart TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, T. England, J. McGinnis, J. Kolenich  
11:30 AM LOW: B. & T. Capetillo  
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarians