

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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9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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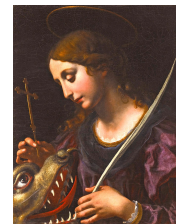
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Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



July 20, 2025

PENTECOST VI • ST. JEROME

EMILIANI, C • ST. MARGARET, VM

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET

¶ PENTECOST VI

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. (Please note there is **no** Rosary Procession tonight; this was an error in last week's bulletin.)

¶ GIRLS' CAMP

Girls' Camp is this week, **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. Tuesday opens with Mass at 9 AM (plan to arrive by 8:30), and Mass is at 8 AM the other two days. Each day concludes at 3:30 PM for the younger girls. Older girls who are camping each night should be sure to have everything they need. All girls should wear clothes suitable for Mass and bring a prayer book and rosary. All are invited to attend the performance put on by the camp on Thursday at 3:30.



St. Jerome Emiliani, pray for us!



Congratulations to Michael & Marcella Hudson on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, July 19.

¶ ST. MONICA CLUB

The St. Monica Club meets on **Friday** after the 11:25 Mass.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

St. Mary Magdalen comes on **Tuesday**. Don't forget the Summer Novena! **Wednesday** is the feast of St. Apollinaris and St. Liborius. **Thursday** is the feast of St. Christina. Great St. James the Apostle is on **Friday**, with St. Christopher, patron of motorists. St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady and Grandmother of the Christ Child, has her feast on **Saturday**.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Cars will be blessed during all Masses next Sunday, in honor of St. Christopher's feast. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost VII, second collect of St. Pantaleon, third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ CUCINA CLERICAL

The priests are in need of meals, especially with the seminarians visiting this summer. Please contact the office if you are interested in signing up for meals, or use the calendar on the Lotsa Helping Hands website. Thank you!

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Boys' Camp: July 29-31. Sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Assumption: Thursday, August 15

Fall Festival: Sunday, September 7

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 21

Collection Report

Sunday, July 13th\$9,502.00

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

One of my first professors taught me that receiving Holy Communion is completely unlike eating a cheeseburger—in that when you eat a cheeseburger, it is transformed into part of you, but when you consume the Holy Eucharist, you are transformed to become part of Him. This rather whimsical analogy stuck with me, and drew me to Communion especially when I felt I had nothing to offer God—because I knew that receiving Him would make me holier.

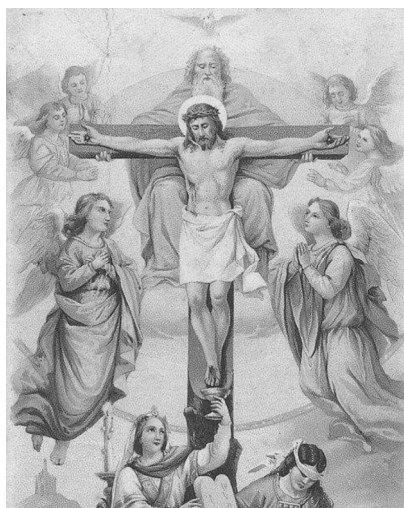
But that's all I had for many years. I would come to Communion because it would make me better; admittedly not bad motivation, but God had more in store for me. Receiving the Holy Eucharist was no longer just about making me holy. I should receive because the Lord, Who became incarnate and died on the cross for me, wants to unite Himself to me in the uniquely intimate communion of the Most Blessed Sacrament!

That's both more humbling and arguably more important than the former reason. While my personal growth in holiness is a worthy and important goal, this Eucharistic gift holds so much more. But life is messy, and established routines are too easily toppled. What happens, then, when it's no longer possible to attend Mass each day?

St. Teresa of Jesus wrote: *"When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."*

This, then, is the solution. When life interferes and sacramental Communion is impossible, the Church recommends that we make a spiritual communion instead. It doesn't feel the same—we're lacking the tactile sensation inherent in the Sacrament—but we are assured that Our Lord does come to dwell within us, comes to unite Himself with us, just because we asked. And really, what more could we ask for?

— *The Magnificat*



"I look for what I cannot find in myself in the Savior, full of goodness and mercy, which is poured out through the wounds in His sacred Body, for His enemies pierced His hands and feet and opened His side with a lance. From these wounds I can obtain honey from the rock and a sweet oil from the hard cliff; I can taste and see how sweet is the Lord... Those nails with which He has been pierced have become for me precious keys which have opened the treasury of His secrets that I might see His will. The cruel steel pierced His Heart that He might know how to have compassion on my weaknesses. The secret of His Heart is seen through the wounds in His Body; we can now contemplate the sublime mystery of the mercy of our God, Who has made the sun shine on us from on high... There is nothing, Lord, which can show how meek You are, how kind and so full of mercy as these wounds."

— *St. Bernard, extract from a sermon*

Thank You to my church family for your attendance at my first oblation ceremony, your many cards and congratulations, and most especially for the prayers and Masses that were offered for me. I am truly blessed! God bless you all for your kindness!

— *Sister Magdalen*

SANCTUARY

Behind these doors the mood of peace
Is ambient as an atmosphere,
Bringing the troubled heart release—
Rest here.

Only a frail suspended light
Hangs low, whose threading rays
appear
To lift the eye, the inward sight—
Rest here.

Let turmoil beat the portals of
This shrine in vain; there is no fear
When prayer wings softly, knowing
love—
Rest here.

— *Helen Frith Stickney*



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who at the sixth hour didst mount the gibbet of the Cross for the redemption of the world and didst shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins, we humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst grant us the grace after death to enter with joy the gates of paradise: Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Indulgence of 5 years

As I sit in my hotel room in the beautiful mountainous town of Orizaba, which is about a twenty minute drive to **Fr. Martín's** chapel in Dos Rios, I am pondering the old missionaries to our country and the inconveniences and hardships they had to endure in their travels. Often, their journeys were perilous, either on land or on water. The missionaries out west had the additional worry about run-ins with the Indian tribes. Their missionary zeal is always edifying.

This trip to Mexico, while it cannot be compared to any of the trips of the real missionaries, has been a test of patience, confidence, and of stamina. I will tell it here for your entertainment.

I had only gotten back to St. Gertrude's from Seattle the night of Saturday the 12th. Sunday was spent in church, at the Rosary procession, and packing before getting up at 3am for an early morning flight to Mexico with a connection through Dallas. Weather was bad in Dallas and no one was able to land, and the pilot of our plane was having doubts about the amount of fuel we had, so we landed in Oklahoma City to refuel. By the time we got back up in the air and arrived in Dallas I had missed my connecting flight. Next, they put me on a flight from Dallas to Mexico City, and Mexico City to Vera Cruz, making for a very long day (from the time I got up to the time I went to bed it was 22 hours).

The trip to Mexico City was uneventful, except that I thought I was supposed to pick up my checked luggage before going through customs. The bag did not arrive and I was told that it would be transferred to my final destination. Then it was through the customs line where they had a dog going by and sniffing for drugs. Boy, did that dog like my bag. The security guard pulled me aside and asked if I had any food in the bag. Just an unopened bag of peanuts! So I was about to be searched for drugs and such before I realized what I had in my bag. Homemade granola bars! That is what the dog smelled. I would have given him one, but I needed them for the trip. Hmmm...almost got searched for drugs thanks to granola bars. That struck me as being quite hilarious.

Once that adventure was over I nearly missed my flight from Mexico City to Vera Cruz, arriving at the gate just in the nick of time. When we got to Vera Cruz I waited and waited for my luggage which had my vestments and all that was needed for Confirmations and Mass. It never arrived. In fact, it is still in Dallas, or perhaps in flight on its way down here. Fr. Martín let me borrow a priest's cassock that was 5 or 6

inches too short, an alb of the same length, and a black biretta. No mitre, no crozier, no Canon, no Pontifical. It was interesting, but we pulled off the ceremony.



There were a number of First Communions and about 40 or 50 Confirmations. There was the Imposition of the Brown Scapular as well. Much good was done that day. Father's church in Dos Ríos is a beautiful one and he is improving it each year. The unfortunate part of the day was that some of Bishop Loya's clergy and seminarians were allowed to show up and take part in the ceremony and hear confessions. I did not know that they were invited, who they were, nor even that the men serving my Mass were seminarians until one of them pulled out a Deacon's stole for Holy Communion. Had I known all of this beforehand, I would have done things differently.

Tomorrow (Thursday) it is off to Xalapa, Mexico, where Father has a new mission chapel. The Faithful there watch the SGG webcast on a regular basis. Then, thankfully, back to SGG on Friday.

Fr. McKenna has been having a busy week back home and is holding down the fort for the time being, dealing with issues in the missions, mostly. I hope he gets a little rest before his next trip.

Congratulations to Michael and Marcella (Arlinghaus) Hudson on their wedding yesterday. May Our Lord grant them many graces throughout their married life together.

We have the CMC meeting tomorrow evening and then the Girl's Camp begins on Tuesday. May God grant great and lasting fruit to our apostolate.

– **Bishop McGuire**



DEVOTION AT THE OFFERTORY

I place within the chalice the souls of all the faithful departed, especially my relatives and all those for whom I should pray; the souls of those for whom I may have forgotten to pray; the souls most devoted to the Precious Blood, the Sacred Heart, and the Blessed Virgin; the souls of the most abandoned. Jesus, when Thou changest the wine into Thy Precious Blood, bring these poor souls from their place of suffering into eternal happiness.

Mother of Sorrows! Mother of Christ! You had influence with your Divine Son when on earth, you have the same influence now in heaven; pray for me, obtain from your Divine Son my request, if it be His Holy Will. Amen.

MON	7/21/25	ST. PRAXEDES, V • ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Suzanne Kent Mikul (<i>Faith Ballesteros</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Intentions of the CMC Catholic Mothers Consortium
TUE	7/22/25	ST. MARY MAGDALEN, PENITENT SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES BEGINNING OF GIRLS CAMP
	7:00 AM	Low Mass The Fathers (<i>Doby Curran</i>)
	☞ 9:00 AM	High Mass Sr. Magdalen (<i>Sr. Eulalia & Sr. Ubrica</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Becky Uhlenbrock (<i>Bobby Uhlenbrock</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Kirby Bischel (<i>Smith family</i>)
WED	7/23/25	ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM • ST. LIBORIUS, BPC
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday! – KR (<i>HR</i>)
	8:00 AM	High Mass Aidan Stafford – Happy Birthday (<i>The Stafford Family</i>)
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Monica Prell – Happy Birthday (<i>Dad & Mom</i>)
THU	7/24/25	VIGIL OF ST. JAMES • ST. CHRISTINA, VM <i>ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C • CLOSING OF GIRLS CAMP</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Emily Capetillo – Happy Mothers Day (<i>Your children</i>)
	8:00 AM	High Mass Kate Rabjohns Birthday (<i>Brenda Gray</i>) (from 7/23)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass †Nancy Seyfried (<i>Doby Curran</i>)
	☞ 3:30 PM	Girls Camp Performance – all welcome!
FRI	7/25/25	ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP ST. CHRISTOPHER, M • TRIDUUM TO ST. ANNE DAY I
	8:00 AM	Low Mass A big thank you to the Lawrence & Shawhan families! (<i>Eddie & Renee Fernandez</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass For our fallen-away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>) St. Monica Club Meeting
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass My Godparents (<i>Cecilia Brueggemann</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	7/26/25	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY <i>OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY • ST. ANNE TRIDUUM II</i>
	7:05 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Happy Mothers Day, Mom (<i>The Brueggemann Family</i>)
	8:05 AM	Salve, Sermon, Triduum
	8:15 AM	High Mass Ann Garrison (<i>Michael Rabjohns</i>)
SUN	7/27/25	PENTECOST VII • ST. PANTALEON, M TRIDUUM TO ST. ANNE DAY III BLESSING OF CARS DURING ALL MASSES
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Frank Beckerich (<i>Rose Beckerich</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Special Intention (<i>Zelie Hudson</i>)
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass My husband – Happy Anniversary (<i>Florence Swinney</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

TODAY'S SAINT: ST. JEROME EMILIANI

Founder, Clerks Regular of Somasca (1481-1537)



St. Jerome served in the army of Venice. When the fortress he was guarding fell to his enemies, he was taken prisoner and chained in a dungeon. There he reviewed his conscience and repented his worldly life. When he subsequently made a miraculous escape, he hung his chains in a nearby church and pledged himself to

the service of God.

Eventually he returned to his native Venice, studied for the priesthood, and put himself in the service of the poor. Jerome's special concern was for orphans, many of them left homeless by plague and war. At his own expense he fed, clothed, and sheltered them in a home he established. He also offered instruction in the Catholic faith by means of a catechism of his own composition. In an innovation that would be widely imitated by both Catholics and Protestants, his text presented the faith by means of simple questions and answers.

Eventually, with two older priests, Jerome formed a congregation to continue and extend his service to orphans. In the course of caring for the sick, he eventually fell ill and died on February 8, 1527. He was canonized in 1767 and named patron saint of orphans and abandoned children.

Servers

TUE 7/22	9:00 AM HIGH:	D. Simpson, M. & F. Caggese
WED 7/23	8:00 AM HIGH:	Capetillos
THU 7/24	7:30 AM LOW:	D. Simpson, I. & J. Smith
FRI 7/25	5:45 PM LOW:	Capetillos
SAT 7/26	7:30 AM LOW:	Rabjohns
	8:15 AM HIGH: MC:	D. Simpson TH: M. Caggese ACS: A. Constantino, P. Caggese TBs: J. & I. Smith, B. Constantino, F. Caggese
SUN 7/27	7:30 AM LOW:	M. Schneider, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:	C. Richesson, A. McClorey TH: N. Kolenich ACS: M. Caggese, D. Hudson TBs: B. & A. Constantino, P. Caggese, V. Horton, J. & M. Kolenich
	11:30 AM LOW:	Capetillos
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:	TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, A. & B. Constantino
	5:45 PM LOW:	Brueggemanns