

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"*

*"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"*

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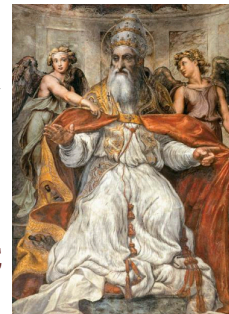
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM,  
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**May 25, 2025**

**EASTER V**

**ST. GREGORY VII, PC**  
**ST. URBAN I, PM**

## § TODAY

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## § MEMORIAL DAY

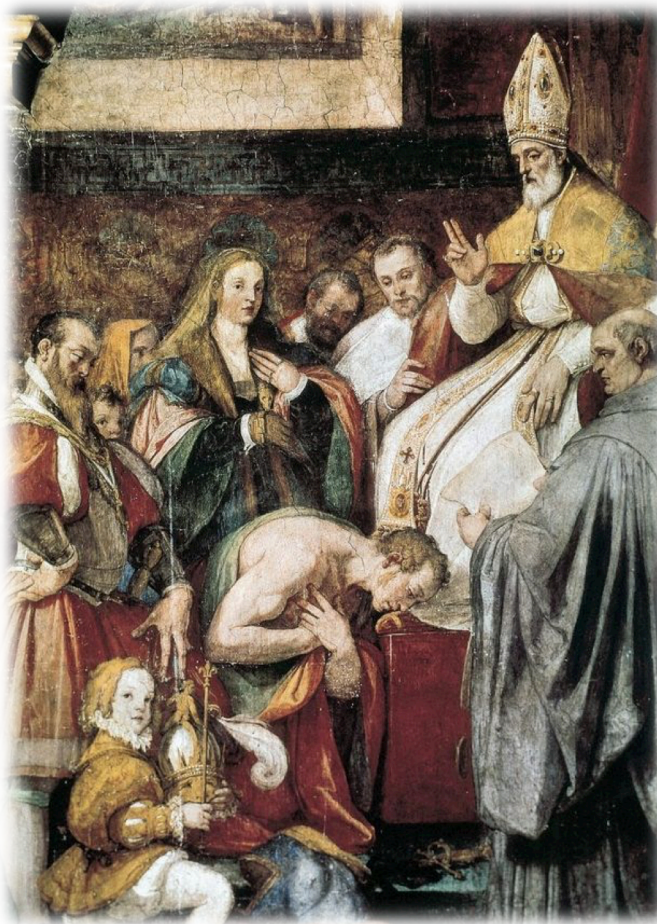
Pray for all of our dear deceased **tomorrow**, and especially our soldiers, veterans, and all who have died in our wars. Rosary and May Devotions are at 8:30 AM, with the Rogation Day Procession at 9 AM. Masses are at 9:20 and 11:25 AM.

## § THE ROGATION DAYS

Each year on the three days preceding Our Lord's admirable Ascension, the Church gathers up all of her needs and petitions and solemnly presents them to Our Lord so that He Himself will take them to the Father when He goes home to heaven. This is the idea of the Rogation, or *asking*, Days. The Rogation Day Processions are a beautiful part of the Church's liturgy and draw down much-needed grace upon ourselves, our Church, and our country. Join our school children in this powerful prayer at **11:00 AM** on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, followed by Holy Mass. The procession is at **9 AM** on **Monday**.

## § THE ASCENSION

**Thursday** is the feast of the **Ascension**, a *holy day of obligation*. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass under pain of mortal sin. Masses are at 7:00 (workers' Mass) and 9:00 AM, and 5:45 PM.



*Pope St. Gregory VII absolving Emperor Henry IV*

## § PENTECOST NOVENA


On **Friday** we open our annual and most ancient Pentecost Novena with the chanting of the *Veni Creator* after the school Mass.

## Congratulations

to Bruno & Anna Siqueira on the baptism of their son, Antonio Felipe, on Saturday, May 24.



## § NEXT SUNDAY

The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory next Sunday, and the Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule, to receive your alms for priests. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Sunday Within the Octave, second collect of St. Angela Merici, third of the Ascension. Preface and Communicantes of the Ascension.

## § COMBINED JUNE/JULY ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Due to the Vigil of Pentecost ceremonies on the first Saturday of June and Independence Day on the first Friday of July, there will be **NO All Night Adoration** on the First Friday of June nor of July. Instead we will have *one* All Night Adoration on **Friday, June 20th** (within the Octave of Corpus Christi). *Please mark your calendars now!*

## § LOOK AHEAD: JUNE

**6/5:** Children's Day of Recollection (for Confirmands)  
**6/7:** Confirmations  
**6/15:** Trinity Sunday (*Easter Duty!*)  
**6/17:** Summer Novena begins  
**6/19:** Corpus Christi  
**6/20:** June/July All Night Adoration  
**6/22:** First Holy Communions  
**6/24:** Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**6/27:** Feast of the Sacred Heart

**CONFIDENT TRUST IN OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER**

I cease not to entreat the ever-blessed Virgin, the most sweet Lady in heaven and earth, that she would love you and make you very pleasing to her Son, by obtaining for you continual inspirations from His Divine Majesty. We must make use of her as an intercessor with her Divine Son. The Church, like a good mother, desiring to teach us how to make use of the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, has added the Hail Mary to the Our Father, to show us that since her credit with her Son is so great, we not only may, but ought to ask of God, by her intercession, not merely spiritual goods, for she often visits us by inward lights which she gives us for our advancement in perfection, but temporal goods also, inasmuch as they are necessary for us, and above all, we should invoke her with firm confidence in all dangers and troubles. Let us have recourse to her, and like children, throw ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence on all occasions. In all occurrences let us call on this sweet Mother, let us invoke her motherly love and try to imitate her virtues.

Oh, may this Blessed Virgin, this sweet Mother of hearts, this Mother of holy love, this Mother of the Heart of hearts, make us by her prayers live in this holy love. I entreat her to give you always her dear and motherly protection.

— St. Francis de Sales



**Collection Report**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> .....\$9,257.00



**PRAYER BEFORE SPIRITUAL READING**

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, Who didst triumphantly ascend the heavens, leave us not as orphans, but send us the Promised of the Father, the Spirit of Truth.

We implore Thee, O Lord, that the Counsellor Who proceedeth from Thee will enlighten our souls, and infuse into them all truth, as Thy Son hath promised. O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to grant us, according to the riches of Thy glory, that Christ, by faith, may dwell in our hearts, which, rooted and grounded in charity, may acknowledge the love of Christ, surpassing all knowledge. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Servers**

**THU 5/29 9:00 AM HIGH: MC:** D. Simpson **TH:** N. Kolenich **CROSS:** M. Kolenich **ACS:** M. Schneider, M. Caggese **TBS:** F. Caggese, A. Constantino, T. Stanislawski, I. & J. Smith, J. Kolenich

**FRI 5/30 5:45 PM LOW:** Capetillos

**SAT 5/31 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemanns  
**8:15 AM HIGH:** N. McClorey, I. Smith, B. Constantino

**SUN 6/1 7:30 AM LOW:** M. Schneider, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:** D. Simpson, S. Richesson **TH:** M. Caggese **ACS:** J. Rabjohns, D. Hudson **TBS:** Ma. & P. Caggese, N. Hudson, B. Constantino, V. Horton, L. Rabjohns  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Capetillos  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:**  
**TH:** D. Simpson **ACS:** I. Smith, F. Caggese  
**5:45 PM LOW:** Brueggemanns

**AT HIGH MASS**

The pomp of clouds, the glory of the sea,  
Music of water, songbirds' melody!  
The organ of Thy thunder in the air,  
Breath of the rose, and beauty everywhere!  
Lord, take this stately service done to Thee,  
The grave enactment of Thy Calvary!

In jeweled pomp and splendor pictured there,  
Lord, take the sounds and sights, the silk and gold,  
The white and scarlet, take the reverent grace,  
Of ordered step, window and glowing wall—  
Prophet and Praise, holy men of old!  
Teach us children of this Holy Place,  
Who love Thy Courts, to love Thee best of all!

— Robert Hugh Benson



**MAY**

May is a child who goes to Mass,  
Very sedate, and prim, and sweet.  
Forget-me-nots are on her hat,  
And lady-slippers on her feet.

Her folded hands are lily white,  
Of rosebuds is her rosary.  
Queen Mary leans from Heaven's arch,  
The beauty of her child to see.

— Mary Regina Martin

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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The school year is winding down here at St. Gertrude's—their last day of class is in two Fridays. Still, this coming month of June will be one of the busiest of the year as far as ceremonies and feast days are concerned. Confirmations, Pentecost Week, Trinity Sunday Graduations, Corpus Christi and its Octave, First Holy Communion, the parish bonfire, the feasts of the Sacred Heart and Saints Peter and Paul all occur in June, thus making for a later than usual year for big ceremonies. Though many will begin their break from school it is not yet time to take a break from church. But what am I saying?! There is never a time to take a break from churchgoing! Shall we see you at these wonderful events?

We have lost one of our faithful MCs. Thomas Lawrence left to become a Brother with the CMRI this past week. He is a very good young man and will be missed. Our number of MCs is down by one now, which will make it a little more difficult for the big ceremonies. However, I am confident that our other MCs will continue their excellent work in the sanctuary. We have a very enthusiastic group of servers, always ready to serve another Mass like their patron St. John Berchmans. May their love for the true worship of God continue throughout their whole life.

I want to thank those of you who sent me a card for my anniversary of consecration. Above all, I thank you for your prayers. It is so very encouraging to have such charitable parishioners. We priests and bishops depend on your prayers an awful lot. Know that your kindnesses are recognized and that we pray for you in return.

The Catholic Mothers' Consortium (CMC) took place last Tuesday. Some say it was the best one yet. I did notice that everyone seemed to be extra chatty! Actually, it was quite nice to see all of the mothers enjoying one another's company. Come to think of it, the St. Monica Club meeting on Thursday also seemed to go well, and it was gratifying to see some of them return to the social hall after the conference and prayers and continue talking with one another. The social aspect of these groups is very important, especially since we do not live in a world where we can freely and without danger associate closely with people outside of our Catholic circles. Thank God for good Catholic friends!

This week is a week of prayer. Today's Gospel reminds us of this, and Holy Mother Church makes it a week of prayer as the Rogation, or asking, Days fall on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We also have the Holy Day on Thursday and begin the Pentecost Novena on Friday. I hope to see you on the Rogation Days. Remember, we are supposed to bring all of our intentions to Our Lord on those days so that when He ascends to

Heaven He will take all of them to His Father. Now, I know you all have some intentions you have been praying for! So come join us for the processions and give them to Our Lord!



– **Bishop McGuire**

P.S. Kate Ball (left) and Clara Young (right) cooked lunch for the entire school. All the other students informed me that it was a delicious meal. Miss Mikesell has introduced a Home Ec class to the curriculum, and they learn a new recipe each Friday.



### SPANISH LEGENDS

The Spanish peasants say that on Ascension Day, when the Host is elevated at High Mass, all the leaves upon the trees fold themselves together in the form of a cross. They also tell us that once the rosemary had no perfume, and was just a common field bush; but that one day the Blessed Virgin after having washed the garments of the Christ-Child, hung them upon its branches to dry, making the leaves fragrant forevermore. Ever since the death of our Blessed Lord, they go on to say, no Friday has passed that has not witnessed fresh rosemary leaves on each bush, which come forth on that day as if to wrap His sacred Body. The little periwinkles which dot the fields in springtime are called the Tears of Jesus by these same pious peasants of Spain.



# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/26/25</b>	<b>ST. PHILIP NERI, C • ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM</b> ROGATION DAY
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Rosary, May Devotions</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Rogation Day Procession</b>
	<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Dominic & Florence Swinney ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention ( <i>Janet Strauss</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/27/25</b>	<b>ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD</b> ST. JOHN I, PM • ROGATION DAY
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Deborah Kurtz – Happy Birthday, God bless you ( <i>Love, Mom</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †David & †Delores MacDonald ( <i>Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Rogation Day Procession</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> In Thanksgiving – “Deus est” ( <i>Christopher Browne</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Dominic & Florence Swinney ( <i>The Swinney family</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/28/25</b>	<b>ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC</b> VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION • ROGATION DAY
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Smith children ( <i>Your parents</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Judy Metz & her intentions ( <i>The Zver Family</i> )
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Rogation Day Procession</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Bishop Dolan – Birthday ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Nancy Seyfried ( <i>JCS</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/29/25</b>	<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b> <i>HOLY DAY</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Workers’ Mass – no sermon</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Tom & †Stella Simpson ( <i>TRCS</i> )
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Anne McMahon
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/30/25</b>	<b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. FELIX, PM</b> ST. JOAN OF ARC, VM • ST. FERDINAND, KING PENTECOST NOVENA I
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Judy Metz & her intentions ( <i>The Zver Family</i> )
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special intention ( <i>Janet Strauss</i> )
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions, Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Dale & Debbie Wilker ( <i>The Stafford Family</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/31/25</b>	<b>QUEENSHIP OF MARY • WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> ST. PETRONILLA, V • OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PENTECOST NOVENA II
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Our deceased relatives ( <i>The Wilker Family</i> )
	<b>8:05 AM</b>	<b>Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon</b>
	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Reparation to the Immaculate Heart ( <i>The Smiths</i> )

## FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



St. Bridget saw in a vision how Satan complained to our Divine Lord that the greatest sinners were taken from him through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin. And Our Lord said to Satan: “Do you not know that My Mother can do all things in My Kingdom, and whatever she wishes is done?” Yes, Mary disposes as sovereign of all the treasures of her Son, and all Christians receive grace through her. The holy fathers, after speaking of Jesus Christ as Head and Chief of the Church, have added that Mary is constituted as the sacred channel through which this Divine Head wishes to dispense His graces to His members. The graces we receive come to us through Mary; all have passed through her hands. Mary has given in all ages the most signal proofs of her will and her power to help all who invoke her. There is not a country, we may even say there is not a Catholic province, which does not contain a place of pilgrimage, rendered celebrated by the singular benefits of this august Queen; and we may add, that the most unfortunate have not been cast away by this Mother of Mercy, but have obtained through her great spiritual favors. What may not those souls hope for, who have recourse to her on every occasion, and place unbounded confidence in her protection?

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily laden,” said our Divine Savior during His mortal life. From the height of Heaven Mary addresses the same words to those who are tried by suffering, or exposed to any peril of soul or of body. Many souls will know only in eternity that to her they owe their conversion and salvation. Many obstinate sinners have escaped being eternally lost through her intercession. The example of all ages justifies the confidence which we place in her. If such is the goodness of our Blessed Lady to all persons, even to those who outrage most her Divine Son—if they find in her maternal Heart an asylum and resource, provided they are sincerely desirous of being converted, why should not we place full trust in her, when we offer our prayers with entire confidence?

<b>SUN</b>	<b>6/1/25</b>	<b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION</b> ST. ANGELA MERICI, V • PENTECOST NOVENA III
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Thanks to all children too for prayers ( <i>Doris Ritze</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Thou knowest, O Lord ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Tim Capetillo – Happy Birthday ( <i>Nana &amp; Grandpa</i> )
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers, Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great