

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

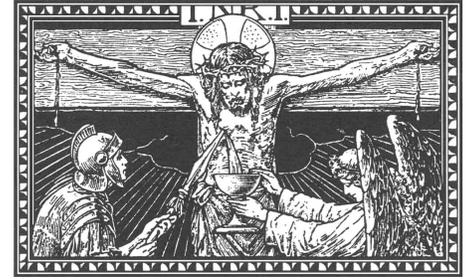
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

July 6, 2014 Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood

Octave Day of Ss Peter and Paul



THE SOLDIER WITH A SPEAR OPENED HIS SIDE...THERE CAME OUT BLOOD AND WATER

¶ 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today is the first Sunday of July, month of the Precious Blood. Our second collection to support the Seminary is taken up at the Offertory. The blessing of religious articles is available after all Masses, at the communion rail. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

After the High Mass this morning we dedicate the memorial plaque naming those in whose honor our nave statues have been donated:

St. Pius V: Patrick Henry Omlor, *by his devoted family*

St. Mark: Mark & Joan Lotarski, *by the Fathers*

St. Albert the Great: Her father, *by Marge Kitchen*

St. Stanislaus: Daymen & Nellie Sutton, *by Margaret Sutton*

St. Aloysius Gonzaga: My beloved parents, *by Anthony Gilmartin*

St. Maria Goretti: Paul & Marlys Arlinghaus, *by the Fathers*

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for the support and sanctification of priests. God reward your generosity!

He who continues in anger, strife, and a bitter spirit, has a taste of the air of hell.

— St. Philip Neri

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Join us after the High Mass for a little musical program by the girls, and reception to say farewell to the Sisters of St. Thomas. Please join us as well for

our third Fatima Rosary Procession, at 7:15 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost V, with commemoration of St. Anacletus. Preface of the Trinity.

¶ OUR SICK

Word reached us last week that Joan Landry, a dear regular at the 9 AM Mass, had been hospitalized after a bad fall, with broken ribs. We pray for her speedy recovery. Carolyn McClorey thanks everyone for their prayers, concern and good wishes as she continues her recovery. Please remember them and all of our sick and shut in, especially the elderly and those who live far from church.

"When you are occupied with reading the Word of God, have in mind that God is secretly present beneath every word, and take these words as issuing from His Divine lips."

— Dom Lorenzo Scupoli

¶ CHURCH SUPPORT

With summer vacation and travels, 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!



¶ HAPPY BIRTHDAY to a dear parishioner, Beckie Mattingly, who celebrated her 90th birthday last week.

¶ REMINDER . . .

Over the years, our children have gotten into the habit of bathroom breaks throughout the Mass. In my time, the restroom was used only for *illness* during Mass. I doubt that the average bladder has shrunk in size, but our attention span, reverence and self-discipline certainly have. Now, children and adults come and go merrily, all Mass long. This is irreverent, and runs the risk of ruining your Sunday obligation, which requires you to assist at the Offertory, the Consecration, and the Priest's Communion, the **three principal parts of the Mass**. Miss any of these, and you've missed Mass. Go before you go, and be done with it during Mass.

— Bishop Dolan

¶ CONFESSIONS (SUMMER SCHEDULE)

Confessions are heard on First Friday at 10:55 AM, all Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for exact times*); and Sunday before and during the morning Masses.

Servers: JULY 7 - 13, 2014

WED 7/9	9:00 AM LOW: B. Lotarski
THU 7/10	9:00 AM LOW: Simpsons
FRI 7/11	9:00 AM LOW: P. Omlor 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 7/12	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 7/13	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, N. McClorey ACS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy TH: A. Richesson TORCH: C. Richesson, M. Simpson, A. Soli, C. Rios 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli 4:45 PM VESPERS / BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Pope Pius IX and the Feast of the Most Precious Blood

Historically, many dioceses have been assigned not one, but two days to which the Office of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ has been assigned, the Office being in both cases the same.

Why? The Divine Office was at first granted only to the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. Later, as one of the Offices of the Fridays of Lent, it was assigned to the Friday after the fourth Sunday in Lent. In many dioceses of the United States, these Offices were adopted also by the fourth Provincial Council of Baltimore, in 1840.

In 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile at Gaeta with the saintly priest, Don Giovanni Merlini, third Superior General of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. Upon arrival in Gaeta, Fr. Merlini suggested that the Pope make a vow to extend the feast of the Most Precious Blood to the entire Church.

Although His Holiness seriously considered this suggestion, a few days later sent Joseph Stella, his Domestic Prelate, to Fr. Merlini with the message: "The Pope does not deem it expedient to bind himself by a vow. Instead, His Holiness is pleased to extend the Feast Day immediately to all Christendom".

This was Saturday, June 30, 1849, the day the French conquered Rome and the Republicans capitulated. It was the Saturday before the first Sunday of July. On Friday, August 10, 1849, Pope Pius IX decreed that thenceforth every first Sunday of July should be dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ with the rank of a Double of the First Class. (*Decree Redempti Sumus, Decreta Authentica S.R.C. Rome: 1898, II, No. 2978.*)



IN devotion to the Precious Blood, the Church offers a supernatural weapon to fight materialism. The events of international life today indicate a bitter struggle between the forces of God and the forces of the

devil. Devotion to the Most Precious Blood is our powerful defense against such a formidable foe, "the spiritual forces of wickedness on high." The Blessed Mother told us at Fatima that only a return to God, to prayer, and to penance would bring us lasting peace and salvation. Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Christ will develop within us this necessary change of heart and mind. The story of the Precious Blood is the narrative of Christ's struggle with the forces of evil, and of His ultimate victory. The devotion teaches us that our only hope of turning back the forces of the devil is to align ourselves with the sufferings of Christ by following His commandments, His habit of prayer, and His esteem of penance and self-sacrifice.

— "In His Blood," Rev. Lawrence Lovasik



GLORY TO THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Blessed are they that wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb! (Apoc. 21: 14.)

The devotion of the Precious Blood exists from the beginning of ages, since it was the first imparted to fallen man. We must thence infer that it ought to be a devotion as widespread as the world. Is not everybody redeemed by the Precious Blood? Is it not to this Precious Blood that each of us owes our salvation? And if, hereafter, an everlasting crown rests upon our brow, will it not be the purchase of this Divine Blood?

The Sacred Heart has indeed loved us with a love of surpassing tenderness; and to that love we owe Its long-suffering with us; and yet, neither the Sacred Heart nor the gaping wounds of Jesus have been our Redemption. That which has redeemed us — freed us from hell — is the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since, therefore, our salvation is the fruit of that Blood, since to It we are indebted for Heaven, with its unfading joys, is it not just that we should embrace devotion to the Precious Blood, render It special worship?

AN AVOWAL

"Who wounded Thee, dear Lord?
Can my love make amends?"
*"Wounded am I to death
In the house of my friends."*

"Mine could not be the hand
That wove those plaits of thorn,
Tearing Thy tortured brow,
Making Thy crown of scorn.

"That sword, it was not mine
That pierced Thy breast in twain?"
*"Wounded I am by thee,
Yea, thou wilt wound again."*

"Jesus, my Lord, my King,
This thing from me was hid.
That I could wound my Love —
I knew not what I did!"

— Bessie Pryor Palmer



Simon and Judas

At these two men well may we
churchmen scoff —
We who have struck not once with any
sword,
Who have so many times betrayed our
Lord,
Nor followed even at a great way off!

— Kenneth W. Porter



Elizabeth

When Mary to my humble cottage
came,
Bearing the Word that soon must
sin destroy;
That those unborn His power might
proclaim,
The infant in my womb leaped
wild for joy.

— R.E. Lynch

Collection Report

Sunday, June 29th\$3,151.00

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



I am thinking of paradoxes this Precious Blood Sunday. Our lives, our history abound in them, as does the Catholic Church, and our own country. Friday – and all weekend, I suppose – we celebrated the anniversary of the American Revolution.

Today we celebrate a feast, and practice a devotion set by the Church to oppose the secret forces, Freemasonry and the “Enlightenment,” which brought about this revolution. The Precious Blood devotion was preached and promoted in early 19th century Italy by Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo, called “the Hammer of Freemasons.” The First Sunday of July was dedicated by Pius IX as the feast of the Precious Blood, in thanksgiving for his return to Rome after the Masonic revolution of 1848 had ousted him. The pope was originally somewhat liberal, and tried to accommodate modern and even revolutionary ideals. **Fr. Cekada** says it was an expensive learning experience.

The American Revolution was originally strongly anti-Catholic, protesting the King’s establishment of Catholicism as Québec’s state religion. Many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were rabidly opposed to the Church, which was officially illegal in the Colonies in any case. It was only through the influence of such “benign” Freemasons as George Washington, in many respects truly a noble character, that Catholicism passed from bare toleration to actual freedom, and came to prosper in our land, in an era when it was persecuted in most Catholic countries. The price paid for this was perhaps a too-ready acceptance of Masonic and Americanist ideals: liberty, democracy, equality. The subject is a complicated one, but rewards careful Catholic investigation and study. The only true liberty is found with Our Lord and His Church.

Fr. Rutler says that George III was a noble King, and moderate in his rule. Our taxes today are far higher than those against which the Colonists revolted. Government remains the locus of tyranny today, as it was in the minds of the Founding Fathers. This is always the end result for those who refuse the sweet yoke of Christ our King. We may find some relief in the recent Supreme Court decisions tramping down a bit Washington’s tyranny under Obama, but we should soberly reflect that where Christ is not, Satan reigns. “Far from believing in democracy, equality or any separation of church and state, what Satan has in mind is actually an anti-theocracy of worshiping slaves, beginning like Christ’s on earth, but continuing in hell. That’s politics.” Solange Hertz’ words, and especially the phrase “worshiping slaves,” ring weirdly true. That’s modern life.

What a paradox, but an understandable one due to 50 years of the new religion, that the Hobby Lobby people are Protestant, not Catholic! But ours in an age in which we must content ourselves with the smallest of victories in the public forum and the world of politics. All the more important is it that we should publicly proclaim Christ the King, and Mary our Queen. No paradox here, and it is the most solid of works. Plan to process and pray the Rosary with us next Sunday evening, July 13th, for true peace and real freedom.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to the Girls’ Camp this week, a wonderful apostolate of some very dedicated ladies of our church, ably assisted by two Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas. Thank you for your interest and support and for sending your girls for this wonderful Catholic experience. Pray for a good and safe camp to St. Maria Goretti, on whose feast day it opens on Wednesday.

Fr. Lehtoranta reports a good visit to Spain, but that he was stood up in Denmark, and ended up having to spend the night in a train station. (The same thing happened to me once, with **Bishop Pivarunas**, and in the same country. *Is there* something rotten in the state of Denmark?) Still, Father seems chipper and is visiting Norway now to offer Mass for two very small groups of faithful, before finally having a little rest with his family in Finland, where he is the only Catholic, and only valid priest. Keep him, and all of our missionary priests, in your prayers.

Fr. McKenna is driving to our revived Ss Processus and Martinian Mission in Minnesota today, and continues to North Dakota. We are happy to welcome our Nigerian missionary, **Fr. Nkamuke**, who joins us now for further pastoral training before returning to his native land. He hopes to make another visit to Nigeria in the Fall. **Fr. Kudriavtsev** is spending some time with **Fr. Trytek** in Krakow, Poland, studying how to say the Latin Mass. We are grateful for all of the support received to help this priest since the Russian Revolution returned to Ukraine. The Patriarch of Moscow, a former (?) KGB agent, has recently bestowed some high Russian Orthodox honor upon the head of the Communist party! Some things never change.

Let us pray for the conversion of today’s great and mostly Godless empires, American, Russian, and Chinese. Only Christ the King can give us, and assure us, true liberty, “by the freedom wherewith Christ hath made us free.” (St. Paul)

Yours in Mary Immaculate, our country’s Patroness,
– Bishop Dolan

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	7/7/14	Ss CYRIL & METHODIUS, BPPCC <i>ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, C</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Carolyn & Dean McClorey-Novena VIII <i>(H. & C. Socquet-Juglard)</i>
TUE	7/8/14	ST ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W 7:00 AM Low Mass Cucina Clerical-for our cooks <i>(The Fathers)</i> 8:00 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorian Society 8:40 AM Summer Novena 9:00 AM Low Mass Sacred Heart-Rios family 5:00 PM Low Mass McClorey Novena IX Summer Novena
WED	7/9/14	FERIAL DAY <i>Girls' Camp</i> <i>OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE</i> <i>Ss JOHN FISHER, Bp & THOMAS MORE, MM</i> <i>MARTYRS OF GORKUM</i> <i>ST MARIA GORETTI, VM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions <i>(Jennifer West)</i> 9:00 AM Low Mass Mrs. Mattingly-90th Birthday <i>(Samantha)</i>
THU	7/10/14	SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM <i>Girls' Camp</i> <i>Ss RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Thank you to my family & friends <i>(Matthias Brueggemann)</i> 9:00 AM Low Mass Special intentions <i>(Beckie Mattingly)</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass Gerry Keaveney <i>(Dale Wilker family)</i>
FRI	7/11/14	ST PIUS I, PM <i>Girls' Camp</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Continuing protection of Ian <i>(Rebecca Stump)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Estella C. Abella-29th anniv. 7/7 <i>(Tom & Karen Simpson)</i> 9:00 AM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton <i>(JCS)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Tom Payne <i>(C. Simpson family)</i> 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	7/12/14	ST JOHN GUALBERT, AB <i>Ss NABOR & FELIX, MM</i> <i>ST VERONICA, W</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton <i>(C. Simpson family)</i> 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Kamphaus family
SUN	7/13/14	PENTECOST V <i>ST ANACLETUS, PM</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Our children and Godchildren <i>(Dale & Debbie Wilker)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great followed by Girls' Camp Musical program & Reception for Sisters of St Thomas 11:05 AM Rosary

Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

Sunday, July 13, 2014 – 7:15 PM

Join us for our third Fatima Rosary Procession of Reparation, praying for peace, on **Sunday, July 13th at 7:15 PM**. We meet in the parking lot at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive (look for First Watch restaurant). The Rosary Procession will commence promptly at **7:15 PM**. *(In the event of rain, the Rosary will be recited in church.)*

"I want you to come here on the 13th...to continue praying the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary...because only She can help you"

- Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

Sponsored by the Rosary Confraternity of St. Gertrude the Great



Morning Offering

This day I will do all for the honor and glory of the Precious Blood of my Saviour, in union with His Sacred Heart and the Sacred Heart of Mary, and with the same intention which they had while praying, laboring and suffering here on earth.

Eternal Father, sign me with the Blood of the Immaculate Lamb, as Thou didst sign the dwellings of Thy people.

O Jesus, wash me more and more in Thy Precious Blood and clothe me with Thy merits.

O Holy Ghost, apply the fruits of the Precious Blood to my soul.



11:30 AM Low Mass Dennis & Jeanne Hille
(Uhlenbrock family)

4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass †Sr. M. Immaculata Campbell,
OSB *(S. & C. Niehaus)*

7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
(Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive)