

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
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August 4, 2013 Pentecost XI St Dominic, C



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the first Sunday of the month, with our regular second collection in support of Most Holy Trinity Seminary. The blessing of religious articles is available after all Masses. Benediction follows the 11:30 AM Mass.



ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule today. Will you give an alms for the support and sanctification of priests, for the love of God, and for the souls in Purgatory?

THIS WEEK

Tomorrow, **Monday**, is the charming Summer feast of **Our Lady of the Snows**. Our Lord's garments are white as snow on **Tuesday**, His **Transfiguration** (three Masses, with *Summer Novena* after the 8AM & 5PM). **Wednesday** honors a great miracle worker, **St. Cajetan**, also patron of the jobless and poor. **Thursday** comes three martyrs plus the **Fourteen Holy Helpers**, and the Octave Day of St. Peter's Chains. We begin our Triduum to St. Philomena on **Friday**, feast of her ardent client, **St. John Vianney**, the Curé of Ars. The cheerful martyr **St. Lawrence** is honored on **Saturday**.

"Never shall we understand our poor misery. The mere thought of it makes us tremble! God gives us no more than a mere glimpse. If we really knew ourselves as He knows us we could not live; we would die of fright. The saints knew themselves better than others, and that is why they were humble."
— St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

NEXT SUNDAY

Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XII, with commemoration of Ss. Tibertius & Susanna, and Our Lady and All Saints. Trinity Preface.

*"If we loved our Lord,
we should have the tabernacle,
that dwelling place of God,
always before the eyes of our mind."*
— St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

OUR SICK

Angela Segrist is home now, recovering from open-heart surgery. Jeff Kamphaus continues to suffer from severe vertigo. Richard and Elizabeth Smith are both on our sick list, as is Bee Lutkehaus. Remember Margaret Sutton, home taking care of her mother, Nellie; also Teresa Hein of Albany, KY. Don't forget Loraine Gates and Kim LeBlanc, Barb Steinmetz, John Segrist, and Paulina! Now, who did I forget?

LUMEN CHRISTI OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for donations to the *Lumen Christi Fund*, which helps to cover the cost of the candle for our Sanctuary Lamp. The candle is made of pure beeswax and olive oil, representing Our Lord's purity. It is beautifully sweet-smelling and burns before the Blessed Sacrament for a fortnight (14 days). You may avail yourself of the privilege of burning this



visible mark of the Real Presence for a suggested donation of \$25.00. For two weeks *your* prayers and intentions will burn in the presence of Our Lord. *Your intention will be announced in the bulletin*. Complete an envelope, or just go to sggresources.org to place your intention immediately on the list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fatima Rosary Procession: Tuesday, August 13th. 7:15 PM.



CHURCH SUPPORT

With vacation and travel during the summer, things like your weekly envelope might easily be overlooked. Please mail in your weekly contribution if you are away from home. Our expenses never take a vacation!

"It is enough to humble ourselves, to bear patiently our imperfections. There lies true sanctity for us."
— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Servers: AUGUST 5 - 11, 2013

TUE 8/6	8:00 AM HIGH: B. Lotarski, J. Lacy
FRI 8/9	5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 8/10	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:05 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 8/11	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson, Jr. ACS: A. Richesson, J. Lacy TH: J. Simpson TORCH: M. Simpson, A. Soli, J. & J. Morgan 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, July 28th\$2,973.00

HELP! FOOD!

- Feed hungry priests! (They feed your souls.)
- More mouths to feed this summer
- Corporal work of mercy
- Register at lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/ or
- Call the church and let us know
- God reward you!



WE GET LETTERS!

A parishioner sent us a copy of his "Letter to the Editor" (of the Cincinnati Enquirer) with the observation that it was one letter that would never appear in print. It did, though, but just the first part. While our circulation is a bit lower than the Enquirer, we thought it was most appropriate for publication.

Dear Sir/Madam:

With all the coverage of "Gay Marriage" lately it is time someone set the record straight (no pun intended). Call this relationship whatever you want but please don't call it "marriage". That term describes the union created by God between a man and a woman so that human beings can cooperate with Him in procreation. The last time I checked it was impossible for two members of the same sex to procreate. Truth to tell, the union of two members of the same sex is already described by a word derived from the name of the biblical city of Sodom, destroyed by God for the same unnatural behavior. Look it up.

Almost 100 years ago the Virgin Mary told the three children at Fatima that it was getting difficult for her to hold back the arm of her Son, Who would strike the world because of wretched human behavior. It doesn't take much imagination to figure out it is much more difficult for her today. How long will it be before we witness REAL "global warming"?

- T.G.S., Blue Ash, Ohio

*The Blessed Virgin inspired with purity
all who looked at her.*

- St. John Vianney

Practical Humility

Let us repeat again with St. Paul, "Gladly will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me," and let us be convinced that no matter what we have lost, what we have ruined, or how far we have wandered into the wilderness from the right path, God can give us back all we have lost or damaged. God can show us a road – or, if necessary, build a new road for us – that leads from our present position, whatever it may be, to the heights of sanctity; humility is the Philosopher's Stone which changes all our losses into the gold of God's favor. He does do all for us, and He will do all if we cooperate with His grace. What then does He ask of us? Nothing but blind faith, confident hope, ardent love, cheerful humility, and loving abandonment into the arms of our Tremendous Lover.

- Dom Eugene Boylan,
"This Tremendous Lover"

Does God take pleasure in a man's cataloguing of his defects and shortcomings? Does He like to see people groveling before Him? Certainly not. On the other hand, as God is supremely just, He cannot look upon a sinner who has flouted His authority and His laws, as if he were a saint. And when a sinner is not sorry for having offended Him, God cannot in justice to Himself or to the sinner's free will, force forgiveness upon him. God will not and cannot step down from being God; one cannot, therefore, with impunity treat with Him as with an equal. Before Him all men are as that which is not and they must be prepared to admit it – as the publican did. This is only sheer honesty, and humility is truth.



*The way of wisdom is
the way of humility.*

- St. Anthony of Padua

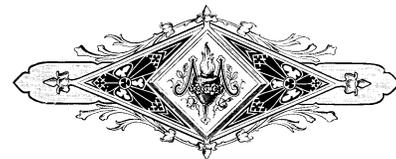
OF MARY'S SINGERS I AM LEAST

Of Mary's singers I am least
Of all the countless throng;
The fairest of her praises
Die in my heart of song.

If of my songs but few shall know
I shall not greatly fear,
For Mary's songs I gladly sing
If only she shall hear.

And deep in our heart's own temple
We touch the silent chord;
May songs I sing in Mary's praise
Draw me close to the Lord!

- Anthony F. Klinkner



TWO QUATRAINS

HONEY

*Mary is the flower-field where
Bernard, the bee,
Drinks wild nectar to
Ecstasy.*

FIRE

*Dominic, the dog, his
Mouth aflame,
Is a firebrand lighted at
Mary's name.*

- Sr. M. Madeleva



STEPS TO THE TEMPLE

Two men went to pray, or rather, say,
One went to brag, th' other to pray.
One stands up close and treads on high
Where th' other dares not send his eye.
One nearer to God's altar trod;
The other, to the altar's God.

- Crashaw

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Our Summer has been decidedly cool and wet, which must cast the global warmers into confusion. Last Sunday morning was the most perfect of several days in a row, which filled us with wonder and gratitude. When God sends such rare weather, we should certainly thank Him. Of course, the same holds true of all weathers, all days. Deo Gratias.

We thank God as well for the obvious excess of Mr. B. and the new religion, which are bound to open *some* eyes. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, the video of the dancing bishops in Brazil, or the beach ball placed on the altar of St. Mary Major, should speak eloquently about the new “pope” and his program.

His airplane news conference, as well as several speeches around the same time, laid out in broad strokes his plans for the future. **Fr. Cekada** spoke last week on Restoration Radio to outline and explain what the Revolution has planned for you. (If you missed it, you can listen “on demand” at www.blogtalkradio.com/restorationradio.)

Our plans are for a good and prayerful August. We began well with the “firsts” last week, devoutly observed on and during St. Peter’s Chains and its Octave. We’re praying for the chains to be struck, and the Church restored. So many intentions....

This week with our Summer Tuesday Novena, we keep the great feast of faith, the Transfiguration, which also honors a great anniversary of deliverance from the Mohammedan foe. On Friday we celebrate the Curé of Ars, patron of parish priests, and on Saturday great St. Lawrence, a patron of holy Rome itself. Oh, don’t forget tomorrow’s feast of Our Lady of the Snows, another name for St. Mary Major in Rome, depository of the infamous Brazilian beach ball. Our churches still are held chained.

Our church is looking finer each week, isn’t it? The elegant entrance into the cloister draws the eye within to the fountain and the Holy Family beyond.

Rev. Mr. Nkamuke has finished some extra studies in Detroit with **Fr. Fliess**, and is now with us for the remainder of the Summer, as he prepared for his ordination on Wednesday, November 6th, at most Holy Trinity Seminary in Florida.

Among the new seminarians **Bishop Sanborn** hopes to welcome in September, there is also one Pole. May Our Lady bless him and grant him perseverance.

This morning I am taking Fr. McGuire’s place in Milwaukee. It’s always a pleasure to return there. Some of you, I know, are traveling as well this month. May St. Christopher and your freshly blessed cars help you to have a safe trip as well as a pleasant one!

Let us not forget St. Dominic today, and renew our devotion to Our Lady’s Dominican Rosary. How many graces it brings. Try it while you travel this Summer, or whenever you’re in the car.

May Mary’s Immaculate Heart be your refuge, and her Rosary your ladder to Heaven!

– Bishop Dolan

Epistle Thoughts:

“by God’s grace, I am what I am.”

This might surprise us if we did not already know the argument of Paul to the Corinthians, with the elements of praise of himself and blame of himself at one and the same time. Discord among his converts forced him to defend his position as an apostle, so that, even when he humbles himself, he at once insists that he is an apostle like the rest. But the glory belongs to God, whose grace has made him what he is. Here, in one verse, we find concentrated the whole of the Christian doctrine on grace, to the confusion of both *Pelagians* and Protestants.

Somebody in Rome thinks we’re Pelagians. We’re not, but the New Religion is definitely Protestant...Pentecostal, even.



*“It is an act of charity
to cry out against the wolf
when he is
among the sheep.”*

– St. Francis de Sales

✠ THOUGHTS FOR BIRTH AND DEATH ✠

BIRTH AND REBIRTH: GOD'S PLAN

'Praise the Lord, ye children, praise the name of the Lord: who maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.' Such is the opening chant of the Mass of the Seven Holy Brothers, Martyrs and Saints Rufina & Secunda, martyr-sisters. But say, O blessed ones! were your admirable mothers barren who gave martyrs to the earth? Fecundity counts for nothing before God; this is not the fruitfulness intended when in the beginning He made man to his own image. *'Increase and multiply'* was spoken to a holy one, a son of God, bidding him propagate a divine offspring.



As the first creation, so was all future birth to be: man, in communicating his own existence to others, was to transmit to them at the same time the life of their Father in heaven; the natural and the supernatural life were to be as inseparable as a building and its foundation; nature without grace would be but a frame without a picture. All too soon did sin destroy the harmony of the divine plan; nature violently separated from grace could produce only sons of wrath. Yet God was too rich in mercy to abandon the design of His immense love; and having, in the first instance, created us to be His children, He would now re-create us as such in His Word made Flesh. Reduced to a shadow of what it would have been, the union of Adam and Eve, unable to give birth straightway to sons of God, was dismantled of that glory beside which the sublime privileges of the angels would have paled; nevertheless it was still the figure of the great mystery of Christ and the Church. Sterile according to God and doomed to the death she had brought upon her race, it was only by participation in the merits of the second Eve, that the first could be called the mother of the living. Great honor indeed was still to be hers, and she would be able in part to repair her fall, but on condition of yielding to the rights of the Bride of the second Adam. Far better than Pharaoh's daughter rescuing Moses and confiding him to Jochebed, could the Church say to every mother on receiving her babe from the waters: *'Take this child and nurse him for me.'* And every Christian mother, anxious to correspond to the Church's trust in her and able to realize God's primitive intentions, might well repeat with regard to this second childbirth, those words uttered by a superhuman love: *My little children, of whom I am in labor again, until Christ be formed in you.*

Shame upon her that would forget the sublime destiny of her child to be a son of God! A far less crime would it be were she, through negligence or by design, to stifle in him, by an education exclusively directed to the senses, that intelligence which distinguishes man from the animals. For

the attainment of man's true end, the supernatural life is more necessary than the life of reason; for a mother to make no account of it, and to suffer the divine germ to perish after being planted in the infant's soul at its new birth from the sacred font, would be to do unto death the frail being that owed its existence to her.

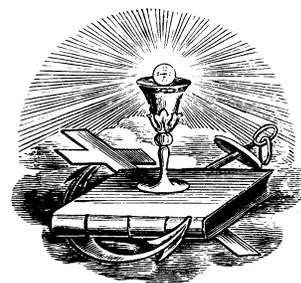
— Dom Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*

AFTER DEATH: THE WORK CONTINUES

The faithful on earth can help the holy souls in purgatory by good works; in particular by prayer, fasting, alms-deeds, by offering or being present at Mass, by receiving the sacraments and gaining indulgences.

The holy souls cannot help themselves, since they can no longer do good works to satisfy for their sins. After death *"the night cometh when no man can work"* (John ix. 4). Hence they must pay off their debt by enduring the pains which God has laid upon them. Yet we can help to diminish their pains by Masses, by prayer and almsgiving, and other works of piety; the holy sacrifice is of all things the most helpful to them, and according to St. Bonaventure the offering of holy communion is of very great assistance. "Not by weeping," says St. John Chrysostom, "but by prayer and almsgiving are the dead relieved." No pompous funeral nor profusion of wreaths are of any avail without good works; it is far more to the purpose to give to the poor the money which is spent on idle show. As to the prayers, God does not regard so much their length as their fervor. **Our Lord once said to St. Gertrude: "A single word from the heart has far more power to free a soul than the recital of many prayers and psalms without devotion; the hands are cleaned better by a little water and much rubbing than by merely pouring a large quantity of water over them."** We are not to conclude from this that in ordinary cases a short prayer will at once set free a soul. "For," says Maldonatus, "God would be very cruel if He kept a soul, for which He had shed His own blood, in such terrible suffering for the sake of an Our Father which had been omitted." The Church uses holy water in the burial service because it has great efficacy for the holy souls. But the greatest help which we can give is the Heroic Act, that is, the resignation in their behalf of all the satisfaction made to God by our good works. Those who make this act gain, every time they approach the Holy Table, a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls; and priests, who make the Heroic Act, have, every day they say Mass, the personal privilege of a privileged altar (Pius IX, Sept. 10, 1852).

— Rev. Francis Sprago,
Catechism Explained



✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast
Please check our website!*

MON	8/5/13	DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 8:00 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great (from 8/4)
TUE	8/6/13	THE TRANSFIGURATION ST XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass Our Godchildren (<i>Capetillo family</i>) 8:00 AM High Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Bp. Dolan & priests (<i>DJR</i>) Summer Novena 5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan's Intention-Deceased (<i>Mr. Scott</i>) Summer Novena
WED	8/7/13	ST CAJETAN, C ST DONATUS, BpM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Maria Duff (<i>Patsy McConnell family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Sr. Olive Rowley, OSF (<i>Samantha Current</i>)
THU	8/8/13	Ss CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM THE FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS 7:00 AM Low Mass †Maria Duff (<i>Robert & Aubrey Uhlenbrock</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special intention-deceased-G.P. (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
FRI	8/9/13	ST JOHN VIANNEY, C VIGIL OF ST LAWRENCE ST ROMANUS, M ST EMIGDIUS, BpM <i>Opening of Triduum to St. Philomena</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Rich, Jean & families (<i>DJR</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass For our Fathers and P.T. (<i>Anne Marie Omlor</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	8/10/13	ST LAWRENCE, M 7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>) 8:05 AM St. Philomena Triduum, Sermon, Low Mass Katie Bischak (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
SUN	8/11/13	PENTECOST XII Ss TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM ST PHILOMENA, VM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Philomena for Ken Gilliam 9:00 AM High Mass SGG School teachers & clergy-in gratitude (<i>Richesson family</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary

Prayer of Padre Pio After Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgement, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need You. Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for. Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity.

Amen.

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- 11:30 AM **Low Mass** Deceased of the Capetillo & Uhlenbrock families (*Capetillo family*)
4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**
5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

WEEK MORNING MASS

Catholic ritual, rightly carried out, is always impressive. It expresses inward religion through color, sound, movement. It is to spiritual reality what rhythms are to poetry. It is one way – not the only way, by any means – in which the Church indicates the majesty of great, unseen, spiritual realities. And in no other reality is elaborate ceremonial so expressive, and therefore so impressive, as in the unseen miracle of the Mass.

The Catholic believer appreciates all the external appeal. But he accepts it for just what it is – the glorification of an invisible Reality to stir within him deeper faith in and reverence for that Reality. That alone explains all those prolonged, elaborate ceremonies of Solemn Mass. They surround, half-conceal, and therefore add to the mystery of the great Change which is the essence of the Mass. The elaborate Solemn Mass expresses the Eucharist in the white light of Tabor.

We find, however, the Eucharist brought to us also in still places to the accompaniment of a hushed voice and the tinkle of a small bell. The New York, Boston or Chicago office girl more often hurries to see Christ of the Eucharist in just that way. She has a short half-an-hour in which to hear the rustle of His garments, to catch the comfort of His presence. The church is dim of week mornings; worshippers are in remote corners, whispering prayers. They, like herself, have a day's work ahead in surroundings where the talk is of money and markets, profits and exchange. It is an ease to the soul to kneel for a half-hour where the light is dim, where the world does not enter, where the feet of people are not tramping back and forth. The two Mass candles are far points of light on that main altar where a priest is soon to work the Miracle of Change. Those scattered worshippers can follow him easily and undisturbed. It is a simple-equation Mass. The dear, sweet Mass, as unadorned almost as that first Mass celebrated by Himself in the Upper Room.

That office girl can be attentive. There is no soprano in the choir loft sending out thrush notes to silence the murmurs at the altar. There is no retinue of vested ministers moving about the sanctuary. She can see the priest this week morning. And she knows just what part of the Mass he is celebrating. It is the familiar, everyday Mass which she has come to witness week after week in the dimly-lit church. Those lighted

THE SUMMER NOVENA : WEEK EIGHT

St. Anthony's Tuesday Meditation: Our Passions

The many favors obtained by St. Anthony while he was living as a poor prisoner should encourage us to invoke his protection. We must beg of him to come and break the chains of our passions, which keep our soul a prisoner.

Here make your request.

Prayer: Glorious St. Anthony, obtain for us that all children may be educated in the holy fear of God, and adults may proclaim with their works the faith of their Baptism, so that the eternal Judge will call all of them to His right hand at the final judgment. Amen.

Prayer: St. Anthony, liberator of captives, deliver us from the captivity of evil.

— from St. Bonaventure's prayers on the 13 petitions of the Miraculous Responsoy of St. Anthony

The Summer Novena continues on Tuesday, August 6th (feast of the Transfiguration) following the 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses.



candles below the statue of the Little Flower flicker a welcome to her. They remind her that she must light one before she sets out, buttoned and belted, to the day's work.

She hurries back from her distraction. She is in the procession of the Mass again. It is so easy to fall in at a low, week-morning Mass. In a little while, she answers the "Hail Mary," follows the "Hail Holy Queen," and prays Michael of the Sword to defend her in the day of battle. She does not forget to light her candle; to tell the little saint of the roses what she wants. She hurries out, subdued and peaceful, like a murmur detached from this week-day Mass.

— P.J.C.

The Ave Maria, 1932

Our Beloved Dead – August

Name	Date of Death
Suzanne Nies	8-01-2011
Joanna Fornes	8-01-2011
Edward H. Staarmann	8-03-1981
Bill Tamagni	8-10-2009
Thomas Kamphaus	8-10-2010
Helen Mary (Currin) Jackson	8-11-2003
Shirle Ann Downing	8-11-2012
Frank J. Cekada	8-16-2009
Barbara Ann Desborough	8-17-1993
Regina Marie Rose Shawhan	8-18-1989
Earl Joseph Desborough	8-22-1983
Andrew Zunzer	8-29-2012