



# 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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## August 11, 2024

### PENTECOST XII

#### SS. TIBURTIVS, M & SUSANNA, VM • ST. PHILOMENA, VM

#### ¶ PENTECOST XII

Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ THE ASSUMPTION

**Thursday** is the beautiful summer feast of Our Blessed Mother, the Assumption. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The **7:00 AM** Mass is the Workers' Mass, with no sermon. The main Mass of the day is the **9:00 AM Pontifical**. Before Mass, we join the servers, clergy, and choir in processing to the Grotto for the traditional blessing of the First Fruits. Bring some produce, herbs, and flowers from your garden. Bring your children, who represent the angels who filled the sepulchre of Our Lady with beautiful flowers. This procession leads us back into church for the High Mass.

**Vespers** are sung at **4:30**, and then the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for the Rosary. Benediction is at 5:30. The final Mass of the day is at 5:45.



#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XIII, second collect of the Assumption, third of St. Agapitus. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ ST. MONICA CLUB

The St. Monica Club will be meeting after the evening Mass this **Friday**, the feast of St. Joachim.

#### ¶ LOOK AHEAD

**Parish Picnic:** September 15  
**Rosary Sunday:** October 6  
**Fall Festival:** Sunday, October 20  
**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.



### Lumen Christi

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

**For Geneva's miraculous recovery/  
easy week with health trial**  
*(Maureen Scanlon)*

#### Congratulations

to Jeremy & Amelia Constantino on the baptism of their daughter, Rose Annamaria Therese, on Saturday, August 10, 2024.



### FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Tuesday at 7:15 PM  
Mass and Summer  
Novena preceding  
at 5:30 PM

#### Collection Report

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.....\$8,477.00  
Second Collection.....\$2,587.00  
Alter Christus.....\$383.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

MARY WILL GATHER US INTO  
THE BARN

What mysterious power is it that a mother has over a son that, when he confesses his guilt, she strives to minimize it, even when it shocks her heart.... The impure are rarely tolerant of the pure, but only the pure can understand the impure. The more saintly the soul of a confessor, the less he dwells on the gravity of the offense and the more on the love of the offender. Goodness always lifts the burden of conscience, and it never throws a stone to add to its weight.

There are many sheaves in the field that the priests and sisters and the faithful are unable to gather in. It is Mary's role to follow these reapers to gather the sinners in. As Nathaniel Hawthorne said: "I have always envied the Catholics that sweet, sacred, Virgin Mother who stands between them and the Deity, intercepting somewhat His awful splendor, but permitting His love to stream on the worshiper more intelligibly to human comprehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness."

Mary will assist us if we but call upon her. There is not a single unhappy soul or sinner in the world who calls upon Mary who is left without mercy. Anyone who invokes her will have the wounds of his soul healed. Sin is a crime of *lèse-majesté*, but the Blessed Mother is the refuge. St. Anselm said that she "was made the Mother of God more for sinners than for the just"—which could hardly be doubted, since Our Lord Himself said that He came not to save the just but to call sinners to repent.

— Archbp. Fulton J. Sheen



BOOKSTORE NEWS

There are so many new things in the Bookstore. A new shipment of statues and crucifixes are on display, along with new children's headband veils, paint sets, and ladies' beanie cap head coverings. A new supply of rosaries, baby items, and of course missals and books. Come in and take a look. Perfect gifts on offer to spread the faith.



*Our Beloved Dead – August*

Suzanne Nies	8-01-2011
Joanne Fornes	8-01-2011
Edward H. Staarmann	8-03-1981
Rev. Fr. Francis Fenton	8-03-1995
Sr. M. Monica, CMRI	8-05-1997
John Wiesman	8-07-2016
Rev. Denis Philomena, CMRI	8-10-1995
Bill Tamagni	8-10-2009
Thomas Kamphaus	8-10-2010
Helen Mary ( <i>Currin</i> ) Jackson	8-11-2003
Shirle Ann Downing	8-11-2012
Virgil McCormick	8-16-2004
Frank J. Cekada	8-16-2009
Barbara Ann Desborough	8-17-1993
Regina Marie Rose Shawhan	8-18-1989
Susan Marie Menefee	8-19-2015
Beatrice Lutkehaus	8-20-2018
Earl Joseph Desborough	8-22-1983
Gary Amyx	8-27-2020
Sr. M. Judith	8-28-2002
Dr. John Powell	8-28-2014
Connie Kamphaus	8-28-2018
Andrew Zunzer	8-29-2012

PHILOMENA, MY LOVE

St. Philomena was tried in a furnace  
of pain,  
Her soul, purged by suffering, no  
blemish remained.

The whip, the arrows, the anchor,  
the axe,  
Her spirit, withstood all these mortal  
attacks.

Enlightened by faith, how bravely  
she fought.  
A youth of thirteen, what lessons she  
taught!

God clothed her His champion, so  
modest and pure,  
Upheld from above, her strength did  
endure!

Heroic little Saint of generosity and  
love,  
Obtain for us oceans of grace from  
above!

All powerful advocate, our anchor of  
hope,  
Beloved of God, hailed by Prince  
and Pope!

Be thou my love, dear Daughter of  
Light,  
Lead me on home, through darkest  
of night!



Let's start this little note off with a humorous story. It occurred the Saturday before last. We had just finished the First Saturday Rosary over at church when I realized that I didn't have my house key and managed to lock myself out of the rectory—again! A little concern set in since I still had to finish packing before going to the airport to catch a morning flight to Dallas for confirmations. **Fr. McKenna** and **Fr. Brueggemann** were away so I could not ask them for their key, **Fr. Lehtoranta** didn't have a key. "Oh! but Poncho is here and I know he has a key" ...or so I thought. Well, Poncho did not have a key. The only one who would definitely have one was **Fr. Simpson**, and he was offering Mass. Now real worry was starting to set in! I started going around the rectory to see if I accidentally left any doors unlocked, when the cats saw me and followed me around, hoping that I would let them in and feed them their breakfast after their long night outside. Meow! Meow! They continued to follow me. "Maybe there is a window that is unlocked," I thought to myself. Sure enough, my bedroom window was unlocked, but it is high. So I went to the other side of the house to find a chair to stand on (the cats were still following me...Meow! Meow!). Standing on the chair, I managed to climb in through the window, pulling leg muscles in the process. Then, lo and behold, the cats jump through the window, too, and make their way to the kitchen to be fed as if nothing new had happened. All is well that ends well. The cats were happy and I made my flight! If you've done things like this, know that you are not alone—you have a bishop who does the same thing!

On a more pious note, we have a beautiful week of Marian feasts this week. The Fatima Rosary Procession, which was well attended by parishioners and YAGsters last month, is scheduled for Tuesday evening. Get the family together and make an evening of it. Invite some friends, too. How edifying it would be if we all used this occasion to prepare our hearts and our minds for the coming holy day. Thursday is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. What sweet thoughts accompany this summer Marian feast! The blessing of herbs, flowers, and fruits; the entrance of Mary into heaven, where she can once again see her Divine Son after so many years apart; the beautiful angels who surround her as she is assumed, body and soul, into glory. We honor Our Lady's father, St. Joachim, on Friday. Of Mary there is never enough, St. Alphonsus tells us. Come and honor her with love for all the graces she has won for you by her prayers to her Son.

The Oblates' retreat seemed to have gone well. Fr. Lehtoranta had it perfectly planned out. The schedule

was very well balanced so that it neither fatigued the sisters nor gave them too little to do. It was just perfect. Planning a retreat is no easy task, but it was done well. Thank you to the ladies who so kindly prepared the meals for the oblates. Continue to pray for the oblates and their work for the Church and for God.

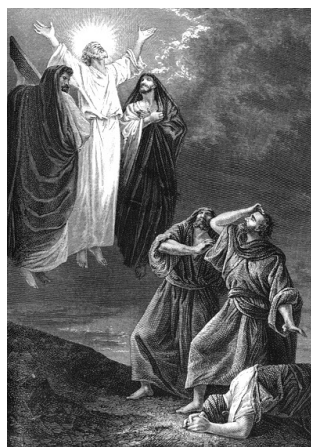


As always, be assured of my prayers for you. I include you in my morning offering every day, as well as the Rosary and the Mass. You are never forgotten. If you think of it, offer a prayer for your priests from time to time. We need prayer just as much, if not more, than anyone else!

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

**Bishop McGuire**

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



The Transfiguration is one of the most memorable stories in Scripture. We know this story: Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up in the mountain, where He is transfigured right before their eyes.

So often, we approach growing in our faith as something we have to do. We say, "I need to be more kind and generous to people, especially to the poor. I need to get to Mass more often." To a certain extent, this is true. Growing in faith does require a change in the way we think and act. But that is only part of it.

There is another side to the equation—God's side. We need His grace. And that grace can move mountains! At the Transfiguration, Jesus, the divine Son of God, wanted to give His disciples a glimpse of His glory before He entered into His Passion. He wanted to help them grow in the faith, just as He wants to help us.

The mystics of the Church, saints like Bernard of Clairvaux, Catherine of Siena, and Teresa of Avila, remind us that words fail when we perceive even the slightest glimpse of the glory of God. Just as Peter rattled on excitedly, we can find ourselves reaching for the right words to describe what God's presence feels like. But that's okay. Our actions—the witness of our peace and our joy—can speak much louder than our words.

So dwell in this great Mystery of Light today. Imagine the glorified Jesus appearing before you. Let His love, His majesty, and His mercy render you speechless. Let Him remind you that your faith is not just a matter of what you have to do. Let Him remind you that He is always pouring out divine grace, always revealing His love. And that revelation can soften even the hardest of hearts.

- MON 8/12/24 ST. CLARE, V**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Joe & Gabrielle Vines, 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. David Swinney*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Michael Rabjohns
- TUE 8/13/24 Ss. HIPPOLYTYUS & CASSIAN, MM**  
*ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C*  
*OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS*  
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Leanne Giese & Alexa Creighton (*Victoria Cerise*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** John & Julie Brueggemann (*Sr. Eulalia*)  
**5:30 PM Low Mass** Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony (*Arlinghaus Family*)  
**7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession**
- WED 8/14/24 VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION • ST. EUSEBIUS, C**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** St. Dymphna  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** Our Grandchildren (*K/V*)
- THU 8/15/24 THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY HOLY DAY**  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA I  
**7:00 AM Workers' Mass** Marian England  
**9:00 AM Blessing of First Fruits, Procession, Pontifical High Mass** †Philip Delicato (*Keith Elflein*)  
**4:30 PM Vespers, Rosary & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
- FRI 8/16/24 ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY**  
 ST. ROCH, C • ASSUMPTION NOVENA II  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Kathryn St. Denis – anniversary (*Eva Nellenbach*)  
**11:00 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of †Virgil McCormick's death (*Albert D. Kinnett*)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For our fallen-away children (*St. Monica Club*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**  
**St. Monica Club Meeting**
- SAT 8/17/24 ST. HYACINTH, C • OCTAVE DAY OF ST. LAWRENCE**  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA III  
**7:05 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Erika McKnight (*Bishop McGuire*)  
**8:10 AM Salve, Sermon**  
**8:20 AM High Mass** Conversion of my family (*Jason Murray*)
- SUN 8/18/24 PENTECOST XIII • WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
 ST. AGAPITUS, M • *ST. HELENA, EMPRESS*  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA IV  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Helen Laub – Rest in peace (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** Happy Mothers Day Mom (*The Arlinghaus Family*)  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Juliana Puglielli (*Mom & Dad*)

ST. LAWRENCE

Within the broken Vatican  
 The murdered Pope is lying dead.  
 The soldiers of Valerian  
 Their evil hands are wet and red.

Unarmed, unmoved, St. Lawrence waits,  
 His cassock is his only mail.  
 The troops of Hell have burst the gates,  
 But Christ is Lord, He shall prevail.

They have encompassed him with steel,  
 They spit upon his gentle face,  
 He smiles and bleeds, nor will reveal  
 The Church's hidden treasure-place.

Ah, faithful steward, worthy knight,  
 Well hast thou done. Behold thy fee!  
 Since thou hast fought the goodly fight  
 A martyr's death is fixed for thee.

St. Lawrence, pray for us to bear  
 The faith which glorifies thy name.  
 St. Lawrence, pray for us to share  
 The wounds of Love's consuming flame.

– Joyce Kilmer



PRAYER

St. Lawrence, help me to find humor even in the most sorrowful situations, and to learn not to take myself and my troubles so seriously. Let me never lose the ability to make others smile, even those who oppose me and make life hard for me.

Servers

- FRI 8/16 5:45 PM LOW:** A. Constantino, F. Caggese  
**SAT 8/17 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemanns  
**8:20 AM HIGH:** D. Simpson, N. & M. Kolenich  
**SUN 8/18 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:** T. Lawrence, S. Richesson **TH:** C. Arlinghaus **ACs:** I. Smith, D. Hudson **TBS:** J. & N. Hudson, V. Horton, A. Constantino, P. & Ma. Caggese  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Kolenichs  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** D. Simpson, I. Smith  
**5:45 PM LOW:** P. McClorey

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