

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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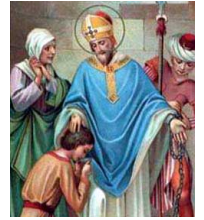
Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor*

Rev. Stephen McKenna

Rev. Vili Lehtoranta

Rev. Thomas Simpson

Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



June 22, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC

¶ CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

First Holy Communions take place during the High Mass today, with the annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** and Benediction following. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day.

¶ THIS WEEK



Calling all Christians! Come and adore your God this week. Bring back each First Communicant for another sweet Communion with Jesus in the Sacred Heart. Each day during the Octave, Mass will be offered before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, followed by Benediction. Consult the Calendar.

¶ PARISH BARBECUE & BONFIRE

Monday is St. John's Eve. High Mass will be at 5:30 PM, followed by the parish barbecue and potluck. The Blessing of the Bonfire closes the evening. The church is providing the meat and drinks; parishioners are asked to bring the sides and desserts.

¶ ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tuesday is the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Masses are at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM. We continue the Summer Novena of the Thirteen Tuesdays to St. Anthony of Padua, with a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Submit your intentions for the novena online or use the slips provided in the vestibule.

¶ ST. MONICA CLUB MEETING

The St. Monica Club meets this **Thursday**, beginning with Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 5:00 PM.



***Congratulations to our
First Communicants:***



*Dominic Alter
Basil Constantino
Liam Lotarski
Victor Siqueira
Sebastian Smith
Gavin Wright
Adam Young
Agnes Brueggemann
Bernadette Horton
Olivia McKnight*

¶ THE SACRED HEART

The feast of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** is this **Friday**. This feast should be marked with special fervor in our families where He has been enthroned as King of Love. Decorate your Sacred Heart shrine, renew your consecrations as a family and receive Holy Communion at the 8, 11:25 AM or the 5:45 PM Mass.

This feast offers us an opportunity to make reparation to His Sacred Heart for our coldness and indifference to the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to remember just how much He loves us. Make an effort to attend an extra Mass in His honor during the Octave.

Remember, this is a feast Our Lord specifically requested personally of St. Margaret Mary. Shouldn't you come?

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul. Our choir takes a well-earned break for the summer, and the congregation is asked to help sing the High Mass, using the handouts provided. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Ss. Peter & Paul, commemoration and Proper last Gospel of Pentecost III. Third collect of the Sacred Heart. Preface of the Apostles.

Wedding Banns

*Second time: Michael Hudson &
Marcella Arlinghaus*

Collection Report

Sunday, June 15th\$7,268.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE ONE WHO FEEDS WILL HAVE LIFE

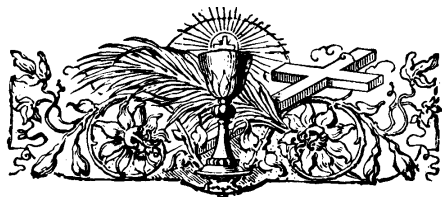
We need to get into closer contact with Jesus, our Friend. What does it matter if we are afflicted with distractions and worries? He knows all our difficulties, our weaknesses, our desires, even our want of love for Him. But He is there waiting to refresh and help us, to share in our interests, our plans, our joys, to console us in sorrow and distress, to give aid in difficulties, to strengthen us against our own weakness and many temptations.

Most of all, though, let us have a true knowledge of the primary reason of the institution of this Sacrament. It is to be our food, our strength, our pledge of future glory; that is what must impress us most, and that is the chief use we must make of this life-giving food. To receive Him, Who is Lord of all, into our sinful soul, that it may gain strength from His power, holiness from His infinite sanctity; that He may live in us, and we in Him, in a wondrous union beyond our understanding; what a mystery of Divine condescension and love for sinful man! How can we find any excuse for not making the fullest use of this Sacrament, we who through our sinfulness and fatal weakness so much need all the strength which It alone can give. Think of the wonderful promises He has made to those who are faithful in using this daily Bread as the food of the soul!

“He that eats this Bread shall live forever.”

“He that eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last day.”

— Fr. Martin Harrison, O.P. (†1965)



✠ LOOK AHEAD: JULY

Tuesday, July 1: The Most Precious Blood

YAG 2025: July 11-13. **REGISTER BY JUNE 28 at yagincincy.org**

Girls' Camp: July 22-24

Boys' Camp: July 29-31



PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



O my beloved Jesus,
O God, Who has loved me with love exceeding! What more canst Thou do to make Thyself loved by ungrateful people? If we loved Thee, all the churches would be continually filled with people prostrate on the ground adoring and thanking Thee, burning with love for Thee and seeing Thee with the eyes of faith, hidden in a tabernacle. But no, we are forgetful of Thee and Thy love. We are ready enough to try to win the favor of a person from whom we hope for some miserable advantage, while we leave Thee, Lord, abandoned and alone. If only by my devotion I could make reparation for such ingratitude! I am sorry that I also have been careless and ungrateful. In the future I will change my ways, I will devote myself to Thy service as much as possible. In flame me with Thy holy love, so that from this day forward I may live only to love and to please Thee. Thou deservest the love of all hearts. If at one time I have despised Thee, I now desire nothing but to love Thee. O my Jesus, Thou art my love and my only good, “my God and my All.”

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

ON FIRST COMMUNION DAY

Dear happy child, dear little one,
I greet you with the morning sun,
Which sends its gladdest golden ray
Into your heart this glorious day,
To whisper that the hour is near
When Jesus, Savior, will be here.

Then He will call you by your name,
And He will say, “I’m glad I came.
You love Me very much, I’m sure;
And I love you, you are so pure.
In little hearts all lily-white
I find My rest, My sweet delight.”

“Dear Jesus,” you will make reply,
“If You are glad, much more am I.
My little heart is Yours by right;
Please help me keep it lily-white.

Oh, grant my prayer this happy day:
Sweet Jesus, be my Friend and stay!”

— C.M.C.



OUR EUCHARISTIC KING

Exquisite happiness were ours
And ours the keenest joy
Could we have lived to know and love
Our Savior, Christ the Boy.

Could we have trod Judea’s fields,
Have scaled its templed height,
With Christ the Master when He taught
The way of truth and light.

But to our hearts, ’tis in our power
The same sweet joys to bring,
If we but learn to know and love
Our Eucharistic King.

— Lillian M. Howard

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

God is good, infinitely good! We have so many proofs and confirmations of this truth, both in the history of the world, and in our own personal lives that one would be foolish not to believe it with every fiber of his being. Today, First Communion Day for some of our children, is a fresh reminder of just how good God is to us. God gives Himself to these children as medicine for their souls, as food to keep them strong, and bestows so many graces of consolation. Knowing the weakness of man, his inconstancy, and fickleness, He feeds him with His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in order to help him get to Heaven. Who are we to deserve it? But it is not to be questioned. God is good. I could repeat this all day long. God is good...and that is why He gives Himself in Holy Communion. Congratulations to our First Communicants. May they always be devoted to Our blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist!

Corpus Christi Thursday was a spiritually refreshing day for all. How edifying to chant the entire Office with fellow priests in front of Our Lord. The Oblates attended the entire Office, too. The attendance at the different ceremonies was very good. May God reward you for your devotion to Him—I know He will.

Fr. Arnoldo, who has an apostolate in Tijuana and Mexicali, seems to be quite busy with his work. He has a lot of young souls with whom he works and is serious in teaching them their catechism. Sr. Guadalupe helps with that. I am very much looking forward to getting back out there to see Father and the children. **Fr. Martín Gomez** is preparing for my visit to Veracruz and Dos Rios in July for the chapel's patronal feast and Confirmations. There are rumbles that **Fr. Benegas**, the priest whom I ordained over a year ago, might be coming, too. I look forward to seeing him again.

Bishop Sanborn's anniversary of consecration was June 19th. However, he will have been a priest for 50 years on June 29th. This week, on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, two of his seminarians will be ordained to the priesthood at Queen of Martyrs Church in Fraser, Michigan. **Frs. McKenna, Brueggemann**, and I plan to attend the ceremony and reception afterwards, while **Frs. Lehtoranta** and **Simpson** stay home to tend to things. Fr. Brueggemann then gets a much-deserved break and plans to go away on a little trip.

Our own seminarians have pretty much wrapped up the scholastic year, but will stay in Seattle through

the retreat that begins on July 7th. Two of the seminarians, as I may have mentioned more than once already, will receive Clerical Tonsure at the end of the retreat. I believe that all three of them will be coming to St. Gertrude's for much of the summer. We are all looking forward to seeing them.

The Sisters have been most helpful in getting a few projects done around church. Mostly, besides their own duties, they have been assisting me in unpacking the statues and books that the Sieverding family left us. The items that were on the "Free" table last week were from them. If you took anything please remember to say a prayer for the repose of the souls of Henry and Thelma Sieverding, and for the conversion of their children, who are such nice people. The Sisters are also helping to go through some of Fr. Thielen's things, taking pictures of sacristy items to send to **Fr. Mardones** in Mexico City, who might want some of the items. The next big job is the cleaning of the garage. Thank you, Sisters!

The Oblate housing project is moving, but slowly. Plans are being submitted to various companies at this point as we try to find someone who will be able to build what we want at an affordable price and in a timely manner. It is a test of patience, to be sure, but all things come in God's time. Keep asking St. Joseph to help us move things along in the right way.

Don't forget the parish bonfire on Monday. The evening starts with Solemn High Mass and then a barbecue, as well as the Blessing of the Bonfire, Rosary, and campfire songs. It is always a fun evening with good friends. Come one and all!

— **Bishop McGuire**

P.S. A big thank you to our choir and organist for their part in the worship of the true God. We look forward to having you back in September!



ST. JOHN'S EVE

Monday, June 23

5:30 PM Solemn High Mass

Followed by a parish potluck
and barbecue, and the Blessing
of the Bonfire.

*Please bring a side dish or
dessert to share!*

✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/23/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 8:00 AM Low Mass †Thomas Otting (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 5:30 PM High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed Happy Birthday, Dominic! (<i>Your family</i>) Parish Barbecue & Potluck, Blessing of the Bonfire
TUE	6/24/25	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WITHIN THE OCTAVE SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM Low Mass In Thanksgiving for gift received (<i>Judy</i>) 5:30 PM High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed Sister Regina (<i>A friend</i>)
WED	6/25/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. WILLIAM, AB 8:00 AM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed Happy Birthday Dad (<i>The Brueggemann girls</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton – Thank you (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad (<i>Brueggemann Bros.</i>)
THU	6/26/25	OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI SS. JOHN & PAUL, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Brueggemann – Happy Anniversary! (<i>Your family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Simpson – Rest in peace (<i>Kolenich Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed For our fallen-away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>) St. Monica Club Meeting
FRI	6/27/25	SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass The Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass †Tom Simpson (<i>Jason Murray</i>) Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	6/28/25	ST. IRENAEUS, BPM • WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>MOST PURE HEART OF MARY</i> 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Will & Kayla Long – Congratulations! (<i>Matthew Giese Family</i>) 8:05 AM Salve, Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass †Grandpa & †Mima (<i>Levi & Jacinta</i>)
SUN	6/29/25	SS. PETER & PAUL, APP SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART PENTECOST III 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Victor Ritze (<i>Mary & Joe Kunkel</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass In thanksgiving for all who prayed for & helped us in sorrow (<i>Matthew Giese Family</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Nancy Seyfried (<i>Jeanne Hille</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

NEW IN BOOKSTORE

Garden concrete statues are available through the bookstore. They are going fast! Don't worry about missing out, we are considering another trip to pick up more. Let us know if you are wanting one that has been sold already or something in particular. We made available: Our Lady of Grace grotto, St. Francis with a deer, St. Anthony, Blessed Virgin Mary with roses, Immaculate Heart, St. Michael, several Our Lady of Grace, Immaculate Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart grotto, St. Lucy, Holy Family, and St. Benedict.

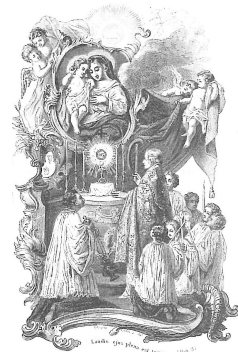
Larger statues are in the landscape in front of the church and some smaller statues are in the bookstore. Feel free to email sggbookstore@gmail.com or contact Marlys at 859-801-7143.

Don't forget to look for your Confirmation saint too. Pictures of hard to find saints are on the movable stand and in the bookstore. Come take a look!

DAILY MASS

Attend Mass daily. This brings happiness to the day. All your duties are done better, and your soul is stronger for bearing the Christian's daily cross.... There we receive graces of repentance, of justification; there we receive help to avoid backsliding. We find there the sovereign means of practicing charity to others—applying to them, not our own feeble merits, but the infinite merits, the immense riches of Jesus Christ, which He places at our disposal. There we obtain the conversion of sinners. All Heaven find in it a motive for joy, and the saints an increase of exterior glory.... Oh, if the souls in Purgatory could come back to this world, what would they not do to be present at Mass! If you yourself could comprehend its excellence, its advantages, its fruit, you would not let a single day pass without attending Mass.

— Bl. Peter Julian Eymard



Servers

MON 6/23	5:30 PM HIGH: MCS: N. & A. McClorey TH: C. Richesson CROSS: F. Caggese ACS: D. & J. Hudson TBS: B. & A. Constantino, I. & J. Smith, T. Stanislawski, W. Young
TUE 6/24	5:30 PM HIGH: MC: D. Simpson TH: F. Caggese CROSS: M. Caggese ACS: I. Smith, P. Caggese TBS: Ma. Caggese, J. Smith, T. Stanislawski, V. Horton
FRI 6/27	5:45 PM LOW: I. Smith, P. Caggese
SAT 6/28	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, J. Stewart, F. Caggese
SUN 6/29	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: N. Kolenich ACS: L. Rabjohns, M. Kolenich TBS: V. Horton, M. Drevenak, I. Smith, Ma. & P. Caggese, B. Constantino 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, F. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: Brueggemanns