



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. Thomas Ojeka • Rev. John Okerulu • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

May 22, 2022

EASTER V • ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W



¶ ROGATION SUNDAY

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Come back to church for **May Devotions**, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers.

¶ ROGATION DAYS

Each year on the three days preceding Our Lord's admirable Ascension, the Church gathers up all of her needs and petitions and solemnly presents them to Our Lord so that He Himself will take them to the Father when He goes home to heaven. This is the idea of the Rogation, or *asking*, Days. The Rogation Days Processions are a beautiful part of the Church's liturgy and draw down much needed grace upon ourselves, our Church, and our country. Join our school children in this powerful prayer at **11:00 AM** on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, followed by Holy Mass.

¶ THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday is the feast of the **Ascension**, a *holy day of obligation*. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass under pain of mortal sin. Masses are at 7:00 (workers' Mass) and 9:00 AM, and 5:45 PM.



¶ OUR LADY'S COURT

We congratulate the following children who received an "A" from Fr. Lehtoranta for their First Communion test:

St. Catherine Award:

Philippa Gunsher, who crowns our Lady.
Attendant: Abigail McClorey.

St. Thomas Aquinas Award:

Dominic Wright, who is crown bearer.
Attendant: Christian Wright.

Lumen Christi

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

In memory of †Jessica Lee O'Malley
(Zachary G. O'Malley)

¶ PENTECOST NOVENA

On **Friday** we open our annual and most ancient Novena for Pentecost with the chanting of the **Veni Creator** after the school Mass.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Please check the Calendar for the daily May Devotions—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: MAY CROWNING

A special second collection will be taken up for Bishop da Silva at the Offertory next Sunday. Catechism classes will be cancelled, but the children should come instead to the **May Procession and Crowning** at approximately **10:30 AM**. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son.  **Set Your Missal:** Sunday Within the Octave of the Ascension, second collect of St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, third of the Ascension. Preface and Communicantes of the Ascension.

¶ CONFIRMATIONS

The sacrament of Confirmation will be solemnly administered on Saturday, June 4th. Anyone, child or adult, who wishes to receive the sacrament, should contact the church office at (513) 645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org for the necessary form. If you're new and were confirmed in the Novus Ordo (since 1971), you *really* should receive a "conditional" Confirmation. You could use the Holy Ghost!

Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question. We can help.

MOTHER OF ALL MOTHERS BLEST

As Mother of God, Mary is the Mother of divine grace; as Mother of men, she is the distributor of grace, since grace was purchased for us her children. As Mother of God, Mary is the world's greatest Queen, for her Son is an Eternal King. He is King by right of nature, and by conquest. She is Queen by virtue of divine motherhood.

But Mary is more than our Queen; Mary is our Mother! Her interest far exceeds the interests of a queen in her subjects. Mary's interest is that of a most loving Mother, hence, Mary is always giving, always saving, always sanctifying, always making saints of her fond and devoted children. She is God's Almoner. The treasures of heaven are at her disposal; her eternity is being spent in transforming souls into the likeness of her Divine Son, through the power of divine grace.

Amongst all the characteristics of a mother, none shine with greater luster than her generosity. A mother must give to her children, she never ceases to give. If deprived of this outlet of her love, she would die. The purer the love, the more her endeavor to enrich her child, therefore, his mother is his greatest hope. As long as mother lives, he is safe, whatever she has is his also. Prayers, wealth, comfort, penances, all these at a moment's notice she will give her child, and if a victim is needed to save him she herself will become a willing victim, and die that he might live.

To make it easy for us to receive the most precious gifts of His Eternal Love, Jesus has placed all graces in the hands of Mary, our Mother. The angels themselves are in admiration at this tender condescension of Jesus in the psychology of our redemption. He came to us through Mary; we now come to Him through Mary.

It is a wonderful privilege for

any saint to possess grace sufficient to save many souls, but the supreme degree of plenitude is to possess grace sufficient to save the whole human race. This is the plenitude of grace possessed by Christ and His Mother. Every person in the world may obtain salvation through this glorious Virgin. We may enjoy her help in the practice of every virtue. The author of Ecclesiasticus, writing in her name, says:

"In me is all grace of the Way and Truth."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmations: Vigil of Pentecost,
Saturday, June 4

First Communions: Pentecost, June 5
Young Ladies' Vocation Weekend:
June 24-26

YAG: July 8-10, yagincincy.org for info

Girls Camp: July 12-14

Boys Camp: July 26-28

Collection Report

Sunday, May 15th.....\$9,593.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember
St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

The daffodils dance at the dawning,
The may bells make clamor and sing;
What, then, is this season, good
mother,

When flowers such loveliness bring?
It is the sweet month of Our Lady,
Whose Son is our Savior and King.
The violets waft their faint incense,
In glory the gillblooms blow;
What, then, is this season, dear
mother,

That lilies are sisters of snow?
It is the rich month of Our Lady,
When beauty and loveliness flow.

The south wind's a song of love's
triumph,
Twined round a child's laugh in the
lane;
What, then is this season, O mother!
When fragrance grows vocal in rain?
It is the lush month of Our Lady,
Madonna of bliss and of pain.

Like cordons of honor, the poplars,
That stand, rigged in green, in the
night,
Let us form, then for Mary, O
mother!

Our own little pageant of white.
It is the glad month of Our Lady,
Earth's fairest, and Heaven's delight.

— J. Corson Miller

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PRIESTHOOD

God drew me out of nothing
And held me in His Hand;
He draws me out of nothing
I hold Him in my hand!

— Fray Angelico Chavez

My dear faithful,

I'm thinking of the cats again today. They're funny little critters with "personalities" of their own; and these two furballs have really grown on all the SGG clergy. Someone (I think it was **Fr. McKenna**) pointed out how much cats learn to adapt to new situations. I pondered that and found it to be true. They have learned what their new cat-life is like without their beloved Bishop; it only took them a few days. Bishop Dolan would wake up very early to feed them. So, at first, they would scratch and meow right outside my door "valde mane" each morning to tell me to feed them. It worked for a few days until I decided not to be trained by cats. Gradually, they learned to wait until a more normal wakeup time before coming to my door. They are fed well, but now on a new schedule. But they adapted to the situation. What a lesson!

Roll with the punches! When life flips upside down all of a sudden we must learn to adapt to the situation. Life at St. Gertrude's has been topsy-turvy as of late and there has been many an opportunity to learn to adapt and even to endure. As the Little Flower says: "It is the hand of Jesus that directs all things." If nothing else, we Gertrudians must remember this truth, for when we remember that Our Lord's is a Fatherly hand who orders all for our own good, it is much easier to adapt to the sudden changes of life, and we become trained (not by a mere cat, but by the Lion of Judah) to endure all things for the love of Christ.

So many of you have stepped up in these last few weeks and I am both edified and grateful. People from all over the world have offered their well-wishes and prayers. Most of all, we must be most thankful to **Bishop da Silva** who came all the way from Brazil and made it clear that he would stay as long as needed to help get things accomplished. It is thanks to his fidelity to duty and charity for souls that you now have four new priests and a new bishop. He has done a great deed not only for us here at St. Gertrude's, but for the whole Catholic world. Ad multos annos, Bishop da Silva!

Thanks must also be given to the clergy who supported us and even encouraged us to accomplish all that we did in the last three weeks. **Bishop Pivarunas, Fr. Lavery** and so many of the CMRI clergy; good **Fr. Thielen, Fr. Mardones** from Mexico; **Fr. McMahon, Fr. Larrabee, Fr. Ahern**; and **Fr. Ercoli**, who has been

such a blessing to us. I will not name each priest who comforted us when we most needed it, but their charity and kindness will never be forgotten.

Bishop da Silva was the last of the visiting clergy to depart and so now we are back to the usual work that we have always done. This week is a week of serious and public prayer, and I hope you will dig down deep to find the strength to join us in church to thank the Good God for His protection. We have the three Rogation Days and processions this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and don't forget the Holy Day on Thursday! Prayer is what has always kept us going and is vitally important for the individual soul as well as for the Church at large.

I send each of you a blessing and hope to see you in church this week.

– Bp. McGuire



"Peace is what all desire," we read in the "Imitation," "but all care not for those things which appertain to true peace. My peace is with the humble and meek of heart. Thy peace shall be in much patience. He who knows how to suffer will enjoy much peace. Such a one is a conqueror of himself and lord of the world, a friend of Christ and an heir of Heaven." The majestic power of self-control keeps the heart quiet in danger, calm in trial, and undisturbed in suffering. Much more, however, does our peace depend upon our trust in God, submission to His holy will, and perfect confidence in His providence. "Blessed be the Lord, my God," sings the Royal Psalmist, "my mercy and my refuge: my support and my deliverer: my protector; and I have hoped in Him." (*Ps. cxliii 1,2*)

MON 5/23/22 ROGATION DAY • ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI, C
8:00 AM Low Mass Claire Smith (*Collin Smith*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession
11:25 AM High Mass †Kyle McGuire (*Patsy McConnell*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (*Anne Marie Omlor*)

TUE 5/24/22 ROGATION DAY • OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
7:00 AM Low Mass Peace & freedom for the people of Ukraine (*Maureen Scanlon*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Patrick Henry Omlor – Rest in peace (*James Kolenich*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession
11:25 AM High Mass The United States (*James Kolenich*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass †Margaret Bischel (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)

WED 5/25/22 ST. GREGORY VII, PC • ST. URBAN I, PM
ROGATION DAY • VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION
7:00 AM Low Mass For the spiritual & temporal needs of Fr. Valerii (*Mary Rizzo*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Janet Strauss – Thank you! (*Cecilia Simpson*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession
11:25 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Colleen! (Feb. 6) (*Levi & Jacinta*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass For the repose of relatives & friends (*Cora Arlinghaus*)

THU 5/26/22 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOLY DAY
7:00 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
9:00 AM High Mass In honor of Christ the King of the Holy Souls in Purgatory (*A.M. Omlor*)
4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions
5:45 PM Low Mass †Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan – Month's Mind (*Gloria Antonia Zbilicki*)

FRI 5/27/22 ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD • ST. JOHN I, PM
FIRST DAY OF PENTECOST NOVENA
7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention CAV19 (*K/V*)
8:00 AM Low Mass All Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Patrick Omlor*)
11:06 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Deaths in the E. Lucila Family (*Willa*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased (*C. Simpson family*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 5/28/22 ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC
OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES • NOVENA II
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (*Lance Tardugno*)
8:10 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Helen McDonald (*Jason Murray*)

SUN 5/29/22 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ASCENSION
ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V • NOVENA III

SEVEN MERITORIOUS ACTS

1. To speak kindly of one's enemies.
2. To give hidden alms.
3. To teach catechism to children.
4. To instruct another in the Law of God.
5. To prevent a mortal sin from being committed.
6. To reconcile enemies.
7. To reconcile an estranged husband and wife.



OUR BELOVED DEAD - MAY

Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Diane Powell	5-04-2012
Patrick Harpen	5-06-2014
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Robert Brockman	5-08-2020
Janet Becker	5-10-2018
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Maria Duff	5-11-2013
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
William Sandmyer	5-25-2011
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Anne McMahan	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990
Elizabeth Reis	5-31-2013

Servers

FRI 5/27 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo Bros.
SAT 5/28 7:30 AM LOW: P.Omlor
 8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson & Kolenich
SUN 5/29 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MC: M. Simpson TH: D. Simpson CROSS: N. Kolenich ACs: J. Kolenich, T. England TORCH: J. Stewart, B., C. & Jr. McGinnis
 11:30 AM LOW: McClores
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: A Capetillo

7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass For our families (*Dan & Mary*)
9:00 AM First Solemn High Mass of Fr. Simpson
 Celebrant's Intention
Procession & May Crowning
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Conversion of Mary Kate Strasser (*Bill & Terri Young*)
4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great