

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

August 7, 2022

PENTECOST IX

ST. CAJETAN, C • ST. DONATUS, BPM



¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The second collection is taken up for our priests today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. The “little church” is in the vestibule this morning to collect alms for the Alter Christus Confraternity, to have Masses offered for priests who might not otherwise receive help. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Monday, the Octave Day of St. Peter's Chains, we celebrate the feast of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. **Tuesday** we honor St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, and continue the Thirteen Tuesdays devotion in honor of St. Anthony of Padua. **Wednesday** we keep the great feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon. The lovely little miracle worker, St. Philomena, Lily of Purity and Red Rose of Martyrdom comes **Thursday** for her feast day. Won't you? The Triduum in her honor begins this day. **Friday** we celebrate the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. **Saturday**, August 13th, we observe the fourth of the Fatima apparitions with our monthly **Fatima Rosary Procession** and the conclusion of our St. Philomena Triduum.

¶ **PLEASE PRAY** for Rick Woods and Mary McGuire.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Receive Our Gratitude

Blessed Virgin Mary,
who can worthily repay you
with praise and thanks
for having rescued a fallen world
by your generous consent!
Receive our gratitude
and by your prayers,
obtain the pardon of our sins.
Take our prayers
into the Sanctuary of Heaven
and enable them
to make our peace with God.
Holy Mary, help the miserable,
strengthen the discouraged,
comfort the sorrowful,
pray for your people,
plead for the clergy,
intercede for all women
consecrated to God.
May all who venerate you
feel now your help and protection.
Be ready to help us when we pray
and bring back to us,
the answers to our prayers.
Make it your continual concern
to pray for the people of God,
for you were blessed by God
and were made worthy
to bear the Redeemer of the world,
Who lives and reigns forever.
Amen

By St. Augustine (354-430)
Father & Doctor of Grace

August 21.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X, second collect of St. Eusebius, third of All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ HELP SUPPORT NIGERIAN MISSIONS

The missions in Nigeria are in need! Fr. Ojeka will be leaving soon. He has selected things in the bookstore that he would like to take back with him. The bookstore will be charging cost only. The need is great and the total will be close to \$2,000. Please help us provide the missions with essentials. The cost of shipping is huge, about \$1,000, so we will send as much as we can on the plane at departure. He has asked for rosary kits, card making and crochet kits. We are not looking at extravagances. Basic Catholic items. Please be generous. There is a donation can in the bookstore or you can make a check out to SGG and mark it for the Nigerian mission. Paypal is an option for out of town donations. We thank you for your support and God bless your generosity.

¶ GOOD ADVICE FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS

If you are traveling over a Sunday, be sure to check with us for a good Mass. Unfortunately, in addition to the false, new Mass of the Novus Ordo, some version of the True Mass is offered sacrilegiously by priests who are part of the One-World Church, and invalidly by priests ordained in the new way. Please stay in touch with us before you go, and most of all pray for the restoration of Holy Mother Church.

ST. DOROTHEUS OF GAZA

When he was a boy this Dorotheus, who lived during the sixth century, disliked lessons so much that he said he would “rather touch a snake than a book;” but he persevered, and came in time to love learning; he liked to read at his meals. When he entered a monastery in Palestine he said, “If application to study teaches us the habit of it, surely application to virtue will make us saints.” He told all his thoughts to his superiors, and let himself be guided by them in everything. When tempted to think he knew what they would tell him, he would say to himself, “Your opinions are not worth anything: you get them from the Devil,” and then would go off and consult his abbot. By this means he lived in perfect peace. He founded a monastery at Gaza, and among his monks was St. Dositheus, whose memory Dorotheus defended against the criticism of his fellows: “No, he did not fast much, or do miracles: but he was never a bit self-willed.” Dorotheus tried always to put self last and never to utter one word that might wound another. He suffered many trials, sicknesses and temptations, but accepted all with equanimity; “I could easily find explanations for these evils,” he used to say, “but it is better to believe they are sent from God, who knows how good it is for me to suffer.” The ascetical writings of Dorotheus so appealed to Abbot de Rancé that he translated them into French for his monks at La Trappe, and some short extracts from them appeared in English in 1954.



Lord, 'tis Good for us to be here

CURBING OF SELF-WILL

When a traveller finds a short road to his journey's end, he takes it. He who renounces his own will has found a short way of triumphing over wicked inclinations, and ought to use it.

“He who tries hard to renounce his own will, will arrive at the blessed state of peace of heart.”— *St. Dorotheus*

St. Dorotheus thus describes his struggle with interruptions to rest: “Guests came late, and I had to stay with them; their camel-drivers arrived afterwards, and had to be attended to. I had hardly taken a few moments' sleep when I was called to church: I was tired out and felt feverish; but I answered, ‘Thank you, brother; God reward your kindness.’ He was hardly gone before I fell asleep again. Distressed that my laziness caused me to miss Office, I begged one brother to undertake to rouse me, and another to keep me awake in church; and I assure you I was almost as grateful to them as if they had saved my soul.”

“Pamper those passions of thine, and joy it will bring—but to thy enemies.” — *Ecclus. xviii, 31*

Collection Report

Sunday, July 31st\$5,095.00

ST. LAURENCE

Within the broken Vatican
The murdered pope is lying dead.
The soldiers of Valerian
Their evil hands are wet and red.

Unarmed, unmoved, St. Laurence
waits,

His cassock is his only mail.
The troops of Hell have burst the
gates,
But Christ is Lord, He shall prevail.

They have encompassed him with
steel,

They spit upon his gentle face,
He smiles and bleeds, nor will reveal
The Church's hidden treasure-place.

Ah, faithful steward, worthy knight,
Well hast thou done. Behold thy fee!
Since thou hast fought the goodly
fight

A martyr's death is fixed for thee.

St. Laurence, pray for us to bear
The faith which glorifies thy name.
St. Laurence, pray for us to share
The wounds of Love's consuming
flame.

— *Joyce Kilmer*



Summer is certainly the time to get away, isn't it? Even the cats now like to spend the night outside. Somehow the fat cat got himself cut pretty badly. Miss Mikesell is arranging to take him to see the kitty doctor soon.



I'm glad that most of the priests either *have* taken some time to get away or are planning to in the near future. **Fr. Simpson** just got back from a short vacation; **Fr. McKenna** is off somewhere in Europe; **Fr. Lehtoranta** has scheduled a few days away. Now, if only I could get **Fr. Brueggemann** to take a break, our hard-working priests will have all had at least a short time to relax a little bit before winding up for Fall.

Speaking of going away, our **Fr. Ojeka** will be returning to Nigeria on August 16th. This bit of news is bittersweet. On the one hand, we have really grown fond of both **Fr. Okerulu** and Fr. Ojeka and will miss them very much. On the other hand, the Faithful in Nigeria need their priestly services; and, of course they will help to relieve the overloaded **Fr. Nkamuke** who is constantly on the move. It is Divine Providence that arranges all mightily yet sweetly, and all for our good—so I am happy to send them back for the sake of the souls in Africa!

Our teachers are getting things ready for the beginning of the school year. Miss Florence Lotarski is already decorating her classroom, and it is looking quite nice. One of our Oblates, Sr. Grace, will teach some of the younger grades this year. The school does so much good for not only the minds, but the souls of children. I do wish more parents would make use of such a precious grace as a Catholic school and education that we offer. One thing that no other school can replace is the knowledge and love of the Liturgical Year and daily assistance at the Holy Mass. This alone is reason enough to send the children here. Certainly, public schools should be avoided at all costs!

Well, we begin the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As Communism, the errors of Russia, continues to spread its poison all over the world, we ought to increase our devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, especially by acts of reparation. We know how the story ends since Mary did say that her Immaculate Heart would triumph; but there are plenty of battles that we still need to fight in order to do our part in ensuring this triumph. The best act of reparation that you might offer to Our Lady is the resolution to say her Rosary daily this month and to take part in this month's Fatima Rosary Procession. The Rosary is our weapon, one which no enemy—either communist or demon—can defeat. Hold tightly to Our Lady's beads!

In the Immaculate Heart,

Bishop McGuire

THE PONDERINGS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

To have even a slight understanding of Mary's prayer we must try to penetrate the sanctuary of her intimate union with God. No one has ever lived in closer intimacy with Him. Let us reverently observe this intimacy from the viewpoint of the divine maternity. Who can imagine the secret communications between Mary and the Incarnate Word while she carried Him in her virginal womb? Although there was nothing to distinguish her exteriorly from other women in the same condition, yet, in the secrecy of her heart she led a life of the closest possible union between God and a mere creature. *Omnis gloria ejus ab intus*—all her glory is from within (cf. Ps 45:14). All Mary's glory and grandeur were interior. In this true sanctuary which concealed the Holy of Holies, Mary, living ciborium of the Incarnate Word, was aflame with love, absorbed in adoration. Carrying within her the burning furnace of charity, how could Mary not remain all inflamed by it! The more she was inflamed with love, the more she understood the mystery of love which was taking place within her. No one ever penetrated the secrets of Christ's Heart as Mary did, or had a greater knowledge of the divinity of Christ and of His infinite grandeur. No one ever felt, as Mary did, the consuming need to give herself to Him, to lose herself in Him like a little drop in the immensity of the ocean. This was Mary's unceasing prayer: to adore perpetually the Word made Flesh within her; to unite herself closely with Christ; to be immersed in Him and completely transformed in Him by love; to join the infinite homage and praise which ascended continually from the Heart of Christ to the Trinity, and to offer this praise unceasingly as the only homage worthy of the divine Majesty. Mary lived in adoration of her Jesus and, in union with Him, in adoration of the Trinity.

There is one moment in the day when we, too, can share in this prayer of Mary in a most excellent way: the moment of Holy Communion, when we receive Jesus, real and living, into our heart. How we need Mary to help us profit from this ineffable gift! She teaches us to submerge ourselves with her, in her and our Jesus, that we may be transformed in Him; she teaches us to unite ourselves to that adoration which ascends from the Heart of Jesus to the Trinity, and she offers it with us to the Father.

—Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary
Magdalen, O.C.D.



ARE YOU A SUNDAY SOLOIST?

We're not talking about the choir here... A Sunday soloist is a Traditional Catholic who must make the weekly trip to church alone, for whatever reason. Maybe you are single, or widowed. Maybe you're married but your spouse has fallen away or never had the faith. Maybe you're the outcast of a Novus Ordo family who think you're crazy. Maybe you're new to St. Gertrude's. Maybe you've been around a while, but old friends have fallen away; or passed away. Whatever the backstory, you're on your own. Maybe you feel shy and lonely sometimes in the social hall when it seems like everyone else is part of a big group. Maybe you're okay with that—but you know there are others who need a friend just like you.

Maybe you'd like to connect with other soloists and we can have coffee and chat sometime. Like Bishop McGuire said, we're a family at St. Gertrude's. Sundays are our family gatherings, and no one should feel isolated at a family gathering. So if you're on your own every Sunday, please reach out to FlyingSoloCatholic@protonmail.com. It would be nice to get to know one another and share some support or even ride together sometime. Men and women of any age are welcome to connect. It's a challenge to be a traditional Catholic flying solo. Let's get together. Mention what Mass you usually attend, which will help in setting up one or more informal meet-ups on a Sunday.



BOOKSTORE NEWS

St. Gertrude the Great History in Pictures book will be on display soon. This project started as a tribute to Bishop Dolan and Fr. Ceka-da. It has grown to include some pictures of the early days from the scrapbooks that Pat Buckley compiled years ago. There are a few stories as well as many people that added to SGG. Not a complete history but a recap of our parish life. The last pages are of the ordination of our four new priests and of course the continuing legacy of Bishop McGuire.

Look for a copy in the vestibule and one in Helfta Hall on the coffee table. Please look through the book and see what you think. There will be post-it notes for any missing names, misspellings, or mistakes. A sheet in the back of the book will accommodate your name and contact information if you would be interested in ordering a book for yourself. Cost will be affected by the number that are ordered but will be in the range of \$75-\$100.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation: Monday, Aug. 15th
Parish Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 18th

THE BREVIARY



Sometimes when you see a priest walking around the church or in the chapel, you may see him holding or reading out of a small black book. Chances are, this book is his Breviary, the prayer book of the Church. It contains the prayers the Church offers to God every day through her priests and many lay people as well. It consists of psalms, hymns, and readings from the Fathers of the Church and lives of the saints. It is a prayer of immense value before God because it is not the private prayer of one individual, but the official prayer of the Church, the voice of the Holy Ghost praising God through the mouthpieces of her clergy and faithful. These beautiful prayers used to be said only by priests, but now that the text of the Breviary is available on the internet, the laity are saying them more as well. They can even be said from a computer or smartphone, and more and more people are doing this, since it is more convenient than lugging a big old book around. And what better place to pray the Breviary than in church, even if it is off a phone? So, next time you see a priest looking at his phone in church, he's probably not playing solitaire, he's saying his Breviary!



THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S LAW

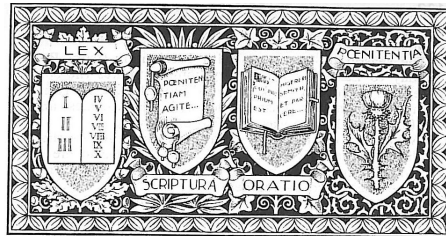
God here assures us that a nation which is faithful in observing the laws regarding the Divine Service shall be blessed above other nations. History is one long illustration of the truth of this promise. Of all the nations which have fallen, there is not one that has not brought the chastisement upon itself by its neglect of the Law of God. At times, the Almighty delays to strike; but it is only that a chastisement may be the more evident and produce a more salutary effect upon mankind.

When we would know the future of a country, we need only observe how it comports itself with regard to the Laws of the Church. If its own Laws are based on the principles and practices of Christianity, that country is sound in spite of certain weaknesses here and there; Revolutions may disturb its peace, but it will triumph over all. If the bulk of its people is faithful in the observance of external practices prescribed by the Church; for example, if they observe the Lord's Day, and the holy Fast of Lent; there is a fund of morality in that country, which is sure to draw down upon it the blessings of heaven.

Irreligious men will scoff at all this, and call it superstition, prejudice of weak minds, and out of date for an age of Progress like ours; but if their theories were to rule, and a country, which up to this time had been practically Catholic, were to seek progress

by infringing the law of Christian Ritual, it would, in less than a hundred years, find that public and private morality had lost ground, and its own security would be menaced. Man may talk and write as he likes—God wishes to be served and honored by His people, and it is for Him to prescribe what are to be the forms of this service and adoration. Every injury offered to external Worship, which is the great social link, is an injury to the interests of mankind. Even were there not the word of God for it, it is but just that such a consequence should follow.

— Dom Prosper Guéranger (d. 1875)—
brilliant Benedictine priest, scholar, abbot,
and founder of what is now the Solesmes
Congregation in France.



Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

*This Saturday, August 13,
at 11:00 AM
in West Chester*



ACT OF LOVE OF THE HOLY "CURÉ D'ARS"

I love Thee, O my God.
My only desire is to love Thee,
until the last breath of my life.

I love Thee, O infinitely loveable
God,
and I prefer to die loving Thee,
rather than to live for an instant
without Thee.

I love Thee, O my God,
and I desire only to go to Heaven,
to have the happiness of loving Thee
perfectly.

I love Thee, O my God,
and my only fear is to go to Hell,
because one will never have the sweet
solace of loving Thee there.

O my God, if my tongue cannot say
at all times that I love Thee,
at least I want my heart to repeat it to
Thee!

as many times as I breathe. Ah! Do
me the grace
to suffer while loving Thee,
to love Thee while suffering,
and that when I die:
I not only will love Thee,
but experience it in my heart.

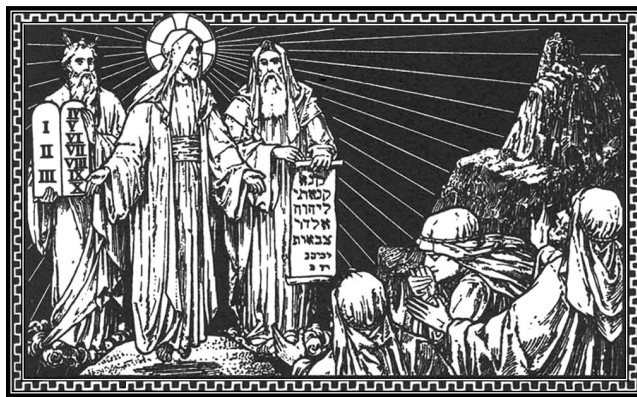
I beg Thee that: the closer I come to
my final end,
Thou wilt increase and perfect my
love for Thee. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	8/8/22	SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM <i>FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our Bishops: †Bishop Dolan & Bishop McGuire (<i>Richesson Family</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass The four new priests (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>)
TUE	8/9/22	ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C • ST. ROMANUS, M VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE • <i>ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM</i> SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Souls entrusted to my care (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Gerard Keaveney</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass †Bishop Dolan – Thanks for the 40 years (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Anne Marie Omlor</i>)
WED	8/10/22	ST. LAWRENCE, M
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass The intentions of all those who prayed for my intentions – Thank you (<i>TRCS</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Our Children, Grandchildren, Godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Wilker</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Ruth Ann Bolte (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
THU	8/11/22	SS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM <i>ST. PHILOMENA, VM</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass For all who housed us – Thank you! (<i>The girls from the retreat</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased – M.A. (<i>C. Simpson</i>)
FRI	8/12/22	ST. CLARE, V
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich Family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Msgr. John F.X. Smith
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Special Intention – JRV (<i>K/V</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Anne Marie Omlor</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	8/13/22	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION (ANTICIPATED) SS. HYPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C <i>OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS</i>
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (<i>Gary Steinbaugh</i>)
	8:10 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:20 AM	(approx.) High Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
		Sodality of Charity Meeting
	11:00 AM	Fatima Rosary Procession
SUN	8/14/22	PENTECOST X • ST. EUSEBIUS, C
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass The conversion of America and the world (<i>Dan & Mary</i>)

METHOD OF ASSISTING AT HOLY MASS

It is a common practice to limit our prayers to petition. This is a mistake. We owe God, first of all, adoration; secondly, gratitude. We can never thank Him sufficiently; though we were to employ eternity in so doing, for the innumerable gifts, material and spiritual, temporal and eternal, which He has bestowed upon us. Life, redemption, our Catholic faith, preservation from grave sin, the grace of conversion, health, relatives and friends—these are but a few of God's gifts. Let us rejoice, therefore, to thank God by means of the Holy Mass. After adoration and thanksgiving comes atonement. Prostrate at the foot of Calvary's cross, down which the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ flows from His gaping wounds, we should beg pardon for our sins which have thus nailed Christ to the cross. Let us ask Him to pour His Precious Blood over our souls that they may be cleansed from their polluting stains. Prayer of petition should not be forgotten. In it we beg of God for the favors of which we stand in need.



Said privately by Bishop McGuire on 8/11:
Private Intention (*Patrick Omlor*)

SERVERS

FRI 8/12	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo Bros.
SAT 8/13	7:30 AM LOW: Volunteer
	8:20 AM HIGH: Simpson Bros.
SUN 8/14	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: MC: C. Richesson TH: S. Richesson ACs: D. Simpson, J. McGinnis TORCH: C. Van Der Putten, T. England, R. & B. McGinnis
	11:30 AM LOW: Kolenich Bros.
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo

9:00 AM	High Mass Our children (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Hudson</i>)
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Nina Krawczyk – complete restoration of health (<i>Krawczyk Family</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great