
St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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Pentecost XIII

August 26, 2012

Pray today at the *Introit* with the Church, against her enemies: Arise, O Lord, and judge Thy cause, and forget not the voices of them that seek Thee.

O most gracious Jesus! who, as an example to us, wast always grateful to Thy heavenly Father, grant that I may always thank God for all His benefits, Amen.



**The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor**

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Charles McGuire
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta**

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday Masses

**7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass
5:45 PM Low Mass**

Weekday Masses

See THE CALENDAR inside

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules 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 Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—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, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or sports logo jackets.

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

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 church office.

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

Confessions: Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

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 do not belong to the Novus Ordo religion. 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.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

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

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ AUGUST 26, 2012 • PENTECOST XIII

Come back to Helfta Hall this morning for some refreshments after Mass, and sign up your children for the Sunday Catechism classes starting in September.

There are no Vespers this evening. Vespers resume in September.

✠ THIS WEEK

The traditional “last week of summer” is a quiet one, but August offers a bouquet of beautiful feasts at her close. **Monday** we honor a great educator, **St. Joseph Calasancitus**, who received only calumny and contempt for his charitable works. The Franciscans keep the **Seven Joys of Our Lady**, and the Church remembers **Little St. Hugh**, a boy martyr at the hands of the Jews. When you come to Mass and Novena on **Tuesday**, you will honor great **St. Augustine**. The **Black Madonna** shares **Wednesday** with the “Martyr of Marriage” **St. John the Baptist**. America’s first saint, lovely **Rose** is remembered on **Thursday**, and the Poor Souls with **Friday** evening **Requiem** on the feast of a family and mothers’ saint, **Raymond Nonnatus**. **First Saturday’s St. Giles** helps babies (and parents!) get a good night’s rest, and young people a good Confession. We need somebody to say the Rosary with us at 8:10 AM for First Saturday. Shirle Downing’s Requiem is at 9:00 AM.

✠ CATECHISM REGISTRATION

Sunday Catechism classes for pre-school through high school students begin on September 9th. Sign-up sheets are available in Helfta Hall *today* to enroll your children.

✠ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional *Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony* with a Novena prayer to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*, on **Tuesday** after the 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses. Come to participate in these powerful devotions every Tuesday this Summer!

✠ FIRST SATURDAY

This month we have a “detached” First Saturday, honoring Our Lady on the first day of the month of Her Seven Sorrows. The schedule is as follows:

7:15 AM Confessions

7:30 AM Low Mass

8:10 AM First Saturday Devotions, Simple Benediction, Sermon

8:30 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: Reparation for the blasphemies of those who publicly seek to place in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred, towards the Blessed Mother.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the communion rail after all Masses. The monthly second collection is for the support of Most Holy Seminary.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XIV with commemoration of St. Stephen, King and of Our Lady and all the Saints, Trinity Preface.

✠ PLEASE PRAY...

...for all our shut-in and our sick, especially Teresa Boyd, Fr. Martin and †Shirle Downing. Her Requiem Mass will be this Saturday at 9 AM, after First Saturday Devotions and Benediction.

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 13th

Fatima Rosary Procession

Sunday, September 16th

Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods Park.

✠ CALLING ALL.....CHAUFFEURS!

Men of the parish, can you spare a couple hours once in a while, to drop off and/or pick up our priests from the local airports? We’ll provide the gas (and if need be, the vehicle too).

Please contact Jim at the church office (parishoffice@sgg.org) with your contact information and to let him know the days and times that you might be available to do the driving. (If you’ve helped with this in this past, please contact him anyway to confirm that we should keep you on the list and to verify your phone, e-mail, etc.) Thanks and God bless you!

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

Where are the Nine?

The little band of faithful ones each day
That kneel in adoration at His shrine—
How often have they heard the Master say:
Were not the ten made clean?
Where are the nine?

—T.E.B.



*Were not ten made clean?
and where are the nine?*

A Sister of Charity

Like some serene and gentle saint
The olden masters loved to paint,
Her face looks from its frame of white
Through the long watches of the night.

She brings her healing everywhere,
Her prayer is work; our work is prayer.
And he who hears her garment’s stir
Feels that an angel walks with her.

How old she is, one could not guess;
Age could not mar such loveliness.
She must have lived a long, long while
To put such patience in a smile!

She must have lived long, very near
To One who called and keeps her here.
The sick, pain-worn, in the dim light
See Him beside her in the night.

—A.P.C.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 19th\$4,075.00
Wednesday, August 15th\$3,588.00

✠ OUR LADY OF PELLEVOISIN ✠

Our Lady of Pellevoisin, France February 13

Pellevoisin is a little village not far from Tours in France. In 1876, a young woman, Estelle Faguet, lay dying from tuberculosis – only five hours to live in the opinion of the doctors. But on the 13th of February, when all were expecting her death, Our Lady appeared near the sickbed. This occurred on three successive nights, and then, as Our Lady had promised, the sick woman was instantly cured on a Saturday. During the visits, Our Lady of Pellevoisin frequently spoke to Estelle, her theme being that which she so often has expressed during the past hundred years:

“I am all-merciful and have great influence over my Son. What distresses me most is the lack of respect for my Son. Publish my glory.”

For some months after her miraculous cure, Estelle continued to live quietly at Pellevoisin. She was at a loss to find the means of fulfilling the mission entrusted to her by Our Lady. Her heavenly visitor, however, was watching over her, and Estelle was to see her again and receive more minute instructions as to what was required of her. On the feast of Our Lady’s visitation in the same year, 1876, as Estelle was praying in her room, she was granted another vision. Our Lady, robed in white and wearing on her breast a white scapular with the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, appeared to her favored friend. This was the first of a series of wonderful visions enjoyed by Estelle, ten in all. Again and again Mary pointed to the great need for penance and expiation – a return to God.



During one of these apparitions, Our Lady of Pellevoisin, taking her white scapular in her hand, held it before Estelle saying, “I love this devotion.”

Immediately Estelle knew that her life’s work was to propagate devotion to the Sacred Heart by means of a scapular modeled on Mary’s. On her last appearance, December 8th, Our Lady commanded Estelle to approach her Bishop and give him a copy of the new scapular.

“Tell him to help you with all his power, and that nothing would be more agreeable to me than to see this badge on each one of my children, in reparation for the outrages that my Son suffers in the Sacrament of His Love. See, the graces I pour upon those who wear it with confidence, and who help to make it known.”

The Prelate in question, the Archbishop of Bourges, gave Estelle a favorable hearing and immediately set up a commission to investigate the whole matter. The result of all this was the establishment at Pellevoisin in 1894 by Pope Leo XIII of an Archconfraternity under the title of Mother of Mercy, Our Lady of Pellevoisin. The membership of this Confraternity had gone on increasing year after year, while Pellevoisin itself has become a center of pilgrimages for thousands of Mary’s friends.

Estelle lived her quiet and peaceful life at Pellevoisin, neither desiring

nor receiving any personal credit. She died in 1929. Her miraculous cure was recognized in 1983 by Monsignor Paul Vignancour. Although no formal approval has been granted acknowledging the authenticity of the events at Pellevoisin either by the local bishop at Bourges or by the Holy See, numerous acts of secondary level of approval, including recognition of Mary’s scapular request, have been granted. Pope Leo XIII, by a Motu Proprio, granted indulgences to encourage the pilgrimage to Pellevoisin on December 20, 1892, and on April 4, 1900, The Congregation of Rites issued a decree granting approval to the Scapular of the Sacred Heart. There is a shrine of Our Lady of Pellevoisin in New York, in St. Paul’s Church, on 117th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues; and at McIntosh, Ont., there is a church of Our Lady under that name.



ALTER CHRISTUS

\$215.00 was collected for Masses for the sanctification and support of our priests. May Mary the Mother of all priests, reward your charity.

LUMEN CHRISTI

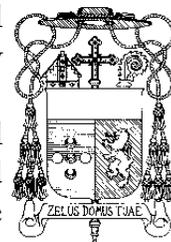
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the next fortnight for the following intention:

Rev. Charles J. Hufstetter, S.M.
(S. & C. Niehaus)

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

The cool morning which greeted me upon my return from France this past Wednesday, as well as the calendar itself, call to mind the fading days of Summer, and Fall and school and the new season and year at St. Gertrude the Great which await us.

“What did you do this Summer?” In some ways, it seems to me to have been a very traditional one, with a little change for everybody, a lot of travel, many memories, some rest, and some good done, too, for our Catholics in France. In my sermons as well as my Corner, I’ll tell you about some of my Summer, but I will look forward to hearing about yours as well.



I want to thank our good crew here at Church, especially the Fathers, who covered for me in my absence. Thank *you* for your interest and prayers and understanding about these long trips. Be sure I prayed for you all, especially at the altar and at the great Marian shrines of La Salette – what a beautiful place, so high and hidden in the French Alps – and at the lesser-known but important shrine of Pellevoisin, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart or of Mercy.

One of the first and most important things I did in France, just after my arrival, was to give a day of recollection for six priests on First Thursday, fittingly enough. Our priests in Europe have a hard and very sacrificial life, and it was good to give them some spiritual refreshment.

I spent the week of the Assumption with the eight sisters at Clos Nazareth, as the Crezan convent is called. For them it was a kind of retreat, with sermons, adoration and conferences. For many years the sisters, who have made many sacrifices to have only a good Mass (not one offered in sacrilegious union with heretics), have not had a regular chaplain but depend on the kindness of passing priests.

We had a glorious Assumption together, with the blessing of herbs and flowers (done there for the first time) and a High Mass followed by the “Procession of Louis XIII,” in which France (this time by an American Bishop!) is traditionally reconsecrated to Our Lady. The procession is done to carry out the vow made by a French King long ago. The Assumption is the patronal feast of the “Eldest Daughter of the Church.” Later there was an elegant meal, something you can always count on in France. The day closed with Vespers and Benediction, and finally with the chant of Compline. I was especially grateful to St. Joseph for the good weather that morning, for rain had been predicted. The afternoon turned hot and humid, but it did not seem to matter after so fine a morning.

During my trip there was as well a wedding at a 12th-Century monastery church at which two “priest sons of St. Gertrude” (in different ways) assisted, **Fr. Guillaume Hecquard** and **Fr. Thomas LeGal**. There were long grueling drives to the missions for Masses, six hours or longer in the baking sun all Sunday afternoon, as well as those scary ascents and descents on narrow mountain roads.

On one such trip I visited a nonagenarian (by no means the only one I met in France!) still in good working order, one of the last of the great Catholics of the resistance to the Vatican 2 Revolution. **Fr. Avril** received us kindly, and even served Fr. Hecquard’s Mass. A nun of the same age is acting superior of the Sisters of the Compassion at Crezan.

This was a particularly non-stop trip, and I look forward to a little rest (maybe!) as I settle into the routine again at St. Gertrude. Enjoy your last week of August, nature’s slow transition to Fall. Some of you will be busy with school already, although our traditional school keeps the traditional post-Labor Day opening.

Do remember to finish this month with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to start September with that same Mother’s loving Heart for First Saturday.

May Our Lady of Mercy be a fount of mercy for you and your family.

–Bishop Dolan



✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses are webcast
Many weekday Masses will be webcast this summer
Please check our website!*

- MON 8/27/12 ST JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS, C**
SEVEN JOYS OF OUR LADY
LITTLE ST HUGH OF LINCOLN, M
8:00 AM Low Mass †Mr. Albert (Butch) Arlinghaus
(The Hille Family)
- TUE 8/28/12 ST AUGUSTINE, BPCD**
ST HERMES, M
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention *(Paul Puglielli)*
Summer Novena
5:00 PM Low Mass †Ellen Amyx-Birthday Remembrance
(Gary Amyx) **Summer Novena**
- WED 8/29/12 BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
ST SABINA, M
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
8:00 AM Low Mass †Albert (Butch) Arlinghaus
(Regina & Ken Gilliam)
- THU 8/30/12 ST ROSE OF LIMA, V**
SS FELIX & ADAUCTUS, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass †Mr. & Mrs. Frank Arszman
(John E. Wiesman)
11:20 AM Low Mass †Fr. Schoonbroodt *(Rebecca Stump)*
- FRI 8/31/12 ST RAYMOND NONNATUS, C**
ST AIDAN, BPC
8:00 AM Low Mass †Dan Dailey *(Tom Simpson)*
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:45 PM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
- SAT 9/1/12 FIRST SATURDAY**
OUR LADY'S SATURDAY ST GILES, AB
TWELVE HOLY BROTHERS, MM
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Albert Arlinghaus *(Kirby & Jean Bischel)*
8:10 AM Rosary and First Saturday Devotions,
Simple Benediction
9:00 AM Requiem High Mass †Shirle Downing
(Mike Briggs Family)
- SUN 9/2/12 PENTECOST XIV**
ST STEPHEN, KING OF HUNGARY, C
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Kenneth McCracken *(Regina Gilliam)*
9:00 AM High Mass Thanksgiving to the Holy Ghost
(Patrick Omlor)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention-Deceased *(Patton Family)*
5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude the Great



A School of Sanctity

Whether we think of our Blessed Lady as the Immaculate Virgin, as the highly-favored Mother of Christ, or as the Woman of Sorrows standing beneath the Cross, in each and all of these characters we must regard her with equal admiration and veneration. For she is no ordinary saint, but the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, the greatest of all God's creatures, far surpassing all the saints and angels in grandeur and dignity. Mary depicted in the Gospels presents to us a lovely and attractive personality. One may well imagine the sight of her to have been beautiful indeed, filling one with rapture, inspiring one with holy thoughts. And not this alone: she is the model for our imitation in all the different periods of her wondrous life; at all times, under every circumstance, her example affords us edification, instruction and encouragement.



*Mary was such that her life alone was a
model for all*

-Saint Ambrose

SERVERS: AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

- FRI 8/31** 5:45 PM REQUIEM HIGH: Friday Night Servers
SAT 9/1 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
9:00 AM REQUIEM HIGH: M. Briggs
7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, B. Lotarski ACs:
J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: A. Lawrence TORCH: M. Simpson,
J. Morgan, T. Lawrence, J. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: R. Greenwell, P. Lotarski
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

USHERS: SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

- 7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Arlinghaus
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ OUR LADY'S MERCY

Prayer addressed in a letter to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Estelle Faguet in September 1876 begging for a cure as she was suffering greatly from peritonitis:

Mother of Mercy, here I am once again at your feet

You cannot refuse to hear me

You have not forgotten that I am your child and that I love you

From your Divine Son and for his glory grant me then the grace

Remember then the sufferings that you endured that night of the Savior's birth, When you had to go from door to door seeking shelter.

Remember too what you suffered when Jesus was extended on the cross.

I have confidence in you, O Mother of Mercy.

If you will it, your Son will grant what I ask.

Deign to listen to my supplications and repeat them to him.

That he will grant me this grace --- if such is his good pleasure, but may his will be done and not mine.

May he grant me at least an entire submission to his designs.

and that this will serve for my salvation and that of sinners.

You possess my heart, O Mother Most Merciful, to do all that depends on me for your glory and that of your Divine Son.

Take under your protection all those who are dear to me....

O Blessed Virgin, grant that I will imitate your obedience and that one day in eternity I shall, with you, possess Jesus.

Prayer to the Mother of Mercy

O Mother of Mercy. Who dost offer to us the Scapular of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and who dost desire that all thy children should be clothed with this holy Livery, penetrate our souls with the spirit of reparation and of penance, of which the scapular is the emblem and make us ardently love the Divine Heart,

which has loved men so much, and is so little loved in return. Our Lady of Pellevoisin, Who dost love this devotion, make all Christians the devoted apostles of the Sacred Heart, and lead them to pray with Thee for the Church and for our Country. Amen.



Sharing Christ's Authority of Mercy with Mary

Our Lady's spirit is the same as that of her Son; she is all inclined to mercy. As she said to Saint Bridget, she is called the Mother of Mercy, and it was by God's own mercy that she was made so merciful and kind. That is why Saint John saw her clothed with the sun: *And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun* (Apoc 12:1). This passage inspired Saint Bernard to turn to her and say: "You, O Mary, have clothed the sun, that is, the Eternal Word, with human flesh. But He has clothed you with his power and mercy."

Our Queen is so merciful and kind, continued Saint Bernard, that when a sinner, regardless of his condition, recommends himself to her, she does not question his merits, or whether he is worthy or unworthy to receive her attention; she hears and helps everybody...

Saint Anslem says: "At times we are saved more quickly by invoking Mary's name than by invoking the name of Jesus." On this subject, Hugh of Saint Victor exhorts us, saying that "though our sins may cause us to be afraid of approaching Almighty God, because it is His infinite majesty that we have offended, we must never be afraid of going to Mary, for in her we shall find nothing to terrify us. She is truly holy, immaculate, the queen of the world and Mother of God; but she is also of our flesh, and, like us, a child of Adam."

Finally, says Saint Bernard,

everything that pertains to Mary is filled with mercy and grace. Why? Because, as Mother of Mercy, she has become all things to all men. Because, by her abundant charity, she has made herself a debtor to the devout and to sinners and opens her compassionate heart to all, that all may receive from her fullness. Just as the devil, according to Saint Peter goes about seeking someone to devour (1 Pt 5:8), so, according to Bernadine de Bustis, Mary goes about seeking to impart life and to save whom she can.

*-Saint Alphonsus de Liguori
Saint Alphonsus de Liguori (†1787), a bishop,
founded the Redemptorists. He is a Doctor of the Church.*

"Salvation Prayer"

Give or say this prayer to a dying Catholic

I BELIEVE in one God, I believe that God rewards the Good, and punishes the wicked.

I BELIEVE that in God there are three Divine Persons-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

I BELIEVE that God the Son became Man, without ceasing to be God. I believe that He is my Lord and my Saviour Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the human race, who died on the Cross for the salvation of all men, who died also for me.

I BELIEVE, on God's authority, everything that He has taught and revealed.

O MY GOD, give me strong faith, O my God, help me to believe with lively faith.

O MY GOD, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I sincerely hope to be saved. Help me to do all that is necessary for my salvation.

I HAVE committed many sins in my life, but now turn away from them, and hate them. I am sorry, truly sorry for all of them, because I have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good, all perfect, all holy, all merciful-my kind and loving Father.

I LOVE Thee, O my God, with all my heart. Forgive me, I implore Thee, for having offended Thee.

I PROMISE, O God, that with Thy help I never offend Thee again.

MY GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.