

# 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



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## August 3, 2014 Pentecost VIII

Finding of St Stephen, Protomartyr



GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP

### ¶ TODAY

Today is the first Sunday of the month, with our regular second collection for Seminary support. The blessing of religious articles is available after all masses, at the Communion rail. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

 The "little church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for the support and sanctification of priests. Please be generous. Thank you!

### ¶ THIS WEEK

Tomorrow we honor the saint of Our Lady's Rosary, the "hound of heaven," **St. Dominic**. We continue our Summer Novena on **Tuesday**, feast of **Our Lady of the Snows**. **Wednesday** sees Our Lord in garments white as snow at His **Transfiguration**. The miracle-worker **St. Cajetan**, patron of job-seekers and the poor, is honored **First Thursday**. Heavenly advocates abound on **Friday** with the **Fourteen Holy Helpers**. **Saturday** comes the patron and model of parish priests, **St. John Vianney**, as we commence our Triduum to his own holy helper, **St. Philomena**.

*I have met plenty of people who repented at not having loved God. Never have I met one who repented of having loved Him.*

— St. John Vianney

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

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

**Set Your Missal:** St. Lawrence, with collect and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost IX. Trinity Preface.

### ¶ CALLING ALL.....CHAUFFEURS!

Gentlemen – *and ladies* – of the parish, can you spare a couple of 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, even the vehicle too). We'll send you an e-mail when we know a ride will be needed, and **you tell us** if you are able to help.

Please call the church office if you might be able to help out, or with any questions. Thanks and God bless you!

*To love God with our whole strength is to employ our possessions, our health, our talents in serving Him and glorifying Him. It is to refer all our actions to Him as our last end.*

— St. John Vianney

### ¶ CHURCH SUPPORT

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



*"The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice"*

— St. Francis de Sales

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all our sick, especially Joan Landry, Doris Jeanne Campbell, Alex Fulton, Les Pomerville, and J.T. Black; and Katie Bischak's cousin Mary and her family.

Pray, also, for the repose of the soul of Jane Brockman's cousin, who passed away last week.



### ¶ It's OK: STIPENDS

A few years ago, we received so many parish Mass offerings that some had to be sent to the Missions occasionally. This is why we requested one check per envelope. Now, that rarely happens, so if you want to submit one check for several Masses, that would be fine. Please continue to use one envelope *per intention*; you can just staple them together with your check. Thank you for your generosity.

### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 13th** – Fatima Rosary Procession, 7:15 pm.

**Friday, August 15th** – Holy Day: Feast of the Assumption. Rosary at 8:45 AM followed by blessing of first fruits precedes the 9 AM Mass. There is no Friday abstinence.

**Servers: AUGUST 4 - 10, 2014**

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| TUE 8/5  | 8:00 AM HIGH: B. Lotarski, J. Lacy, A. Soli  |
| WED 8/6  | 5:45 PM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. & T. Simpson<br>TH: N. McClorey ACS: P. Omlor, Nath. McClorey  |
| FRI 8/8  | 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers  |
| SAT 8/9  | 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons<br>8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs  |
| SUN 8/10 | 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.<br>9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T.G. Simpson, N. McClorey ACS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy<br>TH: B. Lotarski TORCH: C. Richesson, A. Soli, P. & Nath. McClorey<br>11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnert, N. Puglielli<br>4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller<br>5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller |

**WHY ARE WE TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR MIGHT?**

We are to love God with all our might because (1) He is Truth and love; (2) He is infinitely good and beautiful; (3) He has created and redeemed us; (4) He has commanded us to.

“When compared with God, everything which may be otherwise good and beautiful is merely a speck of dust and it has its origin in God” (*Alban Stolz*). God is the source of all good. Everything good and beautiful on earth is a ray of His eternal goodness and beauty. Only in Him do we find the fulfillment of our desires and longings. Love of truth is an important component of the love of God. “Serve the Lord in truth” (*Tb 14:10*). “...they would not grasp the love of the Truth which could have saved them” (*2 Th 2:10*).

**WHO SETS US THE BEST EXAMPLE OF LOVE OF GOD?**

Jesus Christ sets us the best example. Once again, He is followed by Mary, the holy martyrs, and confessors. The secret of the saints is their love of God. In each of them, the love of God blossomed in a special way.

**HOW DO WE SHOW GOD OUR LOVE?**

We show God our love by keeping His commandments.

“Whoever holds to My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me (*Jn 14:21*). We prove that we love God by our actions. Anyone who keep God’s commandments in thought, word and deed is one who loves God. Naturally, we must not forget to pray, for when we love someone, we talk with him. “We must love God with the work of our hands and with the sweat of our brow” (*St. Vincent de Paul*). “Let us not think that we can find love without suffering” (*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*).

**WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF GOD’S LOVE IN US?**

God’s love affects us so that we can be (1) happy at work; (2) serene in suffering; (3) dauntless in temptation. The more we love God, the more the divine life grows in us.

– *The Oratory Catechism*

**ACT OF CHARITY**

I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart, all my soul, all my strength; I love Thee as my Creator, my Redeemer, my Sanctifier, the author of my happiness, my greatest benefactor; but yet I love Thee more because Thou are the Supreme Good, infinitely worthy of all love. For love of Thee, I love my neighbor as myself, even my enemies and persecutors, because Thou commandest me to love them. For love of Thee, I also repent of all my sins, I hate and detest them, not out of fear of punishment, but because thereby I have offended Thee, O Supreme Good! In Thy love, O my God, will I live, and in Thy love I long with ardor to die.

**Collection Report**

Sunday, July 27th .....\$3,138.00

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

The love of God is abroad in our hearts,  
 Quiet love, strong love, peaceful love.  
 Touched by the Finger of God into flame.  
 Great love, burning love, glowing love,  
 Spread by His Spirit who dwells in us.

For who can be good unless loving good?  
 Patient love, steady love, humble love.  
 Or continue in good unless fervent in love?  
 Believing love, hoping love, enduring love,  
 Spread by His Spirit who dwells in us.

– *James Rogan*



**A FRIEND**

Within the hollow of the shell,  
 The message of the sea!  
 And in thy heart of hearts the swell  
 Of Christian charity.

– *T.*



**“CONSERVATIVES” SILENT ON THE GENOCIDE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) took to the House floor yesterday (7/30/14) to condemn the silence in Washington – in both the White House and Congress — regarding the massacres of Christians in Iraq (especially) and the rest of the Middle East.

Why is Washington silent, he asks? Here’s why.

Christian leaders in Iraq have put the blame for these atrocities squarely on George W. Bush and his invasion and occupation of Iraq in 2003. Half a million Christians have fled Mosul. Any who remain will be slaughtered. Patriarch Louis Raphael I Sako, head of Iraq’s Catholic Church, says that the invasion did what Moslems couldn’t do in 1500 years: destroy Christianity in Iraq.

Thus, Republicans are afraid. If they acknowledge the genocide, they fear that people will remember that it was their war that led to it. So they are silent. Democrats are too busy attacking Christianity in the U.S. So both parties, corrupt to the core, are silent on this holocaust.

Bush cowers, silent and sullen, behind his compound walls. When questioned about his own involvement, Cheney snarls like a trapped animal. “Blame Obama!” he sneers.

National Review’s paymasters insist that any comments mentioning the Christian holocaust be immediately deleted. Apparently, there’s no money in defending Christians. And this comes from the once-respected journal that valiantly defended the rights of Christians put behind the Iron Curtain by FDR.

– *lewrockwell.com*

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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Our August has its first Sunday today, commemorating a wonderful miracle whereby the Holy Ghost promoted devotion to St. Stephen, the protomartyr, as well as to relics; his relics in particular. The devotions of the Church all seem to have their time and season, but are always timely. How blessed we are to possess so many relics of the saints, saved from the general destruction which followed the revolution of Vatican II. They are honored on our altars all year round.

Be sure to visit August's elegant altar to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in silver and copper and blue, in the Baptistery chapel. Make a shrine to Mary's Heart, sorrowful and immaculate, in your own heart and home. This is the Heaven-mandated devotion for our day, surely the key for our peace and protection, and most timely today.

What a tinderbox the Holy Land has been for so long, since the last century, with warring Zionists and displaced Palestinians. Poor Ukraine is suffering still at the murderous hands of recycled Communists, as Russia tries to match our empire building. Meanwhile, most of the Middle East's Christians have trickled away; blown up, murdered, or refugees for their lives. Our erstwhile allies have done this, and now are dynamiting the churches the Christians must leave behind.

Surely it is time for each of us to take seriously Heaven's Peace Plan and our place at the negotiating table: the family table for daily Rosary after supper, and the Communion table, or rail, for Holy Communion in reparation to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

It is 100 years since the wars began. They have never stopped yet. One war begets the next. One day our turn must surely come unless we too do penance. One hundred years ago this month, August 21, 1914, St. Pius X died of grief because his pleas against the "Great War" went unheeded. He knew the evils this war would unleash. A few years later, Heaven sent Mary Herself with a plan to stop the wars. Her pleas, too, went largely unheeded, even in Rome itself.

Let's make this anniversary August count for peace: more weekday Masses and Communions, daily Rosary at home, hidden little sacrifices along with our hidden scapular, each day; a great turnout for the Fatima Rosary Procession for peace on Wednesday, August 13th, and great crowds and beautiful Masses for Mary's greatest

feast, her Assumption, August 15th, as well as for Friday, August 22nd, the feast of her Immaculate Heart.

This past week was a busy one at St. Gertrude the Great, as we all did our schedules and planning, readied the church for August, and opened the month with First Friday, a homeschoolers' graduation Mass, and All Night Adoration. **Fr. Cekada** was working on reformatting our Web Mass at the **SGGResources.org** page (click the "**Live Mass Webcasts**" link at the top of the page), as well as updating **fathercekada.com** with an article of mine on what to do when there is no Mass to attend. **Fr. Lehtoranta** was writing an interesting account of his European mission work. The McFathers were finishing up their visits to the sick, as well as one to Toledo for prisoner Joseph Murphy. **Fr. McGuire** and **Fr. McKenna** will be leaving this evening for a Summer vacation visit to *La France Sacré*. I know they will remember to pray for us at the many shrines on their itinerary. They will also be visiting the Sisters at Donzy, and **Fr. Hecquard** and his family near Tours.

We had a lot of grounds help this past week, and I do think we may finally be winning our war with the weeds. Our soil, like our soul, demands constant attention. I hope to go into August with everything looking nice for the procession on the Assumption. Thanks for *your* help. Even visitors pitched in, and old timers came back to help. It is appreciated.

As it is, everything is feeling nice with the unwonted spate of such fine Summer weather. The surviving bunnies (**Caravaggio** delivered another one the other morning; "freaky fast," Fr. Cekada says) and the robins seem to be enjoying it as well. I see them each evening on the green lawn on my way to the rectory, hopping about (the animals, not the Bishop) and again in early morning.

Join us for our traditional Mass before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on Wednesday, the Transfiguration. It is a feast of faith, of adoration, thanksgiving for a great victory over the Moslems at Belgrade, as well as the sad anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki, the most Catholic city of Japan.

I end with the same theme with which I began. If you do no more than pray a little extra for "peace in our day," your month will be well spent.

May Mary take you and yours in her heart for safekeeping.

– Bishop Dolan

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## ✠ THE CALENDAR

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*All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, & many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at [SGGResources.org](http://SGGResources.org)*

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| <b>MON</b> | <b>8/4/14</b>  | <b>ST DOMINIC, C</b><br><b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Fred Stepanich-Happy birthday ( <i>Samantha</i> )  |
| <b>TUE</b> | <b>8/5/14</b>  | <b>DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS</b><br><b>8:00 AM High Mass</b> S.I. & Poor Souls ( <i>Frances Mattingly</i> )<br><b>Summer Novena</b><br><b>9:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Special intention deceased ( <i>Jennifer Richesson</i> )<br><b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †Fr. Francis Moneriet ( <i>J. Loring</i> ) <b>Summer Novena</b>  |
| <b>WED</b> | <b>8/6/14</b>  | <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION</b><br>ST XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM<br><b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Cucina Clerical-for our cooks ( <i>The Fathers</i> )<br><b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> My son Daren ( <i>Margaret Schaeper</i> )<br><b>4:45 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> A Holy Hour for Peace<br><b>5:00 PM High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to my Guardian Angel & all who prayed for me ( <i>Carolyn McClorey</i> ), <b>followed by Vespers and Benediction</b> |
| <b>THU</b> | <b>8/7/14</b>  | <b>ST CAJETAN, C</b><br>ST DONATUS, BPM<br>FIRST THURSDAY<br>☛ <b>6:00 AM Low Mass</b> St. Peregrine-healing of cancer 3 times ( <i>F.R. Mattingly</i> )<br><b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Alter Christus-for the sanctification of priests<br><b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions ( <i>Jennifer West</i> )   |
| <b>FRI</b> | <b>8/8/14</b>  | <b>Ss CYRIACUS, LARGUS &amp; SMARAGDUS, MM</b><br><i>FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS</i><br><b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Boston faithful</i> )<br><b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special intention CMB ( <i>G. Keaveney</i> )<br><b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b><br><b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Bree K. Holy Ghost inspiration ( <i>William Harris</i> )<br><b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction</b>                                      |
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>8/9/14</b>  | <b>ST JOHN VIANNEY, C</b><br>VIGIL OF ST LAWRENCE<br>ST ROMANUS, M<br>ST EMIGDIUS, BPM<br><b>7:10 AM Confessions</b><br><b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Fr. Cekada-Happy birthday! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> )<br><b>8:10 AM Opening of St. Philomena Triduum, Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great (from 8/10)  |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b>8/10/14</b> | <b>ST LAWRENCE, M</b><br>PENTECOST IX<br><b>7:05 AM Rosary</b><br><b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Aunt Regina & Uncle Ken ( <i>John Brueggemann</i> ) (from 8/3)<br><b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> †H.O. Hinton ( <i>Gary Amyx</i> ) (from 8/3)  |

ST. John Vianney, born near Lyons in France in 1786, was the son of a farmer. His studies for the priesthood lasted from 1806 until 1815, a long time, for his progress was very slow and there were doubts as to whether he was sufficiently gifted to be able to complete the course for his ordination. He was finally ordained, more for his devotion and good will than for his intellectual gifts. In 1818, he was sent to the lonely village of Ars as parish priest, and there he remained until his death forty years later. He was very devoted to his parishioners and their needs. He soon earned a name as a preacher and confessor with great gifts. People flocked from all over France and beyond to visit him. Over the years he was in the habit of spending up to eighteen hours hearing the confessions of those who visited him. He was gifted with great insight into people's problems and was very straightforward in the advice he gave them. The long hours in the confessional, the austerity of his personal life and his constant availability to crowds of people slowly wore him out. He died in his parish in 1859. He is today the patron of parish clergy.

The prime value in his life was bringing God's grace and light to people in the Sacrament of Penance, the administration of which took up most of his life.



### PRAYERS OF A SINNER

"My God, I do not love You, but all I ask is the grace to love You." Instead of saying, "My God, I am very sorry for having offended You," say to Him, "My God, I do not feel any sorrow for my sins, but give me all the sorrow which I ought to have for them." Very far from saying, "My God, I would like to confess my sins," say instead, "My God, I feel myself very much attached to my sins, and it seems to me that I do not want ever to renounce them; give me that horror which I ought to feel for them, so that I may abhor them, detest them, and confess them, so that I may never go back to them!"

O my God, give us, please, that eternal horror of sin, since it is Your enemy, since it was sin that caused Your death, since it robs us of Your friendship, since it separates us from You. O divine Savior, grant that whenever we come to pray, we shall do so with hearts detached from sin, hearts that love You, and hearts that in speaking to You will speak only the truth!

— St. John-Mary Vianney

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**11:05 AM Rosary**

**11:30 AM Low Mass** Anthony Brockman (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)

**4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction**

**5:45 PM Low Mass** †Ernesto Hinayhinay (*Marietta Hinayhinay*) (from 8/3)