

# 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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**July 13, 2025**  
**PENTECOST V**  
**ST. ANACLETUS, PM**

## ¶ PENTECOST V

We welcome our visitors who are attending the Young Adult Get-together, and invite you to visit our Bookstore and come back to Helfta Hall for a little refreshment. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Our **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** takes place at 7:15 PM, leaving from the First Watch parking lot in West Chester.

## ¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Among the wonderful saints this week we have Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Wednesday**, St. Camillus of Lellis on **Friday**, and St. Vincent de Paul on **Saturday**. Consult the Calendar for Mass times. Please note the lighter schedule, due to clergy travels.

## ¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore has in hardcover a four-volume set of *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, and *The Liturgical Year* 15 Vol. set.

There are several new titles as well in the used section that are priced to move. Concrete statues are still available, outside of the Bookstore window. We welcome the YAG members. Look for extended hours for browsing.

¶ **PLEASE PRAY** for Joseph Prell, who is having surgery tomorrow, and for all of our sick and shut-in.



*Unfailing Prayer to the Queen  
Beauty of Carmel*

*Flower of Carmel, blossoming vine  
Splendor of heaven, Mother divine  
None like to thee!*

*Mother of meekness, peerless thou art!  
To thy Carmelite children  
Thy favors impart, Star of the Sea!*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Blessing of Expectant Mothers after all Masses. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost VI, second collect of St. Jerome Emilian, third of St. Margaret. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ ROOMMATE NEEDED

Looking to move to the area? My roommates and I are looking for one more young single woman to move in for a roommate at the beginning of August. It is a four-bedroom house with 2½ bath. You would have your own bedroom, fridge and pantry space, and share a bathroom. It is in a nice neighborhood and is about 30-45 minutes from SGG. If you are interested or know some who is please reach out. You can text Cora Arlinghaus at (859) 655-5533 for more info/details.

## ¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Girls' Camp:** July 22-24

**Boys' Camp:** July 29-31

**Assumption:** Thursday, August 15 (*holy day*)

**Fall Festival:** Sunday, September 7

**Parish Picnic:** Sunday, September 21

## Lumen Christi

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

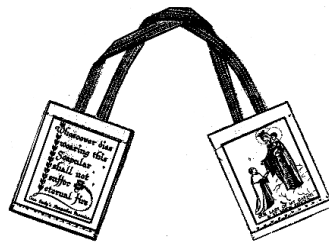
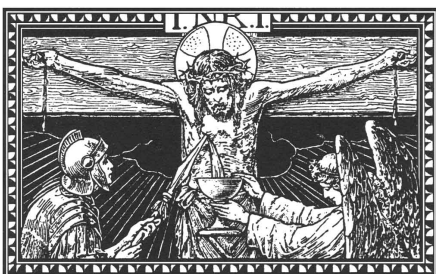
**Special Intention**  
(Sheila Harper)

THE TABERNACLE

There is not a place on earth that should be as familiar to you as the Tabernacle. Here God dwells. In His all holy Presence do we hope to spend the endless ages of our eternity. It is to be feared that some will not know how to speak to Him then. *“How long have I been with you, Philip, and you do not know Me,”* said Our Blessed Lord.

Intimate friendship with God would be easy if we visited Him often. You find so much time for your friends. The hours in their company count up to hundreds in the course of a year—often unprofitable hours. Some of them are perhaps even sinful. How few hours given to God. Do not offer the objection that the time spent with Him is wearisome. It will be until you know Him. Then it will be the sweetest of your life.

As a barometer registers the atmosphere, so does time spent before the Tabernacle regulate one’s life. Take note of your different soul-states there. Note your uneasiness as you kneel before Him if you are in sin. His eyes penetrate into the depths of your soul in order to convince you of your treachery. He bids you become clean. Note the love in His glance when you have pardoned one who has injured you. The joy springing up in your heart is a proof of the grandeur of forgiveness. Note His look of approval as you pray for the conversion of sinners. Note His gratitude as you ask Him to release souls from Purgatory. The light we receive in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament shows us most clearly the ugliness of vice and the grandeur of virtue.



THE GARMENT OF GRACE

True devotion to Mary consists in three things: Veneration, Confidence, and Love. Without saying to Mary that we venerate her, love her, and trust in her protection, we tell her all these things every moment of the day by simply wearing her Brown Scapular.

The Scapular is a prayer. Mary’s Motherhood is not limited to Catholics; it is extended to ALL human beings. Many miracles of conversion have been obtained through the devout wearing of the Scapular. The Scapular is a great missionary sacramental. After the Rosary, it is the most highly indulgenced sacramental in the Church. What a terrible shame that so many ignore Our Blessed Mother’s request and even more have never heard of it; what a great loss of grace for mankind.

Men cannot be saved without prayer. Only one thing can release the graces necessary to bring about world peace and that is prayer. The Scapular is the Promise of Mary’s Prayer. By wearing it we offer the perpetual prayer that everything we do is done in God’s eyes through Mary. At the same time, we become apostles of our Mother, because all that she requires to save the world is to make our daily actions a prayer in union with her. It is the masterpiece of the love of the Heart of Mary. An attack on the Scapular is an attack on the Church and the Mother of God. Let us defend it and explain its value to all. It is our sign of belonging to the universal family of her Immaculate Heart. Become an apostle of the Brown Scapular.

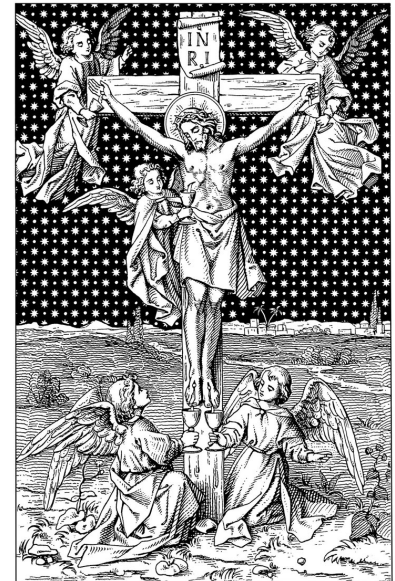
THE SAVING FLOOD

Over all the earth there pours  
The sunshine in a golden flood,  
So over hearts in showers of grace  
There falls the saving Precious Blood.

The fields and orchards and the woods  
Are kindled ’neath the sun’s warm rays.  
So at the touch of Christ’s dear Blood  
Grow fruits and flowers along life’s ways.

Oh, when we see the ruddy dawn  
Or sunset’s glorious sky of red,  
Our thoughts should turn unto that  
Heart  
Which for us all its lifeblood shed!

– S. Marr



LOVE’S SOLACE

Silently He lingers,  
Where sacerdotal fingers  
Have placed Him on His lowly altar-  
throne;  
Bowing low before Him,  
Yearning hearts adore Him,  
Waiting for us here in temple lone.  
Now our cares seem lighter,  
Sunshine gleams the brighter,  
Bluer are the arching skies above;  
Forgetting every sorrow,  
We launch each unknown morrow,  
Upon the Crimson flood-tide of His  
love.

– Sr. Imelda, O.S.D

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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The clergy retreat given at St. Joseph's in Mount Vernon, Washington, ended on Thursday evening. There were 6 priests and 3 seminarians in attendance. **Fr. McKenna** was there, but had to return a day early because of the YAG, of which he is the chaplain. **Fr. Ercoli**, the rector of our seminary, and **Fr. Romero**, one of the professors, attended as well. **Fr. Ahern** came over from Michigan, and **Fr. Lavery** from Maine. It was good to see them both. Of course, **Fr. Simpson** was there, too, and was a big help with the ceremonies which took place after the retreat. The retreat was very fruitful for the priests, I hope. Preparing the retreats for them is quite the task, but I end up learning a lot from all the research. So I think it was good for all!

Friday was the day of Tonsure and the beginning of clerical life for **Alphonso Capetillo** and **Joshua Balancio**. One author explained that at Tonsure the young man officially enters the family of the Church...as far as clergy goes. That is an interesting thought. The Church is our mother, after all, and the priests are spiritual fathers to their parishioners, while we priests are brothers. At baptism, we were all adopted into the family of God. We Catholics really have it nice when you stop and think about it. All three of the seminarians (Christopher Brueggemann is the third) are spending some time with us here at St. Gertrude's and will be assisting with some of the pastoral work.

Sr. Regina became Sr. Magdalen of the Holy Relics just yesterday as she made her first Oblation, offering herself and her services to God and to the Church. One might say that it was the Offertory in the lives of these seminarians and Sister. What a grace filled weekend it has been for the Church!

**Fr. Lehtoranta** departs for his vacation tomorrow. I sure hope he has a relaxing time. He is always on a tight teaching schedule for most of the year and finally gets a chance to breathe. Vacations are necessary so that after the body and mind get some rest the soul will be better able to serve God.

Tomorrow, I am departing for Mexico to visit **Fr. Martín Gomez** at his chapel in Dos Rios. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patronal feast of his church and he always puts on a big celebration—the Mexicans are very good at that! Confirmations will be administered on the feast day and then Father and I will be able to spend a little bit of time getting caught up on all the news of the apostolate.

**Fr. Arnoldo Villegas** and his Faithful in Mexicali celebrated their patronal feast on June 29th, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. He sent some pictures

which you can see below. The plan is to do confirmations at his chapels in Tijuana and Mexicali later this year. I very much enjoy hearing about his work with the youth.



This month is passing quickly. Try to slow down a bit and come find rest for your souls by attending an extra Holy Mass this week. We do have some pretty wonderful feast days coming up!

– Bishop McGuire



### Collection Report

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> .....\$5,979.00  
Second Collection.....\$3,038.00  
Alter Christus.....\$816.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



## ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>7/14/25</b>	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Joseph Prell – Medical Procedure Success <i>(Beth)</i>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>7/15/25</b>	<b>ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C</b> <i>DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES</i> SUMMER NOVENA AFTER MASS <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Dominic & Florence Swinney <i>(Nathalie Andreotta)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>7/16/25</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Thou knowest, O Lord <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i> <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of †John C. Mikul <i>(Faith Ballesteros)</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>7/17/25</b>	<b>ST. ALEXIUS, C • HUMILITY OF MARY</b> <i>CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE</i> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> “Thou Knowest, Oh Lord” <i>(Renee Fernandez)</i> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †Kirby & †Jean Bischel <i>(Doby Curran)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>7/18/25</b>	<b>ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C</b> ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Ryan Greenwell – 30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday <i>(Colleen Greenwell)</i> (from 7/19) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> †Jim Peter <i>(C. Simpson family)</i> (from 7/4) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7/19/25</b>	<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C</b> <b>7:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday, Kevin Kiernan <i>(Phyllis Kiernan)</i> <b>8:05 AM Salve</b> <b>11:00 AM Nuptial Mass</b> Michael & Marcie Hudson
<b>SUN</b>	<b>7/20/25</b>	<b>PENTECOST VI • ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C</b> ST. MARGARET, VM • ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Doris Ritze <i>(Mary &amp; Joe Kunkel)</i> <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Special intention <i>(Horton Family)</i> <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Thanksgiving to St. Philomena <i>(J. Hille)</i> <b>4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great <b>7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession</b>

### SERVERS

<b>FRI 7/18</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> B. & A. Constantino
<b>SAT 7/19</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Rabjohns
<b>SUN 7/20</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> N. McClorey, D. Simpson <b>TH:</b> J. Rabjohns <b>ACS:</b> J. Hudson, L. Rabjohns <b>TBS:</b> I. & J. Smith, B. Constantino, F. Caggese, M. Drenak, N. Hudson <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION: TH:</b> D. Simpson <b>ACS:</b> I. Smith, B. Constantino <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey

## ST. ANACLETUS, POPE & MARTYR

St. Anacletus was the second successor to St. Peter, by whom he was converted to the faith. He was also ordained a deacon and consecrated priest by Christ's own first Vicar, as St. Ignatius of Antioch affirms. He was Greek by origin, born in Athens; in the year 83 he was chosen to succeed St. Cletus, who had been martyred. The emperor Domitian had begun a violent persecution which increased in fury as time passed; but the faith of the Christians did not diminish, only receiving new force from the blood of the martyrs.

This holy Pontiff omitted no solicitude which could animate the faithful to expose their lives generously for the glory of Jesus Christ. During his nine years of reign, he consecrated six bishops. The last of these bishops was St. Evaristus, who would succeed him; St. Anacletus consecrated him the year before his death, foreseeing he could not long escape the fate of all the first Vicars of Christ.

...He built a church in honor of St. Peter, to whom he owed his conversion, at the site of St. Peter's burial; the original structure was conserved by Providence amid many tempests. He reserved burial sites for future martyrs in the Christian cemeteries, because multitudes were being condemned under Domitian. He also designated and adorned sites for the interment of future Pontiffs in the Vatican. St. Anacletus was highly praised by St. Ignatius of Antioch in a well-known letter. He died on July 13th in the year 96, and was buried in the Vatican.

Certain authors would confound St. Cletus and Anacletus and make of them one person. Their fathers' names are known, however, as well as their place of birth—the one in Italy, the other in Greece; moreover, St. Cletus was consecrated bishop by St. Peter, St. Anacletus was ordained a priest by him.

