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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



August 4, 2024 PENTECOST XI ST. DOMINIC, C

¶ PENTECOST XI

The second collection will be taken up for our Oblates today. Please be generous! The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail. The “Little Church” is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Denise Riggs, Donna Akers, Joanne Franklin, Shannon Schwab, and the repose of the soul of Mary Beahm’s brother, †Bob.

¶ THIS WEEK

We open the month of Mary’s Immaculate Heart with another great week of feasts. **Tomorrow** we have the Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows, and **Tuesday** is the Transfiguration. Come to church, and say with the Apostles: *Lord, ’tis good for us to be here!* Don’t forget St. Anthony and the Summer Novena. St. Cajetan and St. Donatus are on **First Wednesday**, and the Fourteen Holy Helpers on **Thursday**. The dear Curé of Ars, St. John Vianney, is on **Friday**, and great St. Lawrence on **Saturday**.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Donald & Deborah Shinskie, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.



“Private prayer is like straw scattered about: if you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But if these straws be gathered into a bundle and lit, you get a mighty fire blazing to the sky. Public prayer is like that.”

– St. John Vianney

This alone should be a good incentive to attend Sunday Vespers—part of the official, public prayer of the Church.

– Bishop McGuire

Collection Report

Sunday, July 28th\$7,453.00
Thank you for your generosity.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XII

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XII, second collect of Ss. Tiburtius & Susanna, third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ LOOK AHEAD

Fatima Rosary Procession: Tuesday, August 13, 7:15 PM.

The Assumption: Thursday, August 15. Masses at 7 AM, 9 AM (High Mass), and 5:45 PM.

St. Monica Club Meeting: Friday, August 16, after the evening Mass.

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 15.

Forty Hours Devotion: October 25-27. Opens Friday evening at 5:30; concludes Sunday evening at 6:30.

All Saints Procession & Party: Sunday, November 3.

ST. DOMINIC'S DYING PROMISE

St. Dominic, when dying, comforted his weeping brethren by promising to help them even more after his death than he had done during his lifetime. The trust we have in this promise is expressed in the following prayer, which forms the ninth responsory in the office for his feast.

V. O wonderful hope, which thou gavest to those who wept for thee, at the hour of thy death, promising, after thy departure, to be helpful to thy brethren!

R. *Fulfill, O father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.*

V. O thou who didst shine illustrious by so many miracles, wrought on the bodies of the sick, bring us the help of Christ to heal our sick souls.

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V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

R. *Fulfill, O father, etc.*

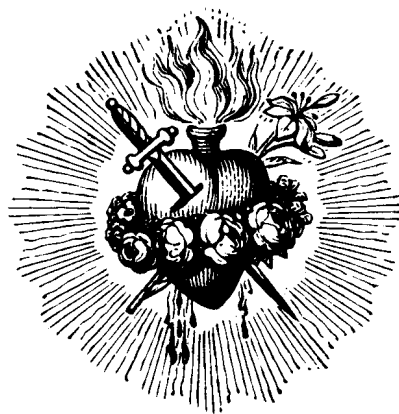
V. Pray for us blessed father Dominic.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: O God, Who hast enlightened Thy Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our father, mercifully grant that by his prayers it may never lack temporal help, and may ever increase in all spiritual good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



O God, Who didst cause blessed Peter, the apostle, to depart, loosed from his chains and unhurt, loose, we beseech Thee, the chains of our sins, and graciously keep all evils far from us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Oh, when your hour of temptation comes, before you enter on the downward path that leads to the precipice, before you begin to weave with little strands of constant sin those cable bonds that bind men to despair, before you betray Him Who loves you, oh! before it is too late, look upon the pale and agonizing Face of Jesus before Judas kissed Him. When tempted, look upon the Face of Christ!



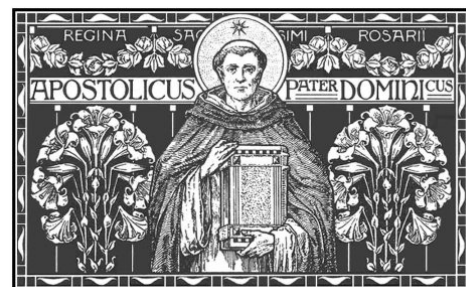
HYMN TO ST. DOMINIC

Novus athleta Domini

Raise to the champion of our Lord,
Great Dominic, our loud acclaim,
Whose lordly work, the Gospel-word,
So well doth suit his lordly name.*
With watchful eye and careful hand
He kept the lily all unstained;
His zeal burned like a flaming brand,
For souls that Satan else had gained.
To God, the Three and One, be
praise,
And honor, strength and glory given;
And may He deign our souls to raise
Through our sweet father's prayers to
heaven. Amen.

— from the Little Office of St. Dominic

* "Dominicus" from "dominus," a lord.



The Dominican Order received its approval and sanction by the Church in a letter from Pope Honorius III to St. Dominic dated December 22, 1216: "We, considering that the brethren of your Order will be the champions of the faith and true lights of the world, do confirm the Order in all its lands and possessions, present and to come, and we take the Order itself, with all its goods and rights under our protection and government."

On the feast of Our Lady's Assumption, 1217, St. Dominic, in his burning zeal for the spread of Truth, sent his sixteen followers on their missions in the same manner as the Apostles, without wallet and on foot. Saints Peter and Paul had previously appeared to St. Dominic in a vision with the command to go and preach, "for unto this has God chosen thee." some have referred to this dispersion of the brethren as a second Pentecost.

This week has gone by quickly, hasn't it?! **Fr. McKenna** no sooner returned from his long trip to the northern missions than he turned around and left for Boston for his maternal grandmother's funeral. He is back today, holding down the fort with **Fr. Lehtoranta** while the rest of us are off gallivanting, so to speak. **Fr. Brueggemann** is in Milwaukee today and then Illinois tomorrow. I am in Dallas with **Fr. Simpson**, who has been most helpful in getting things ready for Confirmations this weekend in Dallas, Austin, and El Paso. Father is offering one of the two Masses in Dallas, then serving as chaplain for the second, assisting with the Confirmation ceremony—all before catching a flight back to SGG. I hope he gets some rest when he gets back. He sure has earned it.



Our Lady of Snows, the Transfiguration, Fourteen Holy Helpers, the Curè d'Arç, and St. Lawrence, all in one week! Fr. Lehtoranta reminded me that the feast of the Transfiguration is the original feast of the Holy Face until Pope Pius XII had a Mass written for the present feast of the Holy Face, which falls on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The Holy Face is *the* devotion for making reparation for blasphemies. In fact, that is one of the very purposes mentioned in the prayers. This is one reason why it is so sad to see some spend their time trying to condemn the devotion to the Holy Face. We here at SGG love this devotion and will continue to propagate it as it should be. We still have much reparation to make for the hellish blasphemy against Our Lord at the Last Supper which was committed just last week before the Olympic games. The High Mass on the feast of the Transfiguration is a perfect way to do so!



The Sisters go on a three-day retreat beginning this Wednesday. Do remember them in your prayers during that time.

Don't forget that August is the month of the Immaculate Heart. Go to her for everything. As she said in Guadalupe: "Am I not here, your Mother?"

In Our Lady's Immaculate Heart,

Bishop McGuire

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FACE

O Jesus, Who in Thy cruel Passion didst become the "Reproach of men and the Man of Sorrows," I worship Thy Divine Face. Once it shone with the beauty and sweetness of the Divinity: now for my sake it is become as the face of a "leper." Yet in that disfigured Countenance I recognize Thy infinite Love, and I am consumed with the desire of loving Thee and of making Thee loved by all mankind. The tears that streamed in such abundance from Thy Eyes are to me as precious pearls which I delight to gather, that with their infinite worth I may ransom the souls of poor sinners.

O Jesus, Whose Face is the sole beauty that ravishes my heart, I may not behold here upon earth the sweetness of Thy Glance, nor feel the ineffable tenderness of Thy Kiss. I bow to Thy Will—but I pray Thee to imprint in me Thy Divine Likeness, and I implore Thee to so inflame me with Thy Love that it may quickly consume me, and I may soon reach the Vision of Thy glorious Face in Heaven! Amen. *300 days indulgence*

Pray this each day this week in reparation for the blasphemy committed at the Olympics.



WHAT IS REPARATION?

The word *reparation* is related to the word *repair*. When you make reparation you repair something. You make amends for a wrong. When you make reparation to the Sacred Heart you make amends to Christ for all the bitter sorrow He has suffered from the sins and neglect of the world. Your sins have saddened His Heart. But your acts of reparation make amends to Him for your sins. Your acts of reparation make amends also for the sins of others. They give consolation to His Heart.

"Though we are impelled by quite the same motives in both [consecration and reparation], yet we are bound to the duty of reparation and expiation by the stronger title of justice and of love: of justice, that the offence offered to God by our crimes may be expiated, and the violated order restored by repentance; of love, that we may suffer in sympathy with Christ suffering and 'filled with reproaches,' and may bring Him some solace in accordance with the slender measure of our means." All through His life Christ foresaw your acts of reparation. They helped Him bear the immense labor and pain of His life, passion and death.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	8/5/24	DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Special intention JRV (<i>K/V</i>)
TUE	8/6/24	THE TRANSFIGURATION ST. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM High Mass Friends & family (<i>Levi Giese</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Family conversions (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
WED	8/7/24	ST. CAJETAN, C • ST. DONATUS, BPM FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH 7:00 AM Low Mass Caroline Cerise – Thank you! (<i>Victoria Cerise</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of Our Heavenly Father (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
THU	8/8/24	SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS 7:00 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Dymphna 8:00 AM Low Mass For those donating to the Bookstore (<i>SGG Bookstore</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Purgatorial Society
FRI	8/9/24	ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C • ST. ROMANUS, M VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE • <i>ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM</i> ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM I 8:00 AM Low Mass For the conversion of my family (<i>Samuel Cohn</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Dave & MaryAnn Marko & Family (<i>Joe Druecker</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Anny Reilly & intentions (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) (rescheduled from 8.2) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	8/10/24	ST. LAWRENCE, M • ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM II 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Brendan Rabjohns (from 7/13) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus (<i>Sr. Regina</i>)
SUN	8/11/24	PENTECOST XII • ST. PHILOMENA, VM SS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM III 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass The conversion of our families (<i>Dan & Mary</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Ann & Andrew Gare (<i>Joe Druecker</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Christopher & Lauren Knoll & family (<i>Abigail Lawrence</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THINKING AS GOD DOES

Our Lord asks us to allow Him to work—to allow Him to work to reproduce His image in us. Our Lord does not ask us to love suffering in itself, but to love it as a means of salvation, just as a very bitter medicine that will give us back our health can be loved. We are not asked to feel this love in a sensible way, but to give proof of it by persevering, despite tribulations, in the practice of our religious duties, especially prayer. Jesus expects us to turn to Him with ardent prayer, because He has already decided to hear us and to lead us much higher than we ourselves could desire. Therefore, we should love the cross for the love of souls and gladly accept being associated with our Lord in His work of redemption.

– Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.



KEEP YOUR WILL FIRM

St. Vincent de Paul used to say: “One of the most certain marks that God has great designs upon a soul is when He sends desolation upon desolation, suffering upon suffering.” Do you doubt for a moment that God has not great designs upon your soul? The clear and consoling proof is in the terrible trial you are going through. Do not let the assaults of the enemy disturb you. He is showing his hand by this last storm and his fierce fury that you did not yield in the direction that he wanted. Treat his suggestions with silent contempt, simply lifting your heart to God now and again, but above all not trying to drive these thoughts away, nor being fearful of giving any consent even though you may seem to do so under the violence of the attack. Keep your will firm, and do not trouble about feelings.

– Fr. William Doyle, S.J.

Servers

TUE 8/6	7:00 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, I. Smith, P. Caggese
FRI 8/9	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 8/10	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns
	8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, J. Stewart, M. Caggese
SUN 8/11	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. & D. Simpson TH: C. Richesson
	ACs: T. England, F. Caggese TBS: J. & L. Rabjohns, C. VanderPutten, I. & J. Smith, J. Hudson
	11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith
	5:45 PM LOW: <i>Volunteer needed!</i>