

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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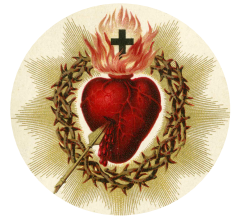
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM,
9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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June 1, 2025
SUNDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION
ST. ANGELA MERICI, V

¶ ASCENSION SUNDAY

The second collection for our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory today, and the Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. **Final** Catechism Classes are 10:40 AM. The "Little Church" is in the vestibule, to receive your alms for priests. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

PARENTS: The wail of disgruntled babies is a great distraction to the celebrant, especially when he is preaching, and to the choir. Please sit in the back pew with fussy children, or as close to the back as possible. That way you can easily take the little one out for a bit before the crying goes stereophonic. Our new crop of babies is blessed with great lungs. For longer sessions or nursing mothers, the last classroom on the right is open and available for your use.

¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

All *children* who are being Confirmed must attend an *obligatory Day of Recollection* on **Thursday, June 5th**. The day begins at **9:00 AM**. Please bring a lunch. Children should wear Sunday clothes and have a prayer book and rosary. The day concludes with Benediction at 2:45 PM.

¶ HOLY HOUR

There will be a **Holy Hour** for Priests at 5 PM on **First Thursday**, followed by the altar boys' pizza party.



¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, two weeks from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices these next two weeks for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

¶ FRIDAY – PLEASE NOTE!

There will be **no evening Mass or devotions** on **First Friday**, due to preparations for the Vigil of Pentecost. Benediction, the Sacred Heart Novena and the Pentecost Novena will take place after the 11:25 AM Low Mass. **All Night Adoration** for June and July will take place on **June 20th**.

First Friday Intention: In thanksgiving and reparation to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

¶ VIGIL OF PENTECOST – FIRST SATURDAY

Saturday, June 7th, the Vigil of Pentecost, is a day of *fast and partial abstinence*. You are invited to the beautiful Vigil of Pentecost Mass and **ceremonies of Confirmation**. The Vigil begins at 8:00 AM, the Mass closer to 9:30. After Mass, there will be the enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos. Those who assist at the Vigil and Mass may consider themselves as dispensed from the fast, but all may eat meat only

once, at the principal meal.

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for false devotion and false apparitions.

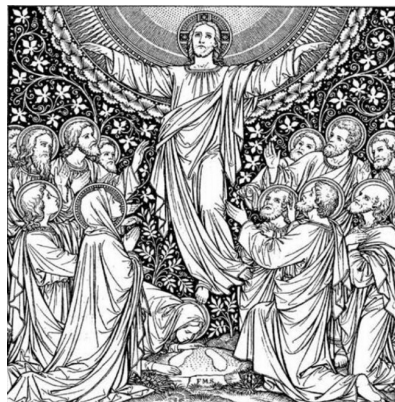
¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Catechism Classes are out for the summer. Pentecost Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost. Preface of Pentecost. Proper Communicantes and Hanc Igitur.

THE SUNDAY OF THE ROSES

In the middle ages, the Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension was called the Sunday of the Roses, because it was the custom to strew the pavement of the churches with roses as a homage to Christ Who ascended to heaven when earth was in the season of flowers. How well the Christians of those times appreciated the harmony that God has set between the world of grace and that of nature! The feast of the Ascension is one of gladness and jubilation, and spring's loveliest days are made for its celebration. Our forefathers had the spirit of the Church; they forgot, for a moment, the sadness of poor earth at losing her Emmanuel and they remembered how He said to His apostles: "If you loved Me, you would be glad, because I go to the Father!" Let us do in like manner: let us offer to Jesus the roses wherewith He has beautified our earth; their beauty and fragrance should make us think of Him Who made them, of Him Who calls Himself the flower of the field and the lily of the valleys. He loved to be called Jesus of Nazareth; for Nazareth means a flower; and the symbol would tell us what a charm and sweetness there is in Him Whom we serve and love as our God.

— Dom Gueranger, "The Liturgical Year"



Eumen Christi

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

Special Intention
(Paul Mugar)

✠ FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Envelopes for Father's Day are in the vestibule. Fill one out and return it to the office, bookstore, or collection before Father's Day, to have your intentions placed on the altar.

✠ LOOK AHEAD: JUNE

6/13, Friday: Fatima Rosary Procession at 7:15 PM

6/15: Trinity Sunday (*Last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty!*)

6/17, Tuesday: Summer Novena begins

6/19, Thursday: Corpus Christi

6/20, Friday: June/July All Night Adoration

6/22, Sunday: First Holy Communion

6/23, Monday: Vigil of St. John the Baptist, parish barbecue and bonfire

6/24, Tuesday: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6/27, Friday: Feast of the Sacred Heart

Our Beloved Dead – June

Rose Gough	6-03-2001
Mary McGuire	6-05-2023
Dr. Philip Binzel	6-06-2003
Joyce Rentschler	6-06-2009
Alexander Fulton	6-06-2015
Phillip Schmelzer	6-10-2019
Betty C. Wilson	6-10-1998
Angela Segrist	6-12-2019
Filomena Murawski	6-13-1998
Huland "H.O." Hinton	6-13-2014
Peter Francis Butler	6-14-1989
Alan Lotarski	6-15-2024
Fairbanks Blanton,	6-19-1990
Thomas Payne	6-20-2014
Gwyn Ritze	6-22-1998
Jacob A. Nies	6-23-1991
Loraine Gates	6-27-2018
Joan Landry	6-27-2020
Brian Joseph McMahon	6-30-2016

Collection Report

Sunday, May 25th\$8,875.00

ABIDING PREFERENCE

What, Lord, did You want to say
That we could not hear
From Your Love at Your leaving...
What couldn't we bear?
And what about John, the one You
loved best?

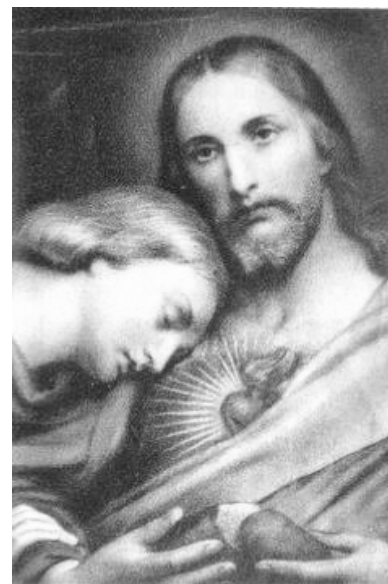
What did he learn from the lean on
Your Flesh?
He positioned his ear on the fiery beat,
The Heat that could hasten the flow
down his cheek.
The Word to his ear, he heard and he
kept—

The unbearable truth? A promise
professed?
A youth beyond years, his face full of
light,
He shone like the Treasure whose
Chest opened wide.
He witnessed the water and blood at
Its burst
With Mary, our Mother whose flesh
felt It first.

The unbearable truth was reversed in
three days.
The Spirit was sent to confirm and
remain.

And what about John, whom You
called from the Cross?
Your preference for him is Your
preference for us.

— Rita A. Simmonds



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

It was most encouraging to see so many at the Rogation Day Processions this past week! We have never had this problem before, but at one point as we are making a turn the beginning of the procession catches up to the end of the procession and everything slows down for a moment. This shows that we have many more in attendance than we ever had before. Ascension Thursday turned out to be a restful day for us at church. **Fr. McKenna** remarked that it was very prayerful. The Solemn High Mass and Vespers with Benediction made it extra special.

Bishop Nkamuke sent me a quick message saying that he conferred Tonsure and Minor Orders on some of his seminarians. Basil Obaïke and Tryphon Suduobogha received Tonsure. Emmanuel Mario Isiguzo and Joseph Emeka received the Orders of Porter and Lector. Congratulations to them.



The school children are getting excited about summer break. Will Young is already worried that, since the school year has flown by so fast, the summer break will be even faster! Walter Stanislawski, a future student of St. Gertrude the Great, overheard someone say that there would be three priests at the altar on the Ascension for the Solemn High Mass. His eyes lit up, he looked at me, and said in amazement, “Whaat?!” Dominic Wright now respectfully greets me with a handshake and sometimes kisses my ring. This started when he once saw Dr. Stanislawski greet me in that way. It goes to show that the children will follow our example, so we’d better make sure to give them a good one. Well, Dominic, after Mass one day during the Octave of the Ascension, told me that he would see me in eternal life in heaven one day. Oh! Dominic, how I truly hope for that! Eternal Life in heaven, with God, Our Lady, and the Saints. May we all be given the grace of final perseverance and meet again in heaven.

The children are so full of enthusiasm and good examples for us, too!

Don’t forget the Confirmands’ Day of Recollection on Thursday! And certainly, do not forget the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, with all of its beautiful ceremonies. Confirmations take place after the Mass. May the Holy Ghost grant you peace, joy, and grace, this Pentecost!

– **Bishop McGuire**



THE ASCENSION

“And He led them out as far as Bethania: and lifting up His hands He blessed them. And it came to pass, whilst He blessed them, He departed from them, and was carried up to Heaven. And they adoring went back into Jerusalem with great joy” (Luke xxiv. 50-53).

The sacred Body of Our Lord did not, as ours will, go back to the earth from which He had taken it, but which could no longer claim it; for its union with the holy Soul of the Redeemer had raised it above the earth to a higher sphere; bound by no earthly ties, nothing could keep it, as a faithful servant of the Soul, from sharing at once in the glory and bliss of its Master.

Man, being the link between Heaven and earth, by nature belongs to two different worlds: to the material world by his body, and to the spiritual world by his soul. The earth attracts the body and, consequently, the soul intimately united with it; Heaven attracts the soul and, indirectly, the body also. Hence originates an endless struggle between the two elements of which man is composed. If I conquer the inclinations of the material element in me, my soul thus freed from the chains which bind her to earthly things will, one day, fly to the world of the blessed spirits for which it was created, and where my body will later partake of her happiness and glory. Whence can my soul derive greater encouragement and comfort, in her fight for freedom, than from the distant vision of the heavenly reward that awaits her, after the final victory? “*Si labor terret merces invitet*” (If labor frightens, reward invites). – *St. Augustine*.

Do I like to keep this blessed vision before my eyes? Do I often seek strength and courage in the thought of Heaven, in the midst of temptations and trials? Do I not rather, at times, look for earthly consolation in the things of this world which are unable to satisfy a heart made for God alone? “*Quæ sursum sunt querite, non quæ super terram.*”



✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/2/25	SS. MARCELLINUS & COMPANIONS, MM WITHIN THE OCTAVE • PENTECOST NOVENA IV 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Andrew L. Blanchett – salvation of his soul (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>)
TUE	6/3/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • PENTECOST NOVENA V 8:00 AM Low Mass All who helped with †Tom Simpson's funeral or had Masses offered for him (<i>Simpson family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Our children, Grandchildren & Godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Wilker</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Thou Knowest Oh Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
WED	6/4/25	ST. FRANCIS CARACCILO, C WITHIN THE OCTAVE • PENTECOST NOVENA VI FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH 7:00 AM Low Mass †Thomas Simpson (<i>JCS</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Judy Metz & her intentions (<i>The Zver Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special intention – St. Joseph (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass My 25 th Confirmation Anniversary – Thank you †Bishop Dolan (<i>Gloria Antonia Zbilicki</i>)
THU	6/5/25	OCTAVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION ST. BONIFACE, BPM • PENTECOST NOVENA VII FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM Low Mass The Clergy of St. Gertrude the Great (<i>Mark Cash</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special intention (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) 5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Altar Boys' Pizza Party
FRI	6/6/25	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. NORBERT, BPC PENTECOST NOVENA VIII 8:00 AM Low Mass For all those who helped us with meals after the birth of our son (<i>The Zver Family</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass †Nancy Seyfried (<i>JCS</i>) Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction No Evening Mass – No All Night Adoration
SAT	6/7/25	VIGIL OF PENTECOST • FIRST SATURDAY PENTECOST NOVENA IX 7:40 AM Closing of Pentecost Novena 8:00 AM Pentecost Vigil: Prophecies, Blessing of the Font (approx.) Pontifical Mass Our Confirmands (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>) followed by Confirmations
SUN	6/8/25	PENTECOST SUNDAY 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Uncle Kenny (<i>Dominic McConnell</i>) 9:00 AM Pontifical Mass The Choir – Thank you for singing for our wedding (<i>Will & Kayla Long</i>) 11:30 AM Low Mass For the Holy Souls – Favor quickly obtained (<i>Joseph Druecker</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST

Holy Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, sweet Hope of the afflicted, descend this day into my heart and establish therein Thy amiable empire. Enkindle in my soul, alas! so tepid, the salutary flames of Thy love, that I may be inflamed and that my soul and body may be subject to Thee. I believe that when Thou dwellest in us Thou dost prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Deign then to come to me.

Come, O sweet Consoler of abandoned souls! Come, O Protector of those who are in need! Succor of the afflicted, come and purify me; suffer no evil desire to take possession of me; heal all my wounds. Come to me, Strength of the weak, Support of the unwavering; come to me, O Thou Who lovest the humble and resistest the proud; come to me, Hope of the necessitous, Father of orphans; come to me, Star that guidest the mariner in his career, and offerest a secure harbor to the shipwrecked; come to me, true glory of the living, sole hope of the dying; make me all that Thou wishest me to be, and conduct me by Thy grace, so that I may be ever pleasing to Thee. Amen.



"In spite of all the injuries which He received on earth from men, Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, that by His holy flame, the Holy Ghost might kindle in our hearts the fire of love and sanctify our souls." – St. Alphonsus



Servers

SAT 6/7 8:00 AM VIGIL & PONT.: POSTED IN SACRISTY

SUN 6/8 7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann

9:00 AM PONT.: POSTED IN SACRISTY

11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, F. Caggese

5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey