



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH

11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW

**PENTECOST XII
AUGUST 23, 2009**



A certain Samaritan brought him to an inn.

Vespers, Benediction and Novena

Sunday Vespers and Benediction: 4:45 PM; at other times as announced. Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart and Benediction: Friday evening after Mass. Other Novenas and Devotions, as announced.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses, at communion rail.

Children's Confessions: One Sunday of the month at 10:40 AM, as announced.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Additional Confessions: Fourth Sunday of the month (or as announced), for those unable to come at regularly-scheduled times.

Prayer Chain: To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

Appointments & Sick Calls: Please phone the church office.

Catholic Books & Religious Articles: A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

Baptisms: Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required)

must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend only the traditional Latin Mass. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

Confirmation: Confirmation is solemnly administered in October and May of each year, and privately as requested. According to canon law, children should, if possible, be confirmed before First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion: Children should make their First Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason (usually between the ages of five and eight) and know the rudiments of the Faith (the First Communion Catechism.) First Holy Communion is administered each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Feast of Christ the King.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest *before* setting a date.

Extreme Unction: Your priests serve a wide area and must often travel far to administer this sacrament. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last

moment. Let us know if a church member is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

Mass Intentions: Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorial Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.

Registration: Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

Dress Code: *Ladies*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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• ST. PHILIP BENIZI •

Tim Duff will be giving an interesting talk after the High Mass, with his current thoughts on the state of the Church, entitled "The Church of Darkness". You are welcome to Helfta Hall for this presentation.

Catechism registration is this Sunday and next, and classes commence September 13th.

THIS WEEK

St. Bartholomew, the apostle who was flayed alive for Christ, opens our **feast day week** with a great feast. He is patron of plasterers, cheese merchants and Armenia, as well as being invoked against tics.

Tuesday two neighboring saints in our reredos, **St. Louis the King** and **St. Anthony** share the honors.

Wednesday we have the early morning Mass at **6:30 AM**, along with the regular Masses of **8:00 AM** and **5:00 PM** (Monthly Requiem) as we honor **St. Zephyrinus** the pope martyr who was calumniated by **St. Hippolytus**. There is hope yet!

A devoted educator of youth, **St. Joseph Calasancius** comes **Thursday** with **Our Lady's Seven Joys** and little **St. Hugh**, martyred by the Jews. **Great St. Augustine** claims our honors on **Friday**, (Ladies remember the Recollection!) and **St. John the Baptist** gets beheaded on **Saturday**. This day of **Our Lady** honors Her as well as the **Black Madonna** and **Health of the Sick**. **Hear Holy Mass daily!**



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Fr. Cekada's father, Frank Cekada, who died last Sunday.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember all of our shut-in and sick, especially Richard Zblicki, recovering from surgery, as well as several very important family intentions for our faithful.

POETRY CORNER

THE VIRGIN MOTHER'S HOLOCAUST

O Full of Grace! upon thy sinless heart unfurl'd as if a precious vellum leaf,
the Master wrought creation's finest art
that shines where Adam's shame foreshadow'd grief.

O Lady Fair! through thy unsullied womb

Our Father's hand took up the holy pen
to write His will to save from hell and tomb

His children lost amidst the sons of men.
O Blessed One! by virtue of thy blood
the quill is sharpen'd, shaped, and dipp'd
in ink,

and God Almighty lifts us things of mud
from out the mire to which our strivings sink.

O Queen whose soul doth magnify thy Lord!

The Lord and thou hath given man your Word!

—Fr. Lawrence Smith

ALTER CHRISTUS

\$168.00 was donated for Masses for the sanctification and support of priests. Thank you for your generosity.

HELP

We are four priests now, and are wondering if more of you could drop off a meal now and then to help feed us. We would happily reimburse you for your costs. We're looking especially for Monday and Friday meals, but there are other openings (besides our hungry mouths!) as well. Once a month would even be fine! Please call the church if you are able to help.

Collection Report

Sunday August 16.....\$3,380.00

Servers

AUGUST 24- AUGUST 30, 2009

•MON 8/24	8:00 AM Low: Lotarski
	5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•TUE 8/25	8:00 AM Low: F. Puglielli
	5:00 PM Low: J. Bayer
•WED 8/26	6:30 AM Low: C. Simpson, T. Simpson
	8:00 AM Low: B. Lotarski
•THU 8/27	5:00 PM REQUIEM HIGH: G. Keaveny
	8:00 AM Low: D. Wnek, G. Wnek
	5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•FRI 8/28	8:00 AM Low: T. Simpson, Sr.
	5:45 PM Low: G. Keaveny, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, T. Kunkel
•SAT 8/29	7:30 AM Low: C. Simpson, T. Simpson
	8:00 AM HIGH: J. Bayer, M. Ribar
•SUN 8/30	7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann
	9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lotarski
	ACs: F. Puglielli, T. Simpson Th: R. Hill
	TORCH: A. Richesson, P. Duff, J. Simpson, A. Wenke
	11:30 AM Low: A. Ribar, M. Ribar
	5:45 PM Low: C. Ritze

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	8/24/09 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP
	8:00 AM Low Mass Return to the True Church by family & friends (<i>Barb Steinmetz</i>)
	4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharon Woods)
	5:00 PM Low Mass Richard VandeRyt - Happy Birthday (<i>Jeanne Hille</i>)
TUE	8/25/09 ST. LOUIS, KING, C
	8:00 AM Low Mass Lotarski Family - Many Thanks (<i>Mary Lacy</i>)
	5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention - Lynch Family (<i>G. Keaveney</i>)
	Eleventh Tuesday of St. Anthony at both Masses
WED	8/26/09 ST. ZEPHYRINUS, PM
	6:30 AM Low Mass Paul Minges (<i>Anne Marie Duff</i>)
	8:00 AM Low Mass Our Grandpa James Soli (<i>James & Hannah Lacy</i>)
	5:00 PM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
THUR	8/27/09 ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS, C
	Seven Joys of Our Lady, Little St. Hugh of Lincoln, M
	8:00 AM Low Mass †Joan Dunham - Birthday (<i>William Harris</i>)
	5:00 PM Low Mass Pro-Life Cause (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>)
FRI	8/28/09 ST. AUGUSTINE, BPCD
	ST. HERMES, M
	8:00 AM Low Mass Confessions
	5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary
	5:45 PM Low Mass †Ellen Amyx - Birthday Remembrance (<i>Gary Amyx</i>) Novena, Benediction, Confessions
	7:00 PM A Mother's Union Spiritual Talk For All of the Ladies of the Parish
SAT	8/29/09 BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
	ST. SABINA
	7:15 AM Confessions
	7:30 AM Low Mass †Dorothy M. (sister) Birthday (<i>William Harris</i>) Confessions
	8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass †Martha Louise Frank (<i>Joseph and Kathryn Bayer</i>)
	For the Devotions of the 15 Saturdays of the Most Holy Rosary meditate on the Crucifixion
SUN	8/30/09 ST. ROSE OF LIMA, V
	PENTECOST XIII
	7:30 AM Low Mass Tom & Connie Kamphaus (<i>Bob Brueggemann</i>)
	9:00 AM High Mass †Frank Cekada (<i>Joseph & Maria Webster</i>)
	11:30 AM Low Mass †Robert DeChristoforo (<i>Jane Donadis</i>)
	5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude



✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Thank you for your cooperation for a beautiful weekend for Our Lady's Assumption and our new priest. It was good to have the Lourdes Grotto properly blessed and dedicated to Our Lady. Make a point to visit it for a little prayer. We hope to do some more landscaping there, and to install some benches.



I was glad to hear that all of the festivities went well, and that many of you stayed and enjoyed the beautiful breakfast which Mark Lotarski and his helpers prepared. Thank you, Mark. Meanwhile things went well for us in Columbus, but there is no air conditioning, and it certainly was hot!

We have had our introductory meeting for the teachers in preparation for the new school year, and are quite pleased to be having two priests on our faculty, in addition to our excellent and devoted lay staff. Fr. Cekada continues as school chaplain, and I look forward to speaking to the children each day at Mass about the saints of the day.

You know that Fr. Cekada's father died suddenly last Sunday morning. His Requiem High Mass was Thursday in Milwaukee, and his burial Friday in Calumet, Michigan (Upper Peninsula). Frank Cekada had attained the good age of 91 years and leaves a legacy of real fidelity to the Catholic Church and devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Fr. Cekada reports that his father left the Novus Ordo before he did. Mr. Cekada was a great help to the faithful in starting St. Hugh of Lincoln chapel. May his good soul rest in peace, and his example inspire others to keep up the fight for the Faith, and the love of Our Lady.

Fr. Saavedra and Fr. Siordia will both be visiting us this week. We hope to be able to accommodate our guests in our new house, the Convento San Marco. Thanks to all who are helping with this project.

Let us finish August with fervor and devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, and daily ask for a place there for ourselves and loved ones.

God Bless You!

-Bishop Dolan

ANOTHER GIFT
Our Creator, our Father,
the Good God alone
Looked down and smiled
on me this day, and
showered me with His love
He saw to it that I was able
to assist at, and had the
privilege to be
Present at the first Solemn High Mass
of a new priest, our Fr. Larrabee
And that the indulgence first
blessing of the new priest
be bestowed on me.

—John Seyfried
Thank you sweet Jesus for loving us so! 8-9-09

✠ QUIET CORNER

THE HUNDREDFOLD

The tragedies of this world take on their full meaning when one looks at life from a realistic point of view... We should not struggle against what has been decided by God. Men are only instruments, and if this seems obscure to those living in the world, it is not so for those who must share in this work of mercy. Certainly, it is not easy, and we must endure a very painful ordeal, but with the trial come graces, and then sadness is turned into joy.

Believe me, there is no injustice willingly accepted that does not bear fruit a hundredfold, and receive its just reward, prodigal beyond our comprehension. Do not think that all sorrows that have overwhelmed our family in recent years are useless. On the contrary, they are necessary, in order that just reparation may be made, and that through this the love of Christ may be given us in all its fullness. The law of life is that some pay for others, young branches full of sap are cut back and old, unproductive boughs left in their place. This seems unjust, and it would be, if a compensation outweighing anything life could offer were not given to these victims, who are the very fact privileged. Joy, then, not sadness! If life is worth living and if you feel weary and exhausted to the point of death, it is because your soul is famished for the life-giving nourishment which will yield unending joy.

It is only recently that I have come to understand the meaning of the cross. It is at once prodigious and atrocious: prodigious because it gives us life, and atrocious because if we do not accept to be crucified all life is denied us. This is a great mystery, and blessed are the persecuted.

—Jacques Fesch

Jacques Fesch (†1957) was a murderer who experienced a profound conversion before his execution in a French prison.

A PRAYER TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

*Lord, You are the only true Judge;
You alone can see into the human heart.
Free me from my tendency to judge others;
help me overcome the habit of criticizing,
of looking for other people's faults, and
of automatically assuming the worst about them.
I am a sinner; remind me of this truth as often as necessary, Lord,
that I may grow in humility and grace and truly become pleasing in Your sight.
Please bless all those whom I have judged in the past,
and all those who may have suffered because of my judgements. Amen.*

Another reason for avoiding a judgmental spirit is simply that we're often incapable of judging correctly; as St. John Climacus tells us "Do not condemn, even with our eyes, for they are often deceived."

One saint who had to learn this lesson was the eighteenth-century virgin Veronica Giuliana. As a girl, she was very devout, but she had the bad habit of resenting others when they didn't join in her religious devotions. St. Veronica repented of this after a vision in which she saw her own heart appearing to be made of iron.

The Church has traditionally spoken of the need to hate sin while loving the sinner, but this balance is often hard to achieve in practice. We must uphold morality, and oppose evil and injustice, even as we genuinely seek the conversion of evildoers. This is one of the main reasons for not presuming to judge sinners: if they feel rejected or condemned by us, they're much less likely to repent. Instead, we must attempt to influence them by our good example and prayers.

✠ THE IMMACULATE HEART

AUGUST IS THE MONTH SET ASIDE FOR DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. WE HONOR OUR LADY'S HEART AS THE SYMBOL OF HER COMPLETE AND ENTIRE FAITHFULNESS TO GOD.

AN ACCOUNT OF MARY'S INNER LIFE CAN BE TAKEN FROM THE GOSPELS. MARY WAS CONSTANTLY ATTENTIVE TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN HER SOUL. HER SPIRIT OF RECOLLECTION IS SEEN IN THE WORDS: "MARY KEPT ALL THESE WORDS IN HER HEART PONDERING OVER THEM." OUR LADY'S LOYALTY TO HER DUTY TO GOD IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT JESUS MEANT WHEN HE SAID "BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT."

HER MODESTY, LOVE OF GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS AND THE TRUST GIVEN TO HER BY OUR LORD FROM THE CROSS WHEN HE SAID "MOTHER, BEHOLD THY SON" SET THE BACKGROUND OF THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH.

FROM HER OWN WORDS, MAINLY RECORDED BY ST. LUKE, WE CAN TELL OF THE STATE OF HER HEART AT THE ANNUNCIATION, AT THE LOSS OF THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE, AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST OF CANA, AND ABOVE ALL IN THE GLORIOUS MAGNIFICAT SPOKEN BEFORE ELIZABETH.

DEVOUT SOULS HAVE GROWN TO ADMIRE AND LOVE THE IMMACULATE HEART WHICH PROMPTED THEM. IN THE WORDS OF ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, "WHOEVER THEN WISHES TO ADVANCE ALONG THE ROAD TO HOLINESS, AND BE SURE OF ENCOUNTERING THE TRUE CHRIST, SHOULD TAKE UP DEVOTION TO MARY."



THE SAINTS SHOW THE WAY

St. Francis de Sales was often blamed by his friends, as they did not approve of his course in not sustaining his dignity and defending himself more vigorously against the attacks of the malevolent. He replied to them that mildness ought to be the characteristic of bishops; and so, although the world and self-love has established maxims of another kind, he did not wish to make use of them, because they were contrary to those of Jesus Christ, in conformity to which he had always gloried.

"Surely if God's goodness is so great that in one instant we can obtain pardon and grace, how can we tell that he who was a sinner yesterday is the same today? Yesterday must not judge today, nor today yesterday; it is the last day that will give the final verdict."

—*St. Francis de Sales*



THE SAINTS AND THEIR PETS

A nobleman of high rank had a dog, named Capriccio, of which St. Philip Neri was very fond. One morning, an attendant of his brought the dog with him to the lodging of St. Philip, who, on seeing him, caressed him a little. Upon this, the dog took such a fancy to him that he could not in any way be persuaded to leave him. He was again and again sent back to his master, who had kindly treated and kept tied up for a while; but immediately on being released, he would go back to the Saint's rooms, so that finally they were obliged to let him remain there. St. Philip afterwards made much use of this dog for his own mortification, and that of his spiritual children. Sometimes he made them wash and comb him; sometimes, carry him in their arms, or lead him by a chain through the streets of Rome; and he himself would walk with them. These and similar mortifications lasted for a space of fifteen years.

For six years, St. Philip Neri saw to it that a cat was well provided for. Every day he sent some of his friends to look after her, to go to the butcher to buy meat for her. When they returned, particularly if there were prelates, cardinals, and noblemen in his presence, the Saint would inquire about the cat's health and condition, as if this animal were his chief concern on earth. Thus St. Philip used the cat to give the impression that he was not the serious, solemn, holy person they thought he was and to mortify the pride of his friends who were ordered out to feed the animal, to return with a report on her doings. The saint and the cat "worked together in the interest of the virtue of humility."

St. John Bosco's dog played an entirely different role, for it acted like a Guardian Angel keeping him from harm and harm from him. One day out of nowhere a huge dog that looked like a wolf began to follow Don Bosco. From that time until his enemies decided to lay off, Grigio was the Saint's bodyguard. On numerous occasions when the Saint left the house, the dog would be there to accompany him from and to his quarters. On a few occasions when enemies tried to attack him, Grigio saved his life.

There were times when Grigio showed up at the Saint's house. When he did, the dog refused food and drink. Even though he looked like a wolf, the smaller boys played with him. Whenever the dog came, it was for a purpose—he sensed that the Saint was to go out during the night and he was to go along. One night the dog barred the door and refused to let the Saint leave his house—later it was learned that his enemies had set a trap for him.

We should stop scowling at the sins of other people. Rather, we should consider that we may be worse spiritually than they are and should say, Lord, if You had not helped me, I should have done worse.

—*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

ST. PEREGRINE LAZIOSI

Feast Day; May 1

Peregrine Laziosi was born in 1260 in Forli, Italy, to a very wealthy family. His youth was spent selfishly and was monopolized by material possessions. He found his way into politics and became very anti-Catholic in his beliefs. Peregrine converted however, after beating Philip Benizi, a future saint, and seeing the holy man turn the cheek and pray for his attacker. Peregrine later joined the Servite order and spent many years in solitude. The gentle confessor fell victim to a horrific cancer of his foot that spread rapidly. While awaiting amputation, Peregrine spent the night before the operation in prayer and had a vision of Jesus healing his malady instantly. By the next morning, his foot was completely cured.

*O great Peregrine,
I am inspired by your faith, bravery and
stamina.
Pray that I can be as strong and prayerful as
you were.*

*Ask God to get me through this painful
experience with dignity and laughter. Pray for
my supportive family and loving friends
As God sees me through to total recovery.
Amen.*

THE ECHO

I prayed and prayed and prayed for things to gain,
And all that I received was lack and pain.
It seemed as if my prayers just went astray
To merge with nothing in some far away.

My life grew drab and drear; no mellow song
Of man or bird inspired—all was wrong!
In dark despair, I thought to slay myself.
"Destroy myself!" I cried, "Destroy myself!"

My words were echoed from a garden wall,
And floated back refined—a Godlike call:
"Deny thyself," Deny thyself! I heard.
The silence—that was all—no other word.

My heart grew peaceful, and I knew the way:
"Deny thyself," and then for others pray;
For He who said these words Himself denied,
And prayed for others, even as He died.

—*U. Stanley Aultman*