

# 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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**August 10, 2025**

**ST. LAWRENCE, MARTYR  
PENTECOST IX**

## ¶ ST. LAWRENCE

Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ THIS WEEK

**Monday** is the feast of the great Miracle Worker, St. Philomena. St. Clare and the Summer Novena come **Tuesday**. Honor Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners on **Wednesday** by attending the **Fatima Rosary Procession** at 7:15 PM. St. Joachim, Father of Our Lady, has his feast on **Saturday**.

## ¶ THE ASSUMPTION

**Friday** is the beautiful summer feast of Our Blessed Mother, the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The 7:00 AM Mass is the Workers' Mass, with no sermon. The main Mass of the day is the 9:00 AM Pontifical. Before Mass, we join the servers, clergy, and choir in processing to the Grotto for the traditional blessing of the First Fruits. Bring some produce, herbs, and flowers from your garden. Bring your children, who represent the angels who filled the sepulchre of Our Lady with beautiful flowers. This procession leads us back into church for the High Mass.

Vespers are sung at 4:30, and then the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for the Rosary. Benediction is at 5:30. The final Mass of the day is at 5:45.


**The Friday abstinence is dispensed** due to the holy day, this greatest of Mary's feast days.



## ¶ MOTHERS' MEETING

The Catholic Mothers' Consortium will be meeting this Tuesday after the 5 PM Mass.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45.  **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X, second collect of St. Hyacinth, third within the octave of the Assumption, fourth of the octave of St. Lawrence. Trinity Preface.

¶ **PLEASE PRAY** for Fr. Mar-dones, Fr. Soliman, and all of our sick clergy. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of †Andy Hable.

## ¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

Car statues have been added to the bookstore. They are white and heat resistant. Several are available and located in the back of the store in the Auto section. New veils are in supply. Items for children playing Mass are here to keep children interested. The little 5" statues are now complete with Saints Sebastian, Patrick & Veronica, among others making it from Italy. If you still would like a concrete garden

statue, a few are still available. Support local talent with the purchase of a nice quality, glass bead rosary, made by an SGG parishioner. Something new around every turn, great gifts. Always happy to see you.

## Lumen Christi

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

**Mr. Kurt Konetzka –  
Special Intentions  
(Monika Konetzka)**

## Collection Report

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.....\$6,763.50  
Second Collection.....\$3,048.50

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

Let us place ourselves in spirit at the bedside of the Holy Virgin and imagine that we behold the scene as tradition depicts it. Around her stand the Apostles, summoned thither by the spirit of God, to hear the last words of charity and wisdom from her sacred lips. Her countenance is lighted up with heavenly radiance, as if already glorified; and with holy longing she stretches out her arms to embrace Him toward whom tend all the aspirations of her soul. Everything that makes death bitter and repugnant to man is absent; all here is sweet and pleasing. It is not a death that we are witnessing: it is a visible glorification.

— from “A School of Sanctity,” *The Ave Maria*, 1919



¶ LOOK AHEAD

**Fall Festival:** Sunday, September 7  
**Parish Picnic:** Sunday, September 21.  
 Winton Woods, Butterfly Bluff Shelter.  
**Forty Hours:** October 24-26

**Mass offered privately on 8/7:**

For Fr. Roberto Mardones on his surgery (*Jaime Cervantes*)



FEELINGS DON'T MATTER!

Worry is a canker. And it's self-regarding. Whereas all our real life is in Jesus Christ. The function of anxiety is surely to alert us to our dependence on Him and to the fact that He alone matters. It is a most useful feeling. It says: You are fragile, unrealized, not in charge of your life, in danger of...therefore turn wholly to Our Lord. The feeling may or may not diminish but the direction of our self's narrowness into His love has been conquered. We have to go on and on until finally we live out of self, in Him.

The great thing to grasp is that to feel “relaxed/happy” or to feel anxious is *unimportant*. Feelings only matter as an occasion for love. Happy, secure feelings prompt us to praise Him; sad, anxious feelings prompt us to express our faith and pray for Him to be all in all to us. The feelings themselves tell us nothing about our “state” which is God's secret and God's work. We don't base anything on ourselves but only on Him, on His goodness, knowing, as St. Paul says, in whom we have believed. Why are we anxious? Let's will to have Our Lord as our holiness. Gradually even the feeling vanishes, but that is unimportant.

We can *feel* that growing in love should make life “easier”—that there is some failure in our fear, temptation, struggle. Not so. In fact the tempest may blow more severely as we near harbor. Our Lord could never know a psychic respite, as the Gospels show. But our attitudes change. We cease to be afraid of fear; we open our arms to the will for the Father to give us whatever He will, knowing, in Jesus, that He only gives “good things.” — *The Magnificat*

PERSPECTIVE

High upon your pedestal of purity  
 Remote, aloof, and virginal, you seem  
 As distant as the nearest star to heaven,  
 Enveiled in mist, the creature of a  
 dream.

You were conceived immaculate, and  
 purely  
 You lived and died, and now you are a  
 queen;  
 How can you, in your sinlessness,  
 imagine  
 The clarion call to life that sin can  
 mean?

How can you, in your majesty, look  
 downward,  
 And here among the dust, distinguish  
 me?

But quickly as I ask, my question's  
 answered:

You are not blind, it is I who cannot  
 see.

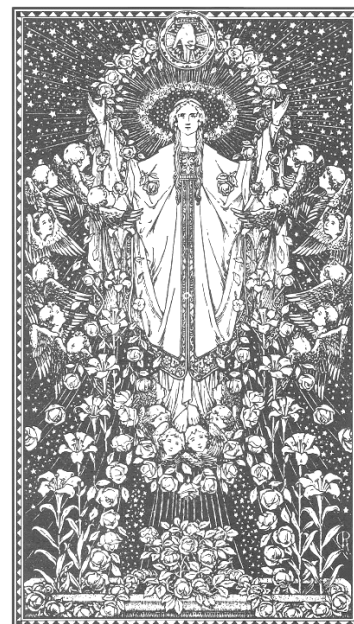
You are not far, it is I that make the  
 distance—

Despair alone can bring me close to  
 hell;

My doubts and fears have put the mist  
 around you;

It is not that you arose, but that I fell.

— Ellen Katheryn Ullmen



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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The cats have been starting to come inside and are a lot more playful than usual, a sign that it is getting closer to Autumn, although we still have well over a month to go. The weather has been a lot cooler than most Augusts. May Our Lady grant us beautiful weather on her feast of the Assumption which comes this Friday.

A lot has been accomplished this week, thanks be to God. It certainly has been a busy week. **Fr. Simpson** came back a little tired from the full Texas mission run which was all the more gruesome since it began almost immediately after three days of Boys' Camp. Since coming back he has been busy with some of the projects which I mentioned in last week's bulletin. He likes to work with his hands and is quite good at it. It is a blessing to have a priest who can fix things around church.

**Fr. Brueggemann** and his brother, Seminarian Chris Brueggemann, have been working diligently to get the grotto pond fixed up in time for the Assumption. They sealed up all the leaks on the sides that were letting floods of water come in whenever it rained. That would explain at least part of why the pond always looked so dirty. The next step is to paint it a light blue color, fill it with water, and add the fountain. I think Chris will finish alone while Fr. Brueggemann leaves for St. Hugh's and all the northern missions.

Poncho Capetillo and Chris Brueggemann have been helping with a few different projects around church, including cleaning out one of the classrooms that was entirely filled with books. Sr. Ulrica helped a lot with that, too. Sr. Eulalia has been busy beautifying the outdoor garden and the Stations of the Cross in her free time, while Sr. Magdalen has been helping in the sacristy as well as preparing her classes for this upcoming school year.

Speaking of the school, we have a number of new students coming this year and have even reached the 30 student mark, which is pretty good for our school. More updates as I get them. Dr. Stanislawski has very good plans for the future, especially by updating some of the material. Some basic Philosophy courses, such as Logic and Psychology, will be taught as well. In our day, these two are very important since we live in a world that does not use logic. It is necessary to teach our youth how to think critically and to be comfortable doing so. The more the world turns away from Christ the further it goes away from anything true and beautiful. It is through the truths of our Faith that our children will pass safely through all the errors of the world. But, of course, the best part about our Catholic school is the fact that the children get daily Mass, Holy Communion, and sermons, daily contact with the clergy and religious, weekly confession, and all the spiritual helps they will need to save their immortal souls.

Fr. Brueggemann took the seminarians and some of the Knights of the Sacred Heart on a field trip to Bardstown, where Bishop Flaherty established the first seminary in these parts. It looked like a fun and edifying day for all! You can see a group picture below.



This week we have a number of important days, and I hope to see you in church for as many of them as you can make. St. Philomena's feast day is tomorrow. St. Clare's is Tuesday, and the CMC will meet that evening. Wednesday is the feast of the patron of altar boys, St. John Berchmans, and we have the penultimate Fatima Rosary Procession at 7:15 in the evening. The weather should be nice for that! And of course the Holy Day is Friday, and is the highlight of the summer with the beautiful procession, Marian hymns, Blessing of Herbs and Fruits, and Pontifical Mass. St. Joachim, the father of Our Lady and grandfather of Our Lord, has his feast day on Saturday. These feast days are just what the world misses out on, but we Catholics are so blessed to have.

May you remain close to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

– Bishop McGuire

**P.S. Fr. Roberto Mardones**, who lives in Mexico City, fell quite ill this past week. His diabetes got out of hand and he had to have a leg amputated. He is in the hospital for a few days and is well taken care of. **Fr. Siordia**, thankfully, was able to visit him and administer Extreme Unction. Please continue to pray for Fr. Mardones, as well as all of our sick priests all over the world.

But **Fr. Nicolás Benegas**, who resides for the time being in Guadalajara, is doing quite well. He is building a chapel in Argentina and will be returning there for a little while until he gets his Visa situation worked out and can return to Mexico.



- MON 8/11/25 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY**  
 SS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM  
*ST. PHILOMENA, VM*
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Repose of the soul of †Tom Simpson  
*(Darlene Rentschler)*
- 11:25 AM Low Mass** Special Intention – Birthday *(Scott Field)*  
 (from 8/9)
- TUE 8/12/25 ST. CLARE, V • SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES**
- 7:00 AM Low Mass** Michael Rabjohns *(KR)*
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Bill Young – Happy Birthday! *(Terri)*
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** Intentions of the CMC  
**Catholic Mothers' Consortium**
- WED 8/13/25 SS. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM**  
 ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C  
*OUR LADY, REFUGE OF SINNERS*
- 7:00 AM Low Mass** Special intention *(Janet Strauss)*
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Olivia McKnight *(Sister Eulalia)*
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** Happy Birthday, Victoria Cerise *(Phyllis Kiernan)*
- 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession**
- THU 8/14/25 VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION • ST. EUSEBIUS, C**  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA BEGINS
- 7:00 AM Low Mass** Special intention *(Janet Strauss)*
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** †Mary Elaine Browne – birthday *(Christopher Browne)*
- 11:25 AM Low Mass** Bishop McGuire's intentions *(Smith family)*  
 (rescheduled from 8/7)
- FRI 8/15/25 THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY HOLY DAY**
- 7:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls *(Jim Soli)*
- 9:00 AM Blessing of Herbs & First Fruits, Procession, Pontifical Mass** †Philip Delicato *(Keith Elflein)*
- 4:30 PM Vespers, Rosary, Benediction**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
- SAT 8/16/25 ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY • ST. ROCH, C**
- 7:05 AM Confessions**
- 7:30 AM Low Mass** Bobby & Aubrey Uhlenbrock – Happy Anniversary *(Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock)*
- 8:05 AM Salve, Sermon**
- 8:15 AM High Mass** †Virgil McCormick – 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
*(Albert D. Kinnett)*
- SUN 8/17/25 PENTECOST X • ST. HYACINTH, C**  
 OCTAVE OF ST. LAWRENCE
- 7:05 AM Rosary**
- 7:30 AM Low Mass** Andrew Blanchett – for salvation of his soul  
*(Dan & Mary)*
- 9:00 AM High Mass** Erika McKnight – Happy Birthday *(Bishop McGuire)*
- 11:05 AM Rosary**
- 11:30 AM Low Mass** Eliza Uhlenbrock – Happy Birthday *(Nana & Grandpa)*
- 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



**ST. LAWRENCE**

And Decius said to the blessed Lawrence: “Sacrifice to the gods.” And he answered, “I offer myself as a sacrifice to God, unto the odor of sweetness, for a contrite spirit is a sacrifice to God.” But the executioners pressed on in adding the coals, and placing them under the grill.... The blessed Lawrence said, “Learn, wretched Valerian, how great is the might of my Lord, for thy coals bring me refreshment, but to thee eternal torment; for He knows that I denied not His holy Name when accused, I confessed Christ when asked, I gave thanks while being roasted.” ... And all those present began to marvel, since Decius had commanded him to be roasted alive. But with a most comely countenance he said, “I give Thee thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast deigned to strengthen me.” And lifting up his eyes to Valerian, he said, “Behold wretched man, thou hast roasted one side; turn me over, and eat.” Then giving thanks to the Lord, he said, “I give Thee thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, because I have merited to enter Thy gates.” And saying this he gave up his spirit.

**Lawrence and Cuisine**

The nuns' charming custom brings us to the subject of food. Understandably, there is a tradition in some locales of not eating grilled meats on St. Lawrence's Day. In Florence, lasagna is the traditional fare, while in Spain it is gazpacho and bizcocho de San Lorenzo (a chestnut biscuit which means “twice-cooked!”). And why not a good deli sandwich with ham? Whatever the fare, it should be suitable for a patron saint of cooks but not so fancy that it favors the rich over the poor.

**Lawrence the Patron**

Not to be outdone in black humor, the Church has made Lawrence the patron saint of chefs and comedians. The saint is also a patron of brewers since the manner of his martyrdom reminded medieval beermakers of the way that malt is dried. He is a patron of the poor because as a deacon he cared for them; and he patronizes archivists and librarians because he reputedly protected the Church's written documents from the Emperor. Finally, he is one of the patron saints of Canada, for Jacques Cartier discovered a large gulf and river on his feast day in 1535 and named them the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River.

**Servers**

- FRI 8/15 7:00 AM LOW:** Brueggemanns  
**9:00 AM PONT.:** *In Sacristy*  
**4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, P. Caggese **CROSS:** J. Smith  
**5:45 PM LOW:** P. McClorey
- SAT 8/16 7:30 AM LOW:** Rabjohns  
**8:15 AM HIGH:** C. Brueggemann, A. Constantino, F. Caggese
- SUN 8/17 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH:** MCS: C. Richesson, A. McClorey TH: T. England ACS: F. Caggese, J. Hudson TBS: Ma. Caggese, N. Hudson, T. Stanislawski, B. Constantino, L. Rabjohns, I. Smith  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Kolenichs  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** TH: F. Caggese ACS: D. Simpson, M. Caggese **CROSS:** I. Smith  
**5:45 PM LOW:** P. McClorey