

# 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 27, 2025**  
**PENTECOST VII**  
**ST. PANTALEON, M**

## ¶ PENTECOST VII



Cars will be blessed during all Masses today. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**11:00 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass,  
Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Confessions, Rosary  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass  
**6:30 PM** Sacred Heart Novena  
**All Night Adoration**

*First Friday Intention: The conversion of sinners by a true devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart.*

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:05 AM** Rosary, Confessions  
**7:30 AM** High Mass  
**8:10 AM** Salve, Devotions  
**8:20 AM** Benediction  
**8:30 PM** Meditation  
**8:40 AM** Low Mass

*First Saturday Intention: In reparation for the offenses of those who outrage the Blessed Virgin directly in her holy images.*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Blessing of Religious Articles after all Masses. Second Collection for our Oblates. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive alms for poor priests. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost VIII, second collect of St. Stephen, third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface.



## Lumen Christi

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

**Veritas**  
(Lydia Azelton)

## ¶ BOYS' CAMP

**Boys' Camp** is this week, **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. Boys who are First Communion age and up are welcome. *Anyone who wishes to attend the camp MUST be signed up before Tuesday. Anyone who is not a regular parishioner at St. Gertrude's MUST call the office in order to attend the camp.* Those attending should have a missal, rosary, church clothes, play clothes, and a tent if they are staying overnight.

Camp begins with Mass at **10 AM on Tuesday**. Rosary will be at 5 PM, followed by supper at 6. Boys who are not staying overnight may be picked up anytime after the rosary. Mass is at **8 AM on Wednesday**, and rosary is at **6 PM**. The boys will be going swimming on Wednesday, so they should bring a swimsuit, goggles, etc., if they are interested in swimming. On **Thursday** Mass is at **8 AM**, and the camp ends at **3 PM** with rosary.

The boys will be playing sports at Keehner Park, so if they have any sports equipment they would like to bring they should do so. The usual games are Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, baseball and kickball.

Rollerblading is usually very popular at camp, so the boys may want to bring those as well.

The Fathers and some fathers will be supervising the camp, but will not be able to babysit—boys who need more supervision should come with their dads.

**HOW TO BE COUNTED AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS**

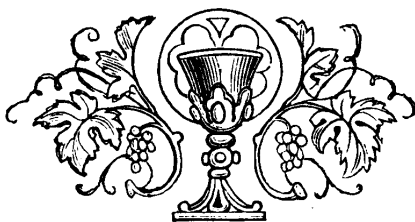
I am resigned to sanctify myself in the way and by the means God wants me to sanctify myself: without any sensible sweetness if He so wills.... I submit with all my heart and all the more willingly because I know it is the surest way, the way least subject to illusion and the shortest for acquiring perfect purity of heart, great love of God, and great merit.

Submission to God's will frees us from all other yokes. Because as God wills everything that happens to us, and as we will all that God wills, nothing can happen except what we will. Nobody can oblige me to do what I do not want to do because I desire to do all that God wishes....

Since I have been ill I have learned that we cling to ourselves with many imperceptible threads, and if God did not free us from them we should never do so ourselves: we do not even see them. Illness was a thing absolutely necessary for me; without it I do not know what I should have become. I am sure it is one of the greatest mercies God has shown me....

If you fall under the stress of temptation, rise promptly, ask God's pardon, hope in Him in spite of your fall.... Do you not know that your heavenly Father knows your needs and is all-powerful to provide for them? What do you fear in God's judgments? They are always favorable to souls of good will.

— Bl. Claude de la Colombiere



**Collection Report**

Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,027.00  
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

**NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE**

There is a small army of saints coming to the bookstore. Italian 5" statues are available again. Find your patron to the left as you walk into the bookstore. Sts. Alexander of Bergamo, Andrew, Angela Merici, Bernadette Soubirous, Bernardine of Siena, Catherine of Alexandria, Catherine of Siena, Cecilia, Christina, Cyrus, Dorothea, Dorothy, Elizabeth of Hungary, Fina Serafina, Francis of Assisi, Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, John the Apostle, John the Baptist, Lucy, Martin of Tours, Paul, Peter, Scholastica, Stephen Etienne, and Vincent de Paul are available now. Sts. Anthony the Great, Patrick, Rita of Cascia, Sebastian, and Veronica are on their way.

There are a few concrete garden figures still available in the flowerbed outside the bookstore window. They are going fast. If you missed out and are still interested send us a note to sggbookstore@gmail.com and we will see what we can do.

New veils and many other items available. Take a minute to check out the store.



*Our Beloved Dead - August*

Suzanne Nies	8-01-2011
Joanne Fornes	8-01-2011
Edward H. Staarmann	8-03-1981
Rev. Fr. Francis Fenton	8-03-1995
Sr. M. Monica, CMRI	8-05-1997
John Wiesman	8-07-2016
Rev. Denis Philomena, CMRI	8-10-1994
Bill Tamagni	8-10-2009
Thomas Kamphaus	8-10-2010
Helen Mary (Curran) Jackson	8-11-2003
Shirle Ann Downing	8-11-2012
Virgil McCormick	8-16-2004
Frank J. Cekada	8-16-2009
Barbara Ann Desborough	8-17-1993
Regina Marie Shawhan	8-18-1989
Susan Marie Menefee	8-19-2015
Beatrice Lutkehaus	8-20-2018
Earl Joseph Desborough	8-22-1983
Gary Amyx	8-27-2020
Sr. M. Judith	8-28-2002
Dr. John Powell	8-28-2014
Connie Kamphaus	8-28-2018
Andrew Zunzer	8-29-2012

**MOST BLESSED VINE**

Most blessed Vine!  
 Whose juice so good  
 I feel as wine,  
 But thy fair branches felt as blood;  
 How wert thou pressed  
 To be my feast!  
 In what deep anguish  
 Didst thou languish,  
 What springs of sweat and blood did  
 drown thee!  
 How in one path  
 Did the full wrath  
 Of thy great Father  
 Crowd and gather,  
 Doubling thy griefs, when none would  
 own thee!

— Henry Vaughan



**Mark your calendars!**

The annual Sodality Fall Festival is set for the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. We

will have our craft booths again this year; if you are interested in renting one, then you may want to start stocking up! Reservations will be open soon and more festival details will follow.

The cats have not done anything really newsworthy for quite a while...until now. Fat Cat, formerly known as Giacomo (I never understood naming cats after opera singers/characters!), who likes to sit on the top of **Fr. McKenna's** car to warm himself, was apparently very unhappy with Father for leaving the roof off for the night. Some of the priests walked outside one morning to see the hazard lights flashing and figured it must have been Fat Cat who somehow turned on the flashers as he was climbing around inside the car. Personally, I wonder if he was trying to take the convertible on a cruise or just get back at Father for taking away his favorite sitting spot. Whatever the reason, this was just a mild trick and I suspect that Fat Cat has worse ones for the next time Father leaves the roof off of his car.

The coyotes have been quite active in the area lately. No one has seen them, but they are loud...even during the day. Several of the girls heard them during camp and scurried inside for the night, preferring to sleep inside rather than facing the mangy animals. A skunk was spotted, too, but seems to have done no harm to anyone! The Sisters mentioned that there were over fifty girls at camp this year and that it was an exceptionally well behaved group. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. The performance put on at the close of camp was highly entertaining as well as very edifying. The smaller girls sang about the old lady who swallowed a fly...the props were great! And the older girls put on a play that gave the lesson of how even the smallest acts done for love of Our Lady are pleasing to her.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** gets back this week from his vacation and **Fr. McKenna** leaves for his. **Fathers Simpson** and **Brueggemann** will be busy with boys' camp which begins this Tuesday. I don't know what you think, but this summer seems to be passing by exceptionally fast. It has been an extremely busy one here at St. Gertrude's and we clergy have not been together in one place at the same time for quite a while.

August begins soon. What feast days the Church has given us during this month dedicated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart! The Blessed Mother said at Fatima, "To save the souls of poor sinners, God wishes to establish the devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world." Contemplate that statement. Life is all about the salvation of souls. How much do you do for the conversion of sinners? Surely, we can all do more. This month, learn more about the devotion to the Immaculate Heart and put it into practice. Reparation is especially important in this devotion. Make little acts of reparation throughout the day and say often, "O My Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in

reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

– **Bishop McGuire**



### TO ST. ANNE

Smile then, dear mother, upon our chants and bless our prayers. Today and always be propitious to the supplications which our land of sorrows sends up to thee. Be gracious to wives and mothers who confide to thee their holy desires and the secret of their sorrows. Keep up, where they still exist, the traditions of the Christian home. Over how many families has the baneful breath of this age passed, blighting all that is serious in life, weakening faith, leaving nothing but languor, weariness, frivolity, if not even worse, in the place of the true and solid joys of our fathers. How truly might the Wise Man say at the present day: Who shall find a valiant woman? She alone by her influence could counteract all these evils; but on condition of recognizing wherein her true strength lies: in humble household works done with her own hands; in hidden, self-sacrificing devotedness; in watchings by night; in hourly foresight; working in wool and flax, and with the spindle; all those strong things which win for her the confidence and praise of her husband; authority over all, abundance in the house, blessings from the poor whom she has helped, honor from strangers, reverence from her children; and for herself in the fear of the Lord, nobility and dignity, beauty and strength, wisdom, sweetness and content, and calm assurance at the latter day.

O blessed Anne, rescue society, which is perishing for want of virtues like thine. The motherly kindnesses thou art ever more frequently bestowing upon us have increased the Church's confidence; deign to respond to the hopes she places in thee. – *Dom Gueranger*

*From my earliest childhood, I have heard the voice of the Holy Ghost inspiring me to walk in the sweet and peaceful paths of innocence and piety; and yet even then I commenced to wander along the broad way that leadeth to destruction. I heard this voice again in youth, and again I closed my ears to it as inopportune; I plunged into turbulent pleasures to drown the sound of that voice; I rejected the gentle yoke it would have placed on me; I deliberately chose to wear the heavy chain of vice and sin. In riper years, under a more guarded exterior, my faults have but increased, for of virtues I have none. Thus has my life flowed on in uselessness, sin, trouble, and remorse: for, who ever found repose when resisting the inspirations of God? God forbid that I should lose courage entirely.*

– *Manual of Devotion to Good St. Anne (1891)*

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>7/28/25</b>	<b>SS. NAZARIUS &amp; CELSUS, MM, VICTOR I, PM, INNOCENT I, PC</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Thomas Simpson ( <i>Doby Curran</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> For all those who have helped with our marriage preparation ( <i>Eddie &amp; Renee Fernandez</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>7/29/25</b>	<b>ST. MARTHA, V • ST. FELIX II, PM</b> SS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES BEGINNING OF BOYS CAMP <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Janet Strauss</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Patrick Henry Omlor, Rest in peace ( <i>Kolenich Family</i> ) ☞ <b>10:00 AM High Mass</b> †Thomas G. Simpson ( <i>Karen Simpson</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Hervé & Cecilia Souquet-Juglard ( <i>Aubrey &amp; Eliza Uhlenbrock</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>7/30/25</b>	<b>SS. ABDON &amp; SENNEN, MM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Michelle Tibbetts ( <i>Michael Tibbetts</i> ) <b>8:00 AM High Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>The Caggese family</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Hervé & Cecilia Souquet-Juglard ( <i>Aubrey &amp; Eliza Uhlenbrock</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>7/31/25</b>	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C</b> CLOSING OF BOYS CAMP <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Jacinta Young – Happy Birthday! ( <i>Mom &amp; Pop</i> ) <b>8:00 AM High Mass</b> Hervé & Cecilia Souquet-Juglard ( <i>Aubrey &amp; Eliza Uhlenbrock</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †Lorie Mikesell – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death ( <i>Michelle Mikesell</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8/1/25</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • ST. PETER'S CHAINS</b> THE HOLY MACHABEES <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Hervé & Cecilia Souquet-Juglard ( <i>Aubrey &amp; Eliza Uhlenbrock</i> ) <b>11:00 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> For the intentions of Michelle Lodrini ( <i>The children of Michelle Lodrini</i> ) <b>Benediction</b> <b>5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the soul of †Thomas G. Simpson ( <i>Michael &amp; Catherine Thurlow</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>8/2/25</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY • ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD</b> ST. STEPHEN I, PM <b>7:05 AM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM High Mass</b> †Tom Simpson ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. David Swinney</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions</b> <b>8:20 AM Benediction</b> <b>8:30 AM First Saturday Meditation</b> <b>8:40 AM Low Mass</b> Hervé & Cecilia Souquet-Juglard ( <i>Aubrey &amp; Eliza Uhlenbrock</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8/3/25</b>	<b>PENTECOST VIII</b> FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b>

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor August 2025

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Joseph Vines  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Tim Giese, Michael Simpson  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Collin Smith, Justin Soeder  
**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM:** Anthony Caggese, Jim Stanislawski  
**11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:** James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli  
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:** Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** Dan Stanislawski, *Temp. volunteer needed*  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & Philip Brueggemann  
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:** McConnell Brothers  
**4:00 AM-5:00 AM:** Matthew Giese, Bruno Siqueira  
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman  
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:** John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

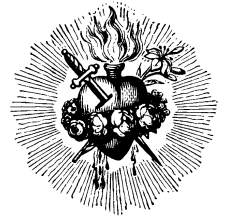
☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212, parishoffice@sgg.org.*  
 ☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

### PRAYER OF ST. JOHN EUDES

O Jesus, only Son of God, only Son of Mary, I offer Thee the most loving Heart of Thy divine Mother which is more precious and pleasing to Thee than all hearts.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus, I offer thee the most adorable Heart of thy well-beloved Son, who is the life and love and joy of thy Heart.

Blessed be the Most Loving Heart and Sweet Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the most glorious Virgin Mary, His Mother, in eternity and forever. Amen.



### Servers

<b>FRI 8/1</b>	<b>5:45 PM Low:</b> J. & I. Smith
<b>SAT 8/2</b>	<b>7:30 AM High:</b> F. & M. Caggese <b>8:40 AM Low:</b> Brueggemanns
<b>SUN 8/3</b>	<b>7:30 AM Low:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM High:</b> MCs: M. Simpson, P. Capetillo TH: M. Caggese ACs: P. Caggese, I. Smith TBS: J. Smith, T. Stanislawski, Ma. & F. Caggese, N. & J. Hudson <b>11:30 AM Low:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> TH: D. Simpson ACs: I. Smith, A. & B. Constantino <b>5:45 PM Low:</b> P. McClorey

<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Hervé & Cecilia Souquet-Juglard ( <i>Aubrey &amp; Eliza Uhlenbrock</i> )
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fernandez ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Rebecca Uhlenbrock – Happy Mothers Day! ( <i>Capetillo family</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