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

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna
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June 9, 2024

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART
PENTECOST III • SS. PRIMUS & FELICIAN, MM • OUR LADY MOTHER OF GRACE

¶ SACRED HEART SUNDAY

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. ANTHONY & THE ROSARY

The feast of St. Anthony of Padua is this **Thursday**. Come and honor this great saint at Mass, and take a blessed lily home. The second of our Fatima Rosary Processions will be at 7:15 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Joseph and Sarah Simpson on the baptism of their son, Gabriel Joseph, on Saturday, June 8, 2024.



¶ UPCOMING FEASTS & EVENTS

St. John's Bonfire: Monday, June 24
Ss. Peter & Paul: Saturday, June 29
Girls Camp: June 18-20
YAG 2024: July 12-14
Boys Camp: July 23-25



Collection Report

Sunday, June 2nd.....\$10,515.00
Second Collection.....\$2,509.00
Alter Christus.....\$603.00



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IV

Next Sunday is Father's Day. The High Mass will be for all our fathers whose names are on the altar. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IV. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Jim Soli, Jane Brockman, the Gilliam family, and the repose of the soul of †Page Morgan.

ETERNAL FATHER,

I offer Thee the fervent devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in satisfaction for the lukewarmness and cowardice of Thy chosen people, imploring Thee by the burning love which made Him suffer death, that it may please Thee to rekindle their hearts now so lukewarm in Thy service, and to set them on fire with Thy love, that they may love Thee forever.

– St. Margaret Mary

Wedding Banns

*Second time: Leo Arlinghaus
& Katelyn McConnell*

¶ FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

You will find envelopes in the vestibule for Father's Day. These should be filled out and returned in the collection, office or bookstore before next Sunday. Father's Day intentions may also be submitted online at sggresources.org.



PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE TO THE SACRED HEART

Hail, Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and vivifying source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, burning furnace of Divine love! Thou art the place of my repose and my refuge. O my Divine Lord, inflame my heart with that ardent love with which Thine was inflamed: pour into my heart the graces of which Thine is the source; and grant that my heart may be so closely united to Thine that Thy will may be mine, and that mine may be eternally conformed to Thine, for it is my desire that henceforth this holy will be the rule of all my desires and my actions. Amen.



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

How great, O my Jesus, is Thy excessive charity! Thou hast prepared for me Thy most precious Body and Blood as a divine banquet, wherein Thou givest me Thyself without reserve. What hath urged Thee to this excess of love? Nothing but Thy own most loving Heart. O adorable Heart of my Jesus, furnace of divine love, receive my soul into the wounds of Thy most Sacred Passion, that in this school of charity I may learn to make a return of love to that God who has given me such wonderful proofs of His love.



IN REPARATION

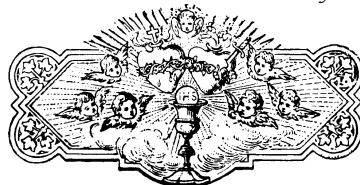
And lead us not into temptation: O Lord, Who hast prepared before us a table against all who trouble us, and settest forth thereon the Bread which strengthens man's heart against all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, grant me through this heavenly and life giving food strength and courage, that I may never yield in the hour of temptation, but may steadfastly cleave to Thee.

May I not seek the friendship of this world, nor be conformed to its spirit, but may I be so transformed by the virtue of this heavenly food that I may desire to please Thee alone, and fear nothing but to displease Thee. May the earth grow vile in my eyes while I here behold the heavens, and embrace within me the Lord of the whole earth.

May the pleasures of the flesh cease to attract me, seeing that it is given to me to feed upon the Flesh of the Lamb without spot and on the Manna of heaven, in which I find pleasures greater far, and all conceivable sweetness of delight.

And wherein shall the devil prevail against me when my God Himself is with me? For if God be for us, who is against us?

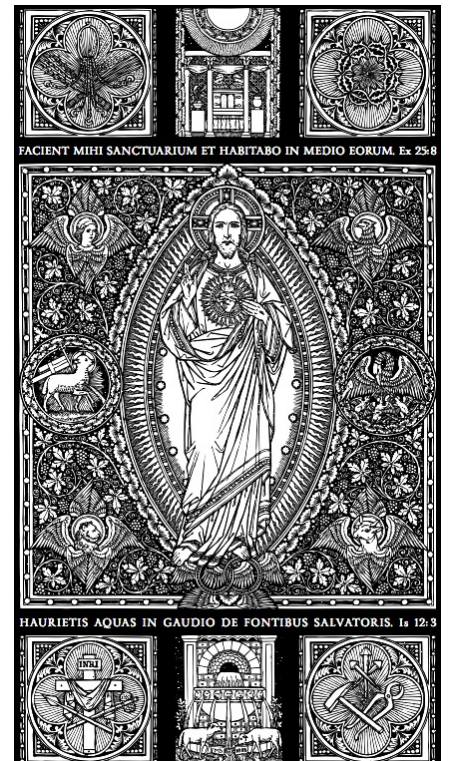
— *St. Gertrude's Prayerbook*



COR CORDIUM

Where burns the sanctuary star
In shadowy chancels, there the Heart
divine
How oft in lonely longing seems to
pine
For those who, wandering far,
To stranger gods—ambition proud,
and fame,
And languid luxury—forget His name.
The voice all silvery sweet
That erst through Judah's vales like
music beat,
The wayward wooing, still doth it
entreat these hearts of ours.
Why linger do we dally with life's
flowers
When scarce we've quaffed their
odorous breath
They withered lie in death.
Lo! in that Heart of hearts, the rose of
love
All other flowers above,
Its leaves of flame immortally unfolds;
Undreamed delights, like perfume rare,
it holds
For him in whose pure breast
The dove of grace hath built her snowy
nest.

— *Sr. M. Blanche*



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

This week will be a quiet one here at St. Gertrude's as **Fr. McKenna** takes care of things while the rest of the Fathers join me out west for a priest's retreat. The retreat begins on Monday evening, but I have been with **Fathers Ercoli** and **Romero** since Friday and am giving First Holy Communion and Confirmations at their St. Joseph's Church which is about an hour from Seattle. It's always a pleasure to see the Fathers and the wonderful work they are doing. I believe our seminarians will be attending this year's retreat along with the priests. Please remember to pray for Josè Santos Casas, who will receive the last two minor orders at the end of the retreat. After the retreat, I will be going to Trinidad, Colorado to administer Confirmations at **Fr. Peter Raleigh's** church, which he named Holy Innocents. Interestingly, he built the church in the hopes that it would be a shrine of reparation for the sin of abortion.

Don't forget the blessing of lilies and the Fatima Rosary Procession on the feast of St. Anthony this week! The Rosary Procession for peace is a wonderful way to make reparation during this octave of the Sacred Heart.

School ended on Friday and a well-deserved break is given to **Fr. Lehtoranta**, our teachers, and students. Although school is out, I encourage the parents to bring the children regularly to an extra Mass or two per week. The children should be taught to appreciate parish life and to understand that St. Gertrude's is not only a place where they have to do dreaded school work, but a place where they receive the life-giving graces of the sacraments, and where they develop good Catholic friendships. In a word, the church ought to be a second home to them, a refuge from the world, a place they love.

While most of our grounds are cared for pretty well (the outdoor stations look quite nice and the cloister garden looks lovely), the Lourdes grotto could use a little attention. I would like to decorate it with a few more flowers, a rose bush or two would be most appropriate. More importantly, it would be nice to clean the pond more regularly. It does look pretty bad these days. If you have any tips on how to keep it clean or would like to volunteer just let me know. It's one of those things that I will do myself, if need be, in order to ensure that it stays nice...it is part of one of our shrines, after all. But I just don't know the first thing about it.

The architect says that the rectory addition might cost as much as a million dollars, but I am told that the

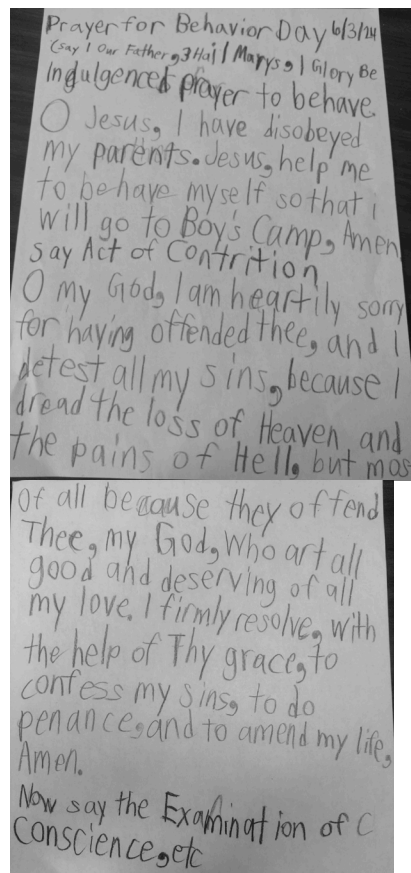
price will not be that high. Still, that is too much for a one-story addition and we might need to delay our building project. I cannot justify spending a million dollars for an addition, especially after looking at the type of houses we could afford in West Chester for half that amount. It is my goal to have all the priests living under one roof. This would lend itself to a much better community atmosphere among the clergy, as it should be. It would also mean that the Oblates could move into the other house and have a place of their own. Right now, they are living with their families and traveling back and forth, which makes for a very tiring day for them. I think that having their own place will also promote growth for the Oblates of the Holy Face. Mother of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Attendance at the Corpus Christi Masses has been superb! How edifying to see so many of our First Communicants come daily to receive an extra Holy Communion! May Our Lord reward you for your efforts! I hope even more of you will come during the Sacred Heart Octave despite there being fewer Mass times. Our Lord does ask for reparation and love. May He find clergy and faithful right here at St. Gertrude's who are willing to give Him what He asks!

In the Sacred Heart,

Bishop McGuire

P.S. One of our schoolchildren wrote this prayer. I find that the prayers written by children are actually quite profound in their simplicity. They hit the point and skip the fluff! The boy who wrote this particular prayer is very well behaved... It's the rest of us that could profit from "Behavior Day."



Prayer for Behavior Day 6/3/14
(Say 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be
Indulgences) Prayer to behave.
O Jesus, I have disobeyed
my parents. Jesus, help me
to behave myself so that I
will go to Boy's Camp, Amen
say Act of Contrition
O my God, I am heartily sorry
for having offended thee, and I
detest all my sins, because I
dread the loss of Heaven and
the pains of Hell, but most
of all because they offend
Thee, my God, who art all
good and deserving of all
my love. I firmly resolve, with
the help of Thy grace, to
confess my sins, to do
penance, and to amend my life.
Amen.
Now say the Examination of
Conscience, etc



Please note the lighter schedule due to the priests' retreat this week.

MON	6/10/24	ST. MARGARET, W 8:00 AM Low Mass †David MacDonald, Jr. – 14 th Anniversary 4/6 (Tom & Karen Simpson) 11:25 AM Low Mass Gene & Betty Craig (K.R.)
TUE	6/11/24	ST. BARNABAS, AP 8:00 AM Low Mass †Dolores MacDonald – 26 th Anniversary 5/27 (Tom & Karen Simpson)
WED	6/12/24	ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C SS. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Patricia Kissane (Joe & Kathy Bayer)
THU	6/13/24	ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, CD EUCCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS 5:45 PM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton (Rebecca Hinton) Blessing of Lilies 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
FRI	6/14/24	OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BPCD 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Cheryl Leech (Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	6/15/24	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY SS. VITUS & COMPANIONS 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Thank you for answered prayers (Rebecca Hinton) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass For our Children, Grandchildren & Godchildren (C. & B. Simpson)
SUN	6/16/24	PENTECOST VI • FATHER'S DAY 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving for prayers answered (Dan & Mary) 9:00 AM High Mass Thank you St. Anthony! (my wallet) (Joe Druecker) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (Kolenich family) 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Servers

FRI 6/14	5:45 PM LOW: T. Lawrence
SAT 6/15	7:30 AM HIGH: F. Caggese, I. Smith 8:40 AM LOW: M. Simpson
SUN 6/16	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: A. McClorey ACS: L. Rabjohns, F. Caggese TBS: B. & A. Constantino, C. VanderPutten, Ma. & P. Caggese, I. Smith 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

There are many phrases in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that take on a deeper, more affectionate meaning on this Sunday within the octave of the feast of the Sacred Heart.

On that feast we thought gratefully of the promise of the Sacred Heart: "Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy." Hypocrites...and the spiritually conceited (and they are surprisingly many) and the narrow-minded may pretend to be shocked that "this Man welcomes sinners and eats with them." The rest of us, sinners ourselves and keenly conscious of our sinfulness, can only be thankful that there is "joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After all, Christ became Man and lived and died because He had a deep love for man. He knows that most men are not meanly malicious. We are ignorant, we are thoughtless, we are weak. We mean to do the right thing. We want to offer to God, day by day, a spotless, generous offering of ourselves, and we are sincerely ashamed of ourselves when we forget, when we fall victims to our own weakness.

That is why it is good to know that He understands, He still loves, He is always willing to forgive. When we bow our heads at the foot of the altar and make a sincere confession before the whole court of Heaven, that "I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed," we know that He hears our confession, that He loves us all the more for our formal admission of our wrong-doing, that He stands ready to give us a hand and pull us out of our sinful way.

The Kyrie...becomes a fervent prayer for forgiveness and for strength. "Lord, have mercy on us," we pray for ourselves and for all men. We need His mercy; we need His strength and, as we pray that short Litany, our thoughts go to all men throughout the world, all sinful men for whom Christ died on the Cross. Kyrie Eleison, because, after all, O Lord, You loved sinners. And You did praise that prayer of the poor publican, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."

All through the Mass, it is with a realization that we are sinners that we send our prayers to God. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is all the more ours because we are sinners. "Lamb of God," we pray in the Gloria, "Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...hear our prayer...Accept, O Holy Father this spotless host which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer to Thee for all my numberless sins, offenses and negligences...With contrite and humble heart we beg Thee, O Lord, to accept this offering of ourselves...grant that we may be saved from eternal damnation...This is the chalice of My Blood which shall be shed for you and for many for the remission of sins...to us also sinners and Thy servants who hope in the multitude of Thy mercies, graciously grant...fellowship with Thy Holy Apostles and Martyrs...Look not upon my sins but upon the Faith of Thy Church...Lamb of God, have mercy on us...O Lord, I am not worthy..."

All through the Mass it runs, this realization of our sinful unworthiness but, side by side with it, runs a confidence in the mercy and the forgiving goodness of the Sacred Heart, and a daring resolve to come ever closer to this Heart in spite of our sinfulness.

"This Man eats with sinners." That is not remarkable. This Man becomes daily food for sinners, and we have such faith in the all-forgiving goodness of the Sacred Heart that even this amazing miracle of goodness is only what we expect of Him, the source of all goodness.
– The Everyday Catholic