



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 28, 2024 PENTECOST X

SS. NAZARIUS & CELSUS, MM, VICTOR I, PM, INNOCENT I, PC

¶ PENTECOST X

Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ FIRST THURSDAY

The Knights of the Sacred Heart aren't meeting on Monday, but they and the altar boys are called to duty for the High Mass for priests on Thursday at 5 PM. Games and pizza will follow!

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: The conversion of sinners by a true devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary & Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass, Devotions
8:20 AM Benediction, Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for the offenses of those who outrage the Blessed Virgin directly in her holy images.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Shirley Donovan, the grandmother of Fr. McKenna, who died this past week.



Collection Report

Sunday, July 21st.....\$6,154.25



Lumen Christi

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

Do well in an exam (Janice Lobo)

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Judy Metz, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XI

The second collection will be taken up for our Oblates. Please be generous! The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. 📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XI, second collect of St. Dominic. Trinity Preface.

¶ MASS INTENTIONS

We are now caught up with our Mass Intentions, both here at St. Gertrude's and in the foreign missions, and are able to take more. Masses may be submitted either online at sggresources.org, or using the special envelopes in the vestibule (just inside the main doors). One intention per envelope, and don't forget the importance of checking the "Catholic" box!

¶ CALLING ALL COOKS!

Help is needed with clergy meals! Their schedule is only getting busier, and the calendar is bare.

Nothing fancy required, just something premade and plentiful. If you would like to be added to the meal signup calendar, please contact the office. Thank you for your help!

Congratulations to

Ryan and Teresa Collier on the baptism of their son, Camden Ronan, on Sunday, July 21, 2024.



MEDITATION: THE MARTYRS

If the reading of the Lives of the Saints is a great means to preserve piety, as is said by St. Philip Neri, and as is taught by all the masters of spiritual life, we shall find it yet more useful to read about the victories that the holy martyrs gained by sacrificing their lives amid torments. Hence, before relating their individual triumphs, we shall consider, to our spiritual advantage, the principal virtues of which they gave proofs in their combats....

We at first remark that the martyrs were firmly attached to all the dogmas of the Christian Faith.... But what above all filled the martyrs with courage and ardor and made them wish to die was their great love for their divine Master, Whom St. Augustine calls the King of Martyrs, Who wished to die on the cross in pain and in desolation for the love of us, as St. Paul says: "He loveth us, and hath delivered Himself for us" (Eph 5:2). Actuated by this love, they went with joy to suffer and to die for Jesus Christ; so that, not content to endure the pains that were inflicted upon them, they besought, they provoked the executioners and the tyrants, to obtain from them an increase of torture, in order that they might show themselves more grateful to God Who died for love of them.

Hence it came to pass, according to St. Justin, that, in the course of three centuries, the whole earth was filled with Christians and martyrs. "There is no nation, Greek or barbarian," writes the holy martyr to Trypho, "that does not offer prayers and thanksgivings to the Creator of the universe by invoking the name of Jesus Christ." St. Irenaeus, in like manner, attests that at his time the Faith of Jesus Christ was extended over the entire world. Pliny, in his celebrated letter to the emperor Trajan, declared that the Christian Faith was extended to such a degree that

the temples of the gods were abandoned, and that victims were no longer offered to the idols. And Tiberian also wrote to the same emperor that it would be unwise to put to death all the Christians, since the number of those who were anxious to die for Jesus Christ was incalculable.

— *St. Alphonsus Liguori*



FOR PRUDENCE

Holy Mother of God, Seat of Wisdom, in whose soul the virtue of prudence shone with wonderful beauty, obtain for me, by your pleadings with your Divine Son, this great virtue, so that I may have good judgment and foresight in all things, especially in what concerns the welfare of my own and others' souls. Obtain for me the grace of careful foresight, of wise planning, of views and judgments in conformity with the right principles of reason and faith.

Preserve me from snares and entanglements which may harm my own soul or the souls of others. Give me to understand the nothingness of this world and the preciousness of life eternal. Help me to look far ahead, and to sacrifice present and worthless goods for the lasting joys of heaven. Guard me, Mother, from folly and rashness. Keep me from thoughtless imprudence, and obtain the same graces, I beg of you, for all for whom I ought or wish to pray. Amen.

THE BLUSHING WAVES

Each day at eve the sun goes down
All bleeding to its grave,
It seems to wear a hidden crown
Of thorns, and every wave
Grows crimson at the very sight
Of the departing warmth and light.

And I've been told that every day
Prefigures Calvary,
Christ, like the sun, was led away
To give His life for me;
Is my heart, like the waves, all red
In sorrow for my Lord that bled?

— *T.B.*



THE MARIGOLD

O flower in the garden bed,
You are not sweet as others are;
You can not balm and sweetness shed,
O gold, brown-spotted star!

And yet I love you for your name,—
A name they gave you when, of old,
Our Lady's love made worlds aflame:
They called you Mary's Gold.

— *Lawrence Minot*

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

May all the words that I speak be dipped in the Blood of Thy Sacred Heart, O Jesus, that they may be so many arrows to pierce the hearts of all who hear them with love for Thee. Amen.

Masses sent to the Missions:

- Angela Schmidt (*Kunkel/Volz*)
- Our children & Godchildren
(*Mr. & Mrs. Arlinghaus*)
- Special intention (*Joseph Druecker*)
- †Michael Smith (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- Special Intention — M.D. (*Jennifer Richesson*)
- Special intention deceased
(*Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock*)
- For my son — conversion (*Lydia Hayes*)

Today, **Fathers McKenna, Lehtoranta** and I are covering the Masses at home while **Fr. Brueggemann** is out on the missions for the weekend. **Fr. Simpson** is at St. Anthony's Mission in Dallas where the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given the following Sunday. St. Anthony's has grown exponentially since their move from a rented office space to a small chapel. Now they require two Masses on Sunday to accommodate everyone. I am anxious to see everyone down there.

The Boys Camp started off well last Tuesday morning with Fathers Simpson and Brueggemann leading it. A number of boys (42 in all) were in attendance, some coming from Wisconsin. It was nice to see Fr. Lehtoranta joining them for supper! This year, the Fathers added Compline, the Church's official night prayer, to the schedule. I'm glad they thought of that, since this form of prayer is the best and most powerful after the Holy Mass. I hope this will stir up some enthusiasm for liturgical prayer in our young people. Who knows, maybe they will start coming back for Sunday Vespers. That would be most edifying, and would certainly be a good way to keep holy the Lord's Day!

Fr. Lehtoranta has begun once more to give a weekly conference to the Oblates and will be giving them a three-day spiritual retreat at the beginning of August. The Oblates have so much work to do that it is necessary that they get a chance to hear extra spiritual talks to help them to keep their focus on the things that matter most—the eternal interests of their immortal souls.

Can you believe that August starts this week?! What beautiful feasts occur during this month which belongs to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart! Right away, we begin with that of St. Peter's Chains—a First Class feast here in Cincinnati—and the Holy Machabees. It's also the First Thursday of the month, which means it's time to pray especially for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. By the way, poor Mexico sorely needs priests, good priests! Please pray for that intention. Instead of the Holy Hour for priests, we will be having a special High Mass. The Knights of the Sacred Heart are encouraged to come.

St. Alphonsus, the saintly author of the *Glories of Mary, The Victories of the Martyrs, The Dignity and Duties of the Priest*, and so many other wonderful books, including a treatise on moral theology, is honored on First Friday. In all, he wrote 60 volumes in 35 years. One wonders how he accomplished so many things.

He truly kept the vow he made to never waste a moment of time. If you struggle to get things accomplished—he's your saint! First Saturday comes on the feast of the Finding of St. Stephen, and St. Dominic is commemorated on the Sunday. The feasts of the saints we love just keep coming this month. As you can see, there are many "excuses" ☺ to come to an extra Mass during the week! I hope you take advantage of them.



– Bishop McGuire

HOW TO BE READY TO BE BROUGHT ASHORE



At death the thought of God's judgment causes fear in everyone. But...the just rise from such fear to confidence. St. Bernard had such fears at the hour of his death, but he turned his thoughts to the merits of Jesus and overcame these fears. "Your wounds," he said to our Savior, "are my merits." St. Hilarion also was fearful at the time of his death, but then he said to himself: "What are you afraid of? For seventy years you have served Jesus; are you now afraid to die?" ...Jesus said: *They who have My commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father* (Jn 14:21). Those then who die obeying the commandments die in the love of God. And those who love need never fear. *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear* (1 Jn 4:18)....

The Father knows how to console His children in their last moments. Even in the midst of suffering and pain, He pours into their souls a certain sweetness and peace as a foretaste of paradise.... Those who face death with God's love in their hearts begin to feel that peace that they will enjoy forever in heaven.... When the doctor told Cardinal Baronius that he should not think so much about death, this holy man said: "Perhaps you think I am afraid of death. I fear not; on the contrary, I love it." And St. John Fisher, on seeing the scaffold where he was to be beheaded because of his faith, said: "Walk swiftly, feet, we are not far from paradise." St. Francis of Assisi began to sing at the hour of his death, and invited his brothers to join in. Brother Elias said to him: "Father, at death we ought to weep rather than sing." Francis replied: "I can't stop singing, for I see I shall soon go to enjoy my God." St. Teresa of Avila had such a strong desire to die and be with God that she looked upon life itself as death. And St. Ignatius of Antioch, who was sentenced to die by being devoured by wild animals, said that if the beasts should not want to kill him he would provoke them to do so, so great was his desire to enter heaven.

– St. Alphonsus Liguori

✠ CALENDAR

MON	7/29/24	ST. MARTHA, V • ST. FELIX, PM SS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Juan Carlos Araneta (<i>Pierce Kiernan</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Ann Thurlow – for her health and her special intentions (<i>Lydia Hayes</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Children, Godchildren, Grandchildren (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
TUE	7/30/24	SS. ABDON & SENNEN, MM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass The conversion of my family (<i>William Long</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls – Thank you St. Anthony (<i>Hudson Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony (<i>The Arlinghaus Family</i>)
WED	7/31/24	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>) 8:00 AM High Mass †Lorie Mikesell – 1 st Anniversary of Death (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Lorie Mikesell (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>)
THU	8/1/24	ST. PETER'S CHAINS • THE HOLY MACHABEES FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM Low Mass SGG Clergy (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass The Clergy (<i>The Oblates</i>) 5:00 PM High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
FRI	8/2/24	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD ST. STEPHEN I, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass Phyllis Kiernan – Thank you! (<i>Victoria Cerise</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction Repose of the soul of †John White (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Anny Reilly & Intentions (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
SAT	8/3/24	FIRST SATURDAY • FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN 7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM High Mass †Gus Kurtz – 9 th Anniversary (<i>S. Kurtz</i>) 8:15 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions 8:20 AM Benediction, Meditation 8:40 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>)
SUN	8/4/24	PENTECOST XI • ST. DOMINIC, C 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Joseph Andreotta – anniversary (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Thomas E. Simpson – 71 st anniversary (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Grandpa & Grandma McClorey (<i>Granddaughter</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Tim Giese
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Nathan McClorey, Anthony Caggese
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, *Temp. Volunteer Needed!*
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Philip Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Nathaniel Arnold
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

WHAT IS ACTUAL GRACE?

Actual grace is God's assistance which we always need to accomplish good work, to avoid sin which we are in danger of committing, or that grace which urges us to do good, and assists us in accomplishing it; for it is God, says the Apostle Paul (Phil. 2:13), who worketh in you both to will and to accomplish. If a good work is to be performed by us, God must enlighten our mind that we may properly know the good and distinguish it from evil; He must rouse our will and urge it on to do the known good and to avoid the evil; He must uphold our will and increase our strength that what we wish to do, we may really accomplish.



This actual grace is, therefore, necessary for the just, that they may always remain in sanctifying grace, and accomplish good works; it is necessary for the sinner that he may reach the state of sanctifying grace.

SERVERS

THU 8/1	5:00 PM HIGH: MCS: C. & S. Richesson TH: N. Kolenich ACS: I. Smith, M. Kolenich CROSS: F. Caggese TBS: J. Smith, Ma., P. & F. Caggese, B. & A. Constantino
FRI 8/2	5:45 PM LOW: D. Simpson
SAT 8/3	7:30 AM HIGH: F. Caggese, I. Smith 8:40 AM LOW: Kolenichs
SUN 8/4	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, N. McClorey TH: D. Hudson ACS: P. & M. Caggese TBS: V. Horton, B. & A. Constantino, I. Smith, Ma. Caggese, N. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: <i>Volunteer please!</i>