

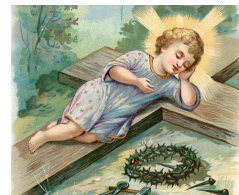
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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September 4, 2022 PENTECOST XIII ST. ROSE OF VITERBO, V



¶ PENTECOST XIII

Catechism Class Registration is available again today! See Fr. Lehtoranta in the church office after the 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses. The second collection for our clergy is taken up at the Offertory today, and the Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms to have Masses offered for priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

¶ THANK YOU!

Today was the last of our summer congregational-sung High Masses. Thank you for your help over the summer! Our choir resumes singing for the High Masses next Sunday.

¶ LABOR DAY

Labor Day marks the end of summer and back to work for all of us in some sense, as we start the fall season. Come to Mass tomorrow morning at 8:00 or 9:00 AM in honor of St. Joseph, patron of those who labor.

¶ ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS THIS WEEK



On **Tuesday** we conclude the powerful Summer Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony. On **Wednesday** we open a new school year with the Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost.



¶ NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

Thursday is the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. The Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings will take place after the 11:25 AM Mass. Each child will receive a seedling to plant in Our Lady's honor. Following the High Mass there will be a Birthday Party for "Baby Mary," with cake and ice cream for the children. Please note, *all children*, and especially our homeschoolers, are welcome to the festivities for this special day, which "announces joy to the whole world."

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

The **Oblates of the Holy Face Investiture Ceremony** takes place after the High Mass next Sunday. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

¶ Set Your Missal: Low Masses:

Pentecost XIV, second collect of Ss. Protus & Hyacinth, third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** Solemnity of the Holy Name of Mary, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIV. Third collect of Ss. Protus & Hyacinth. Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sodality of Charity Meeting: Sept. 10
Sunday Catechism Classes Resume: Sunday, Sept. 18
Parish Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 18
Rosary Sunday: October 2
Forty Hours: October 21-23
All Saints Sunday Procession & Party: October 30

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Thielen, †Jayne Linscott, Margaret Kinnett, Patrick Bonace, and all of our sick and shut-in.



Collection Report

Sunday, August 28th.....\$6,850.11
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

To rise up, and go through the same duties, and then to rest again, day after day—to pass week after week, beginning with God’s service on Sunday, and then to our worldly tasks—so to continue till year follows year, and we gradually get old; an unvaried life like this is apt to seem unprofitable to us when we dwell upon the thought of it. Many indeed there are who do not think at all; but live in their round of employments, without care about God and religion, driven on by the natural course of things in a dull irrational way like the beasts that perish. But when a man begins to feel he has a soul, and a work to do, and a reward to be gained, greater or less, according as he improves the talents committed to him, then he is naturally tempted to be anxious from his very wish to be saved, and he says, “What must I do to please God?” And sometimes he is led to think he ought to be useful on a large scale, and goes out of his line of life, that he may be doing something worth doing, as he considers it. Here we have the history of St. Bartholomew and the other apostles to recall us to ourselves, and to assure us that we need not give up our usual manner of life, in order to serve God; that the most humble and quietest station is acceptable to Him, if improved duly—nay, affords means for maturing the highest Christian character, even that of an apostle. Bartholomew read the Scriptures and prayed to God; and thus was trained at length to give up his life for Christ when He demanded it.

—John Henry Cardinal Newman



GOD’S MASTERPIECE

Of the thousands of feasts that are kept in the Church, there are only three birthdays, and these are kept because of their sinlessness. The birthday of Our Lady, the 8th of September, is a day of devotion because she was immaculate even in her conception.

In Nazareth, a town of Galilee, in the home of Joachim and Ann, a tiny little babe was born. She was of the tribe and family of David. St. Bernard tells us that she was the masterpiece of all the ages, and none of the daughters of Israel could ever compare with her in the marvelous virtues in which she was enriched.

Mary is Heaven’s gift to mankind, born for the salvation of all men. The angels hover round the cradle of the Queen. Heaven and earth are filled with joy.

You will want to give the Blessed Mother a birthday present. The best gift is to receive her Son, Jesus, in Holy Communion. Let us thank Mary on her birthday, for it is Mary’s birth which makes our salvation possible, and makes our lives on earth useful in gaining Heaven. Ask our Blessed Mother for many graces for yourself and for others. Mary takes our prayers to her Son, and it is she who guides our actions. To Jesus through Mary is a sure way to Heaven.



**MARY’S BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER 8**

A brooding darkness covered earth,
And filled it with despair;
Confusion, strife, and misery,
With sin stalked everywhere.

A heavy cloud hung o’er the closed
and bolted Heaven’s gate;
Four thousand years the Father’s
wrath,
Had caused this earth to wait.

Unhappiness reigned over all,
And Satan held his sway.
“Oh, for a Savior,” men cried out,
“Oh, for a hopeful ray!”

When lo! a tiny speck appeared,
Within yon western sky,
And weary men looked eagerly,
To see that glint on high.

It widened—glimmered—drove out
sin,
Diffused His peace on earth,
And every corner brightened—
thrilled,
The day of Mary’s birth!

The cloud diffused from Heaven’s
gate,
And showed the bolt undone,
The golden knob but waiting for
The touch of Mary’s Son.

Behind the blue sky flecked with
rose,
The Father smiled above,
To know that Mary’s Son would
bring
This world back to His love.

—Delores Felhoelter



September, the month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows and the Holy Cross, is here already. The saints and feast days on the calendar are truly some of the greatest. Five Marian Feasts, an Archangel, one Apostle, our own special feast of the North American Martyrs, and St. Peter Claver. Who doesn't love St. Francis of Assisi?! What about the story of St. Eustace—a truly amazing one! Or the grumpy St. Jerome, who had a sharp tongue, but cured himself with an even sharper stone! St. Gertrude's has always been about liturgical piety and teaching about the saints. If you can, come to Mass—you'll probably get a sermon about the saint of the day at one of the later Masses; but if you can't make it to Mass, perhaps you could read about the saint—don't forget to tell the children all about them.



School is in the air. I think that's how the saying goes. It will be nice to see the youngsters again. The beginning of school brings with it a certain sense of welcome routine after all the camps and "comings and goings" of the hectic summer months.

The missions are quite active these days. I learned that **Bishop da Silva**, who is quite the zealous missionary, will soon be moving to a location near Rio de Janeiro. The next few months will be rather taxing for him, but he hopes to be fully moved by January.

Our **Fr. Martín**, in Mexico, takes care of a number of chapels and has around a thousand faithful in all. He is the only priest there to tend this flock. That ratio is a mind-boggling one—one priest to a thousand parishioners. **Fr. Arnoldo**, in the western part of Mexico, continues his work with his seminary. It's been a while since we've seen him, but I hope to again one day. Besides, I think he still has **Fr. McKenna's** hat!

Fr. Thielen is in good spirits despite the lengthy illness. He is getting better each day but is still a bit weak. Your prayers are working, so keep them up! Jayne Linscott, a very sweet lady from the Lancaster area whom I used to visit on sick calls but whom Fr. Thielen has been taking care of, passed away about a week ago. **Fr. Simpson** and his two brothers took care of the funeral Mass last Tuesday. Please keep her soul in your prayers.

Oh! Don't forget the Investiture ceremony next Sunday after the Solemn High Mass.

– Bishop McGuire



NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

*Solemn High Mass at 11:25 AM followed
by the Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings
(You are welcome to take some home!)*

*All are invited to a birthday party in Our Lady's
honor following the blessing.*



ON OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

O what light and glory
Deck thee, all resplendent,
Thou of Royal David
Glorious descendant!

Mary ever-Virgin
Who in heaven art dwelling,
All the choirs of angels
Evermore excelling.

Jesus all creation
Evermore adoreth,
And full lowly bending,
Rightly now imploreth;

May His pity grant us,
Far our darkness sending,
With thee, in His glory
Joy and light unending.

– Sarum Sequence



SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18
1-5 PM in Sharon
Woods Park,
Council Bluffs Shelter.

*We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and
drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if
you would like, but most of all, bring yourself!*

MON	9/5/22	LABOR DAY • ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Clergy</i>)
	9:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Thielen (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)
TUE	9/6/22	FERIAL DAY
		CLOSING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Jayne Linscott (<i>Steve & Martha Shaver</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Ruth Schmelzer-Hoch</i>)
WED	9/7/22	FERIAL DAY • FIRST WEDNESDAY • ST. CLOUD, C
		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Dr. Dallas Auvil (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Marriage Blessings for Justin & Imogen (<i>Levi Giese Family</i>)
	11:25 AM	Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost Teachers & Students of SGG School
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Help for Fr. Thielen (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>)
THU	9/8/22	NATIVITY OF OUR LADY • ST. ADRIAN, M
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass Miss Janet Strauss (<i>Sr. Grace</i>) Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings, Birthday Party for Our Lady
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
FRI	9/9/22	ST. PETER CLAVER, C • ST. GORGONIUS, M
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Nina Krawczyk – complete restoration of health (<i>Krawczyk Family</i>)
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Reparation to the Sacred Heart (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	9/10/22	ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Nina Krawczyk – complete restoration of health (<i>Krawczyk Family</i>)
	8:10 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass Fr. Bayer & Fr. Barnes (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	9/11/22	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
		PENTECOST XIV • SS. PROTUS & HYACINTH, MM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Edward Marko (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	9:00 AM	Solemn High Mass Our Oblates (<i>The Fathers</i>) Investiture of Oblates
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

SEVEN INTENTIONS FOR OUR DAILY PRAYERS

1. That all things redound to God's honor and glory.
2. That all men be brought to the knowledge of the Truth.
3. That all men be saved.
4. The conversion of hardened sinners.
5. The intentions of the Church.
6. For priestly and religious vocations.
7. The souls in Purgatory.



PRAYER TO ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS
TO ASK HIS PROTECTION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



Lord, Father Almighty! The family is the most ancient institution of humanity, for it is as old as man himself. But because it is Thine own institution and the only means by which man can come into this world and develop to the greatest perfection, therefore the forces of evil are assaulting it, causing men to despise this basic unit of Christian civilization. In suicidal fury they seek to deal it a mortal blow. Let them not succeed, Lord, in their destructive designs on the Christian family.

Through the intercession of the glorious St. Raymond Nonnatus, pleader in heaven for the happiness, welfare, and peace of Christian families, we beg Thee to hear our prayers. By the merits of this great saint, our patron, grant that our homes may ever be modeled after the Holy Family of Nazareth. Let not the enemies of Christian family life triumph in their sacrilegious attacks, but rather convert them to the truth for the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

SERVERS

FRI 9/9	5:45 PM LOW: Simpsons
SAT 9/10	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
	8:20 AM HIGH: MC: P. Omlor ACS: Simpsons
SUN 9/11	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: D. Simpson CROSS: C. Richesson ACS: A. McClorey, S. Richesson
	TORCH: A. Constantino, J. Stewart, C. Van Der Putten, R., B. & J. McGinnis
	11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo