

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

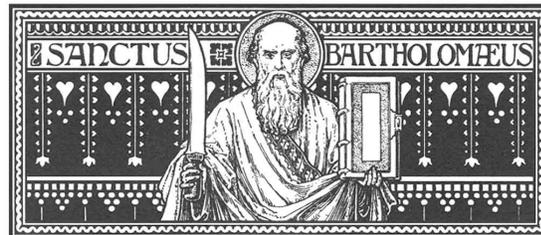
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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

August 24, 2014 St Bartholomew, Ap

Pentecost XI



THY FRIENDS, O GOD, ARE MADE
EXCEEDINGLY HONORABLE

¶ TODAY

Enrollment for **Sunday Catechism classes** begins today. Signup sheets will be found in the vestibule. Classes begin in two weeks. Vespers are recited at 5:00 PM today, followed by Benediction.

"My most beautiful Lady, I rejoice in seeing you, by your purity and your beauty, so dear to God. I thank God for having preserved you from every stain."

— St. Alphonsus Liguori (feast day, August 2nd)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

Catechism enrollment forms will be available; last chance to sign up before classes begin!

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XII, with commemoration of St. Raymond Nonnatus; Trinity Preface.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

★ **Sunday School opens:** Sunday, Sept. 7th, 10:40 AM.

★ **Blessed Mother's Birthday Mass & party:** Monday, Sept. 8th, 11:20 AM.

★ **Fatima Rosary morning Procession:** Saturday, Sept. 13th — at the usual place, but a special time: mid to late morning (exact time to be advised)

★ **Parish picnic:** Sunday, Sept. 21st at Sharon Woods Park.

★ **Angel Sunday:** Sunday, Sept. 28th.

"It is easy to infuse a most fervent devotion into others, even in a short time; but the great matter is — to persevere."

— St. Philip Neri

Lumen Christi

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

Prayers answered

(Keith Lawrence)

¶ ASSUMPTION NOTES

We surely had a splendid and memorable Assumption, didn't we? God gifted us with magnificent weather, and the faithful in turn gratefully brought the fruits of their harvest to be blessed in Our Lady's honor. How fragrant and picturesque was the shrine at the Lourdes Grotto, loaded with vegetables, flowers and sweet-smelling fresh mint and basil.

Several of you commented gratefully on the beautiful church with its Assumption shrine, bridal flowers of blue and white everywhere, and our copy of Murillo's celebrated painting surrounded with baby's breath and candles.

The three Masses were all well attended, and all possible prayers sung and said. I noted ruefully that the 7:00 AM short sermonless Mass was particularly popular this year, but still there were those who came with their children to the procession and Pontifical. Deo Gratias et Mariae!

— Bishop Dolan

PS: I've asked Fr. McGuire to do a "McCorner" for the bulletin while I'm traveling this week.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for Alex Fulton, Mary Saffrey, Mrs. McGuire, all our sick and shut-in, and all those who have asked for our prayers.

¶ NEW AT ST. GERTRUDE'S?

Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a leaflet 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.



¶ Servers: AUGUST 25-31, 2014

FRI 8/29 5:45 PM Low: Friday Night Servers

SAT 8/30 7:30 AM Low: Simpsons
8:10 AM Low: M. Briggs

SUN 8/31 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: MC: T. Simpson
ACS: J. Simpson, J. Lacy
TH: L. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. Soli,
C. Richesson, T. Lawrence, C. Rios
11:30 AM Low: N. & N. McCloy
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, August 17th\$4,747.00
Friday, August 15th\$1,613.00

THE HEART OF MARY ¹

Now from hearts with joy o'erladen
Sing the heart of Mary Maiden, –
Heart to every heart endeared,
Heart by every heart reveréd.

For the eternal Heart divine
So this Maiden's doth entwine
That forever
Hers from His (adown the skies
Conjured by this Virgin wise)
None shall sever.

Stooping from His Father's throne,
Of this Mother-Maid He's grown
Son and Lover;
Flower of the Divinity
Yields, of her virginity,
Fruit, moreover.

Joy of every heart below,
Solace in this vale of woe,
Heart of Mary!
Constance changeless as the dove's;
Mirror of the Godhead; Love's
Breviary.

Living fount of every grace;
Treasure of the Christian race;
Mercy-dais;
Bush ablaze with blinding fire,
Yet in every leafy spire
Fresh as May is.

O thou wondrous conflagration!
In thee meet, with sweet conflation,
Flames and dew-fall, –
Flames to warm the soul from signs,
Dews that on pure hearts and eyes
Ever new fall.

Let them fall without surcease,
Till from sin we gain release;
Till to love-fire's cool and peace
We be winners.
O Thou Jesu, Mary's heart,
Dew and fire and grace Thou art!
Burn and cleanse and draw apart
All us sinners.

O Love that naught can stay!
More wide advance Thy sway
On earth, and past the starry wild.
Make all hearts clean and new,
Make all hearts warm and true,
To praise the Mother with her Holy
Child!

– Geoffrey Bliss, S.J.



CATECHISM CORNER

I BELIEVE that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of **Penance** for the purpose of forgiving sins committed after Baptism.

I believe that the *repentant sinner*, with his sins removed by absolution may *again become a living member* of the Mystical Body of Christ.

I believe that by prayer, penance, acts of piety and the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy one may also be *cleared of venial sin and the temporal punishment* due to sin.

I believe that one should *examine* his conscience beforehand, then make a full confession, at least of all mortal sins; that the most important part is a *genuine sorrow* for sin together with a *determination* to sin no more.



OUR Lord revealed to St. Gertrude, that our confidence offers such violence to Him, that He cannot possibly refuse to hear us in anything we ask of Him. The same thing was said by St. John Climacus: "Prayer exercises a holy violence upon God." Every prayer offered with confidence, as it were, forces God; but this force is acceptable and pleasing to Him. Therefore St. Bernard writes, that the Divine mercy is like an inexhaustible fountain, from which whosoever brings the larger vessel of confidence, carries away the greater abundance of graces.

– St. Alphonsus Liguori

DEVELOPING A FORGIVING SPIRIT

Grace, nothing else but grace, which enlightens the mind and strengthens the will, is the cause of conversion or the liberation, i.e., the deliverance of souls from the bonds of evil.

Mortification is necessary and indispensable for all of us, because by it we secure divine grace for ourselves. Like gold in the furnace, so in the fire of mortification the soul is purified, radiates its own love and becomes more like God, more pleasing to him and therefore more capable of receiving very abundant graces for itself and for others, its poor brothers. What, indeed, can one obtain by love of God without suffering?

Finally, love for one's neighbor. We need to love our neighbor, but not just because he is pleasant or helpful or rich or influential or even because he shows us gratitude.... Genuine love rises above creatures and soars up to God. In Him, by Him, and through Him it loves all men, both good and wicked, friends and enemies.

To all it stretches out a hand filled with love; it prays for all, suffers for all, wishes what is best for all, desires happiness for all, because that is what God wants.

Whoever with a prayer to the Immaculate on his lips or in the depths of his heart, purified through suffering, on fire with an ardent love of God and inspired by that love, does what he can to win the greatest possible number of souls for God through the Immaculate, to free them from the bonds of evil, to make them happy – he, and he alone, will celebrate his triumph.

– Fr. Maximilian Kolbe

FR. KOLBE (†1941) WAS A POLISH CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN PRIEST WHO WAS MARTYRED IN AUSCHWITZ.



¹From the hymn for the Feast of the Heart of Mary: Laetabunda canant pie
Cuncta corda cor Mariae.

✠ FATHER MCGUIRE'S CORNER ✠

My dear Faithful,
Before His Excellency departed for his short Summer respite, he asked me to write a little something about the “McFathers” recent trip to France, the beautiful land of so many of God’s saints.

Fr. McKenna and I estimated that we traveled 1,100-1,200 miles (an average of about 100 miles a day for the time that we were there). That was probably a little over-ambitious, but how often does one get a chance to go to Europe?!

We started off by staying a couple of nights in Paris near the beautiful Sacré Coeur Church in Montmartre. Stephen Heiner (you know him from Restoration Radio) graciously agreed to give us a tour of Paris. So on our first full day we huffed and puffed our way through busy Parisian streets and overcrowded trains going from one sight to the next. We saw the Eiffel Tower, a tourist attraction to be sure but nonetheless, a Masonic monstrosity. One striking sight was the spot where the French revolutionaries murdered their own king. France has never been the same since that sad day in history. Notre Dame is a beautiful church to see, if ever you travel to Paris. Father and I were able to get in just before closing, thanks to Stephen’s persuasion of the workers. The highlight of the day was our trip to the chapel containing the relics of St. Louise de Marillac and the still incorrupt St. Catherine Laboure. In that very chapel Our Lady appeared and gave the world, through St. Catherine, the Miraculous Medal. Do you wear yours? Many graces are shown to those who do!

The next day...off to Lisieux to see the little sister of priests! St. Thérèse has been, for some time now, a favorite saint of mine, and once again she was even gracious enough to grant me a grace I asked of her at her shrine. In any case, we saw her relics, as well as the authentic statue of Our Lady of the Smile, by whom St. Thérèse was cured as a child. The Cathedral where she attended Mass, as well as her home were edifying as well. I remember that Father and I got drenched by rain – of course, neither of us packed an umbrella! Bishop Dolan guesses the Little Flower was probably just playing with her little brothers. She would shower us with rain before showering us with roses.

Our next stop was to Mont St. Michel, a magnificent church/monastery built on the top of a tall island in the Atlantic. Fr. McKenna, I think, was most impressed by this. Legend has it, according to the French, that St. Michael fought Lucifer at that spot.

On the feast of the Curé d’Ars we made a short visit to Fr. Hecquard’s home near Loches. His Excellency hoped we would have our own “bat experience”...I, on the other hand, was quite contented by our bat-free visit. Finally! After seeing so many gorgeous churches where we could neither dip our fingers in the holy water font nor bend our knee toward the tabernacle, now we entered a tiny, quaint home chapel to find a flickering lamp indicating – truly, this time – that Our Lord

is present. So, a small sign of the Cross and a genuflection before the tabernacle, and there we found ourselves, not with a mere saint, but with our God.

Fr. Hecquard seems to be doing well. He has several missions to attend to and spends much of his time giving retreats. Father took us to Loches to see the miraculous spring of St. Senoch, a sixth-century saint. The spring still flows...the water is crystal clear.

On Sunday we managed to see Paray le Monial – the apparition spot of the Sacred Heart. What a privilege to see such a sight! The relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and Bl. Claude de la Colombière are also there. Then, off to Ars!

St. John Vianney, pray for us! Last time I was here the place was packed. The Novus Ordo was concelebrating “Mass” before the Curé’s tomb. This time...peace and quiet, relatively speaking. His original church is still intact, as is his home. I found it interesting that we arrived here one day after the Curé’s feast and left on the feast of his favorite saint, St. Philomena.

After seeing the incorrupt body of the saintly pastor of Ars, we made a quick stop to Nevers to visit the incorrupt St. Bernadette. It is as if she only sleeps. She died at 35 and still looks 35. We McFathers always seem to have an interesting story or two. Neither of us saw the sign forbidding the taking of pictures as it was blocked by other visitors. So out came the cameras. Somehow we managed to get ourselves into trouble in a foreign country, thousands of miles away from home – and at the shrine of a great saint, to boot! Well, we managed to get our picture beforehand, so that’s ok.

After Nevers, we went to stay at the boarding house belonging to a traditional group of nuns near Donzy. These nuns left their convent in the ’70s because of the changes that were taking place after Vatican II, and established their own convent in the peaceful farmlands just outside of Donzy. They do not have a resident priest, but make due with Sunday Masses whenever a priest can come. May the good God grant them perseverance.

Our trip ended with one last visit to Paris, where we saw St. Vincent de Paul, that great saint of charity, and made a visit of thanksgiving to St. Catherine Laboure. Fr. McKenna will tell you of a grace received, I’m sure.

It is amazing to see in person all of the things that we read about in spiritual books and hear about in sermons. Everywhere one turns in France, there is another saint. One will never see this in America. When we were first landing in France I was reflecting on how many saints there were in that country, and wondered how they got so many. The obvious answer is that it is the wondrous ways of God’s grace. Secondly, I believe, it is also because France has been inhabited for many centuries while America is not nearly so old. Thirdly, I think



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✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, & many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at SGGResources.org

- MON 8/25/14 ST LOUIS, KING, C**
7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Nkamuke (ACC)
8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions (Jennifer West)
- TUE 8/26/14 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY**
 ST ZEPHYRINUS, PM
8:00 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorian Society **Summer Novena**
5:00 PM Low Mass All of our priests (ACC) **Summer Novena**
- WED 8/27/14 ST JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS, C**
 SEVEN JOYS OF OUR LADY
 LITTLE ST HUGH OF LINCOLN, M
8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop Sanborn and his priests (ACC)
- THU 8/28/14 ST AUGUSTINE, BPCD**
 ST HERMES, M
6:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (Patrick Omlor)
8:00 AM Low Mass Woods family (Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze)
- FRI 8/29/14 BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
 ST SABINA, M
 OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (Dale Wilker family)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Special intention (Kent Maki)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
- SAT 8/30/14 ST ROSE OF LIMA, V**
 SS FELIX & ADAUCTUS, MM
 OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Arlinghaus family-thank you (Theresa Simpson)
8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Philip Lawrence (Mike Briggs family)
- SUN 8/31/14 PENTECOST XII**
 ST RAYMOND NONATUS, C
 ST AIDAN, BPC
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Dan & Mary Brueggemann & family-special intention (M/M Maki)
9:00 AM High Mass †Thomas Payne (Patricia Payne)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Paul & Karen Puglielli-Happy anniversary (Diane Puglielli)
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

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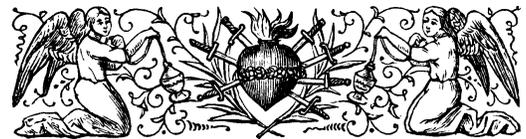
– St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

✠ FATHER'S CORNER

(Continued from preceding page) America would have many saints if Vatican II had not occurred. Think of all the holy missionaries to this country, for example. It was just in the 1800s when the Church here was being persecuted. Finally, after much endurance, prayer and hard work, Catholicism took root, thanks to the brave missionaries and Catholics, and then...Vatican II. But we won't worry much about that. It all has a place in God's plan. What we will focus on is that all of the saints of France were human – just like you and me. But by cooperating with God's grace they became saints. My dear people, this is our goal in life: to be the friends of God. Live your faith day in and day out, and you will become just that – a saint, a friend of God.

In Jesus and Mary,

– Father McGuire



THE faithful who offer prayers or other acts of piety in honor of the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*, on any day during the month of AUGUST, may gain: An indulgence of five years. (Raccolta No. 389)

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

(An indulgence of 300 days – Raccolta No. 386)

O Heart most pure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.

(An indulgence of 300 days; plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions for the daily devout repetition of this invocation. – Raccolta No. 387)



A CARDINAL'S COUNSELS

"(Your) house should be adorned with pious pictures, in order that the love of virtue, the love of Christ, and the hatred of sin should be infused into your children's minds from the moment they begin to observe. The love of the saints will lead them to love the Saint of saints. The reading of Holy Scripture should be begun as soon as they are sufficiently prepared to understand it.

"...none of the things that God has confided to you are so precious in His sight as your children. Their souls are worth more in His eyes than heaven and earth and the whole of the irrational creation; and you do Him a greater service in bringing up your children well than if you possessed the whole world and gave all away to the poor. It will be hard for you to save your own soul if, in consequence of your neglect, the souls of your children should perish; on the other hand, if by your care you have secured their salvation, you may rest in peace as to your own."

– Bl. Giovanni Cardinal Dominici (†1490)