

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. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

July 21, 2024 PENTECOST IX ST. PRAXEDES, V • ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET



¶ PENTECOST IX

Cars are blessed during all Masses today, in honor of St. Christopher. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is Tuesday to Thursday of this week. Camp begins with Mass at **10 AM** on Tuesday, and ends with rosary at **3 PM** on Thursday. Mass will be at **8 AM** on Wednesday and Thursday. Boys who are First Communion age and up are welcome. Those attending should have a missal, rosary, church clothes, play clothes, and a tent if they are staying overnight.

The boys will be playing sports at Keehner Park, so if they have any sporting equipment they would like to bring they should do so. The usual games are Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, baseball and kickball.

The boys will be going swimming on the second day of camp, so they should bring a swimsuit, goggles, etc., if they are interested in swimming.

The Fathers and some fathers will be supervising the camp, but will not be able to babysit—boys who need more supervision should come with their dads.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 14th\$5,992.00
Thank you for your generosity.



¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

St. Mary Magdalen comes on **Monday**. **Tuesday** is the feast of St. Apollinaris and St. Liborius. Don't forget the **Summer Novena!**

Wednesday is the feast of St. Christina. Great

St. James the Apostle is on **Thursday**, with St.

Christopher, patron of motorists. St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady and Grandmother of the Christ Child, has her feast on **Friday**. The **St. Monica Club** will be meeting after the evening Mass. St. Pantaleon shares his feast with Our Lady Mother of Mercy on **Saturday**.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X, second collect of Ss. Nazarius & Companions, third of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Mary Gilmor, and the repose of the souls of †Fr. Jose de Jesus Becerra and †Eric Lau-bach.

Congratulations

to Nick and Katie McClorey on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Michigan.



THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

Supernaturalized, as in the life of a practical Christian it so easily may be, kindness becomes fraternal charity, the great virtue of which St. Paul does not hesitate to say, "He that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law."

...Like all the other best things in life, kindness is within easy reach of everyone. None so poor, so ignorant, so beset with cares, so buffeted by misfortune, but he may in his own little world exercise the gracious ministry of speaking kindly words and doing kindly deeds. Yet, alas! how multiplied are the opportunities of exercising such ministry that each of us neglects! The genial smile that would gladden a sorrowing heart, the sympathetic work that would lighten an acquaintance's woe, the trifling service that would ease the burden of the widow or the orphan—how often we withhold them and go our selfish way, neglectful and indifferent! We are given sometimes to boasting of what beneficent projects we would carry out, what charitable deeds we would perform, if only the wealth of the multi-millionaire were ours; yet in our daily life we are as stingy of the kindnesses that are really at our disposal as the veriest miser of his idolized dollars. Better far to dispense with cheerful benignity such little favors as we may than to plan the pompous benefactions of a suppositious condition.

Nor should we forget that the choicest fruits of kindness are not its outward manifestations, not mere words and deeds. These may wear the semblance of the virtue, and yet be prompted by other than kindly motives.

*Not always actions show the man; we find
Who does a kindness is not therefore kind.*

As far as the recipients are concerned, the practical deed is, of course, the main thing; with respect to the merit of the doer, the

underlying motive will determine its degree. Hence it behooves us to cultivate charitable thoughts and judgments of our neighbor. "Kind interpretations are imitations of the merciful benignity of the Creator finding excuses for His creatures.... The practice of kind thoughts is our main help to that complete government of our tongue which we all so much covet, and without which the Apostle says that all our religion is vain." In exercising charity we benefit ourselves; we heal our own wounds in binding up those of our neighbor. Only by putting into constant practice the divine rule, to love our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God, shall we so dispose our hearts that kindness of thought and word and work will be our spontaneous attitude toward our fellowmen, and only then may we claim to have become in any degree worthy of the promises of Christ.

— *The Ave Maria*



"At the mention of this name [the Blessed Virgin Mary], the angels rejoice and the devils tremble. Through this invocation, sinners obtain grace and pardon."

— *St. Peter Canisius*

THE POETRY CORNER
PATAPSCO

The river, ankle deep, refuses to run
Slowing to silence in the stifling heat
As quiet as the chapel at the marsh's
edge—

The one I remember from
childhood—

Where lapwings nested
But no-one came to pray.

In this midsummer stillness
Creation waits calmly
Not for me, who stumbled on this spot
by chance,
But for Him
Whose Name the rocks and rivers of
all the world
Will shout with joy
As time ends.

— *Trevor Lipscombe*



A NOTE OF THANKS

Linda Faith and the Faith family extend their sincere gratitude to all who assisted to help cover costs for Laura's funeral expenses. In our time of great need we cannot express how much it meant to us—to have had such an outpouring of true Christian charity through your prayers, support, and donations. Thanks to all who found it in your hearts to help in any way, and know that Masses have been and will be offered up for you. Please continue to pray for the repose of Laura's soul and for the family as we navigate through this time of grief and sorrow.

Thank you to all who offered their prayers for a safe trip to and a successful apostolic visit to Mexico. This time, Confirmations were done on the patronal feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at **Fr. Martín Gomez's** chapel in the town of Dos Rios in Vera Cruz. Bishop Dolan had visited Fr. Martín for years and had always come back with edifying stories about his apostolate, so it was a pleasure to have finally met him and his flock in person.

Father has been in Dos Rios for some fifteen years now, doing most of the work on the church himself. You can see a picture of his church below. He tells me that he plans a major project in the construction of his church each year, taking six months to plan it out and go door-to-door asking for alms, and then six months putting it into execution. The plan this year is to build a larger sacristy off to the Epistle side of the sanctuary as well as guests' quarters for visiting clergy. He is a hardworking and zealous priest whose example I found to be quite edifying.



Aside from the Divine Mercy picture, it is quite a beautiful church.

Although he is 53 years old, Father still has a heavy schedule, including two Masses on Sunday, a few hour drive and then an evening Mass in one of his other missions. Because of the lack of priests in Mexico, when he travels to La Paz once a month to offer Holy Mass his congregation in Dos Rios must do without Mass and instead they pray the Rosary. What an example.

Most graciously, Father took me to see two shrines while I was there, El Niño Doctor, and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Of course, I remembered to pray for you! It was interesting to see Juan Diego's tilma with the miraculous image of Our Lady, as well as to see the place where he lived after the apparitions. There is no house, but a cross marks the spot where he remained until his death in 1548.

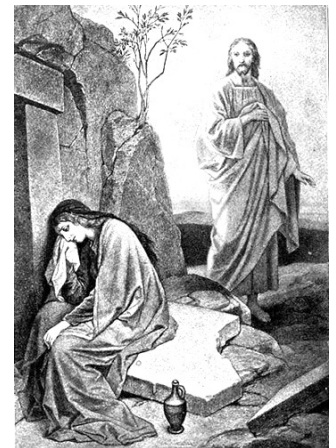
Boys Camp starts this Tuesday and ends Thursday at 3pm with recitation of the Rosary. Feel free to join us! It would be like a family Rosary for the parish. St. Anne's Triduum begins on Friday and St. Monica's Club meets the same day after the evening Mass.

I am sure there is much that I'm missing, but perhaps I will remember it later. One thing is true, though—there is always so much to be thankful for...at least that is the lesson I learned this week. Deo gratias et Mariae!

– **Bishop McGuire**

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

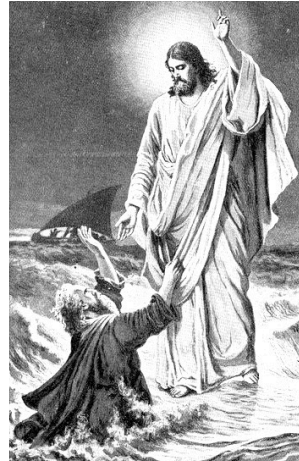
In His public ministry, Our Lord is accompanied by “the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities,” among them “Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out” (*Lk 8:2*). Following Our Lord brings Mary to Golgotha, where she witnesses His death and burial. Three days later, she meets the Risen Jesus outside the empty tomb. She hastens to tell the disciples: “I have seen the Lord!” Tradition names Mary Magdalene “the apostle of the Apostles”: “Just as a woman had announced the first words of death to the first man, so also a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life” (St. Thomas Aquinas).



✠ CALENDAR

MON	7/22/24	ST. MARY MAGDALEN, PENITENT 8:00 AM Low Mass Tom & Karen Simpson (<i>KLB</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire – Thank you for the Retreat (<i>The Fathers</i>)
TUE	7/23/24	ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM • ST. LIBORIUS, BPC SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES BOYS' CAMP DAY I 7:00 AM Low Mass For everyone who prayed for me (<i>S. Kurtz</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony (<i>The Arlinghaus Family</i>) 10:00 AM High Mass Katherine Rabjohns 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Monica (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
WED	7/24/24	VIGIL OF ST. JAMES • ST. CHRISTINA, VM <i>ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C • BOYS' CAMP DAY II</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Helen Laub (<i>Levi Giese Family</i>) 8:00 AM High Mass Unity among Traditional Bishops & Priests (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Our children & Godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	7/25/24	ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP ST. CHRISTOPHER, M • BOYS' CAMP DAY III 7:00 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Jason Murray</i>) 8:00 AM High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass St. Joseph – Thanksgiving (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
FRI	7/26/24	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY OPENING OF ST. ANNE TRIDUUM 8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich family</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass For my daughter – conversion (<i>Lydia Hayes</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass For our fallen away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction 7:10 PM (approx.) St. Monica's Club Meeting
SAT	7/27/24	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • ST. PANTALEON, M <i>OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY • ST. ANNE TRIDUUM II</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Bill & †Pat Bendel (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Lisa McConnell (<i>Maria McConnell</i>)
SUN	7/28/24	PENTECOST X • ST. NAZARIOUS & CELSUS, MM ST. VICTOR I, PM • ST. INNOCENT I, PC ST. ANNE TRIDUUM III 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Anne & †Denis McMahon (<i>Colleen McMahon</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Alan Lotarski (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Charles Bryan, Jr. (<i>The Rabmen Family</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE MOST PLEASING, THE MOST USEFUL



Give Me a farthing while you are still alive. This pleases Me more, and will be more useful to you, than if you were to give Me a mountain of gold heaped as high as Heaven.

A single tear shed out of love for My Passion or for your sins, pleases Me more and will be more useful to you, than shedding an ocean of tears for some good that you lack.

The support of one mortifying and injurious word out of love of Me, pleases Me more and will be more useful to you, than to break on your body all the rods cut from the forests of the whole world.

One poor man, stranger, or friendless soul received for love of Me, pleases Me more and will be more useful to you, than if you were to fast for seven years on bread and water.

If you forbear to judge, and interpret and accept with kindness all that you see and hear, this will please Me more and be more useful to you, than if you were rapt to the third Heaven.

Whenever you desire to obtain some benefit from Me by your prayer, let your prayer be for all as well as for yourself.

Out of love for My Passion, support with meekness all that you will have to suffer.

Everywhere and always, place your hope and trust in Me.

– Our Lord to St. Albert the Great



SERVERS

FRI 7/26	5:45 PM LOW: M. Caggese, B. Constantino
SAT 7/27	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, P. Caggese, J. Stewart
SUN 7/28	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, A. McClorey TH: S. Richesson ACS: J. Rabjohns, T. England TBS: L. Rabjohns, C. VanderPutten, J. Hudson, J. Smith, A. Constantino, F. Caggese 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey