

# 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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## May 10, 2015 EASTER V



### ¶ MOTHER'S DAY

*Happy Mother's Day!* Our mothers, living and deceased, are remembered at all Masses today, particularly the High Mass sung for them. The Procession and May Crowning follow the High Mass at approximately 10:30 AM. No Sunday classes. Vespers, May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Please take a moment today to fill out the registration card.

*My Lady, and my Mother, remember  
I am thine; protect and defend me as  
thy property and possession.*

*Indulgence of 40 days*

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The blessing of expectant mothers will be given after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Benediction and May Devotions are at 5:20 PM.

**Set Your Missal:** Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension; commemoration of St. Paschal Baylon and the Ascension. Preface and Communicantes of the Ascension.

### ¶ OUR LADY'S COURT

We congratulate the following children who did very well on their First Communion test:

**St. Catherine Award:** Juliana McClorey, who crowns Our Lady today; **St. Thomas Aquinas Award:** Anthony Alter, the crown bearer; Maddie Manzardo, Dominic Simpson, and Nikolai Kolenich, members of the court.

### ¶ ASCENSION THURSDAY – HOLY DAY

All are bound to assist at Mass under pain of mortal sin. Holy Day Masses are at **7:00 AM** (*especially for workers: no sermon*), **9:00 AM** and **5:45 PM**. **Vespers** will be recited at 4:40 PM, with confessions and **Rosary** at 5:10 PM, followed by Benediction with May Devotions at 5:30 PM.



I LEAVE THE WORLD AND GO  
TO THE FATHER

### ¶ THE ROGATION DAYS

Every year on the three days preceding Our Lord's admirable Ascension, the Church solemnly presents all her needs and petitions to Him, that He may take them to the Father when He goes home to Heaven. These are the **Rogation** ("Asking") Days. The Rogation Day processions of the Lesser Litanies are a beautiful and ancient part of the Church's liturgy which draw down many needed graces for ourselves, our Church and our country. Join us on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday** at **11:00 AM**, to pray and process, followed by Holy Mass.

### Collection Report

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> .....\$3,480.00  
Second Collection.....\$1,083.00

### ¶ TWO PROCESSIONS IN ONE DAY!

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, is a truly blessed day, offering two processions for your convenience. The **Lesser Litanies Procession** concludes our Rogation Days at **11:00 AM**, in our beautiful church grounds. The first **Fatima Rosary Procession** for peace opens this beloved, and also powerful series of processions at **7:15 PM** in **West Chester**. We meet in the parking lot of the First Watch restaurant at Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Drive—about five minutes from church. Come to 5:45 PM Low Mass first if you can.

### ¶ PLEASE PRAY...

Alex Fulton was in the hospital last week, as was John Wiesman. John is in a nursing facility, but should be home soon. Henry Sieverding will be having hip replacement surgery.

A number of our priests and their relations are in need of your prayers. It turns out that **Fr. Mardones'** stroke in February was actually a very serious one, but that he seems miraculously to have escaped grave damage. **Fr. Nkamuke** was just returning from visiting his sick mother, when he learned that that his father had a stroke and is paralyzed. **Fr. Fleiss'** mother is having brain surgery. **Fr. Palma's** nephew was in a very serious car accident. **Fr. Hecquard's** father is having surgery tomorrow.



**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of †Janice West, the mother of Anne Marie Omlor, who passed away on Monday, May 4. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/11/15</b>	<b>ROGATION DAY</b> <b>11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession</b> <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> †Maria Duff (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) <i>(Emma Wilker)</i> <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/12/15</b>	<b>STS. NEREUS &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b> ROGATION DAY <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Relief of Poor Souls—Special Intention <i>(Mary Brueggemann)</i> <b>11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession</b> <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> †Thomas F., Francis P., Amelia D. Payne <i>(Patricia A. Payne)</i> <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †Brenda Picard
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/13/15</b>	<b>ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD</b> VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION ROGATION DAY <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Bob Mansfield <i>(Patrick Omlor)</i> <b>11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession</b> <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Special Intention <i>(Prell Family)</i> <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> †Janice West <b>7:15 PM First Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/14/15</b>	<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOLY DAY</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Charles E. Simpson – 24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i> <b>9:00 AM Solemn High Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great <b>4:40 PM Vespers</b> <b>5:10 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:30 PM Benediction &amp; May Devotions</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Return of friends and family to the One True Faith <i>(Prell Family)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/15/15</b>	<b>ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C</b> ST. DYMPHNA, VM <i>NOVENA I</i> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention – Holy Souls in Purgatory <i>(Bill &amp; Cindy Current)</i> <b>10:55 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> David Mann Family <i>(Rob &amp; Jane Brockman)</i> <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b> <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Becky Mattingly & family <i>(C. Kamphaus)</i> <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/16/15</b>	<b>ST. UBALDUS, BPC</b> WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M <i>OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES</i> <i>NOVENA II</i> <b>7:10 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Janice West <i>(Simpson Family)</i> <b>8:10 AM Novena, May Devotions</b> <b>8:20 AM Low Mass</b> Bob Uhlenbrock – Happy Birthday <i>(Capetillo family)</i>

## ✠ MOTHER'S DAY SAINT

### SAINT MICHAEL GARICOÏTS (1797-1863)

"Without my mother," Michael once said, "I would have been a scoundrel." At the age of seven, Michael stole an apple from his brother. When his mother sternly corrected him, he remembered it all his life. She taught him a fear of sin, but also a deep love for heaven.

By the age of fourteen, Michael was certain that he wanted to become a priest, but his parents had no money for school. This time it was his grandmother who came to the rescue. She arranged that Michael would work for a local priest doing domestic chores in exchange for the chance to attend school. Later, he worked in the kitchen of the bishop's residence. He was able to enter the seminary and was ordained in 1823.

In his first assignment as parochial vicar in Cambo, France, Michael spent many hours in the confessional. When he was transferred to the seminary in Betharram, in southern France, he encountered the saintly Elizabeth Bichier des Ag-es and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. There he founded the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Bether-ram—men who were to place themselves at the service of the bishop, to be sent wherever the need was greatest. "In the end, we must surrender to His love," Michael taught. "We must answer Him, 'Here I am!' At once, He will lift His child from the cradle of his misery and lavish all His love on him."

*Merciful Father, through the intercession of St. Michael Garicoïts, lavish Your love on me, Your little child. Lift me up when I have fallen!*

*"O holy Mother, sweet and fair to see, for us beseech the King, thy dearest Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to death for us delivered: That in His pitying clemency, and by virtue of His most holy In-carnation, and bitter death, He may pardon our sins. Amen."*

—St. Francis of Assisi

#### Servers

<b>THU 05/14: HOLY DAY</b>
<b>9:00 AM SOLEMN HIGH:</b> School servers and volunteers
<b>5:30 PM DEVOTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, J. Murray
<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> G. Miller, J. Murray
<b>SUN 05/17:</b>
<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros.
<b>9:00 AM HIGH: MC:</b> B. Lotarski <b>TH:</b> L. Arlinghaus <b>ACs:</b> J. Simpson, A. Richesson <b>TORCH:</b> M. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, C. Richesson
<b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> N. & N. McClorey
<b>5:20 PM DEVOTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, J. Murray
<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> G. Miller, J. Murray

<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/17/15</b>	<b>SUNDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF ASCENSION</b> ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C <i>NOVENA III</i> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. David Marko)</i> <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> †Janice West <i>(Rosary Confraternity)</i> <b>10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Patton Family <i>(Wilker Family)</i> <b>5:20 PM Vespers, May Devotions, &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
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I thought of a line in one of today's beautiful hymns the other day at May Devotions: "Lisping children's humble prayer." All of the children, including the youngest, were enthusiastically singing Our Lady's litany, really belting out the "Ora pro nobis" each time, in their sweet and childish lisp. The youngest of Mary's children, like the oldest, never reach for the volume control when singing her praises or reciting her Rosary. The result is so heart-warming, even if a tad cacophonous. Why not come to May Devotions some school afternoon and be an innocent child again for ten minutes, singing humbly to your beautiful Mother, with all your might and main?

Litanies abound these days of May, as do Processions, shoring us up with the power of united prayer, lifting up each intention and need to the Father on His sapphire throne, as we sing after Palm Sunday's procession. We even have a choice of processions come Wednesday. Come and sing and pray with us, and bring the children. Oh, remember most of all the Holy Day, for Thursday is already the fortieth day since Our Lord rose from the dead, and we must accompany Him as He goes to the Father.

Then comes the Solemn Pentecost Novena for the Church, starting Friday, and soon will come the new Soldiers of Christ to be sealed with the Holy Ghost at Pentecost's Vigil, true high point of Memorial Day weekend.

Pray for strength for **Fr. Nkamuke**. He had just returned from visiting his very sick mother, when his father had a stroke and was paralyzed. The family, of course, looks to him for help. Anyone who wishes to give Father something for these extraordinary expenses may simply mark the offering with Father's name.

In addition, Fr. Nkamuke will be covering the remaining courses for **Mr. Abraham Chuku**, who is now living with him and assisting him. I am now soliciting regular offerings for his support until ordination, called a burse. To help a seminarian, especially one we know and who is so close to ordination, is surely a great grace. Their life is poor indeed, the Nigerian clergy, and they ask only the most basic necessities, as they seek to share "the inestimable riches of Christ" with souls. Your alms deeds let you get in on this blessing.

Summer seems to have settled in, doesn't it? The cats are certainly enjoying it, even though nights find them on high alert. Caravaggio bagged his first baby bunny of the season the other day, a matter of some pride for our trusty feline, who deposited his headless trophy, ISIS like, in my garden. A modest victory parade had to be organized for the cat before breakfast, with much encouraging praise.

The cat's unusual outdoor diet occasions him endless digestive problems, but he is not minded to reform at this point. Lately, on days when I am working from the rectory, he has tried to impose a "toties quoties" (as often, so

often, like the indulgence) rule regarding his meals. As often as he enters the house, he would like some more food, all day long. And cats go in and out constantly! An incident with last Sunday's sermon study notes, inadvertently left on the floor, has taught me a salutary lesson about volume control, at least for cat food!

The robins in the cloister, almost feathered now, seems to be surviving both children and cats, and I must admire the mother's pluck. But that is just one more attribute of motherhood, which it is left to the rest of us to admire wonderingly. God bless our mothers! Happy Mother's Day.

May Mary be your mother.

—Bishop Dolan



### A SALUTE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

"Hail, holy Lady! Most holy Queen!

Mary, Mother of God, yet a virgin forever!

Chosen by the most high holy Father in Heaven, and by

Him with His most beloved Son

and the Spirit Paraclete consecrated!—

Thou in whom there was and there is the fullness of grace  
and everything good!

Hail, His palace! Hail, His tabernacle!

Hail, His home! Hail, His vesture!

Hail, His handmaiden! Hail, His mother!

And hail, too, all ye holy virtues, which by the grace and light of the Holy Ghost are infused into the hearts of the faithful, to make of the faithless faithful children of God."

—St. Francis of Assisi

### Our Beloved Dead ~ May

Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Diane Powell	5-04-2012
Patrick Harpen	5-06-2014
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Maria Duff	5-11-2013
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
William Sandmyer	5-25-2011
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Anne McMahon	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990
Elizabeth Reis	5-31-2013



### FROM MORTALITY TO IMMORTALITY

As Mary nursed the Child at her breast, maternity was elevated to a kind of natural Eucharist. To every child at her breast, every mother can say, "Take and eat. This is my body. This is my blood. Unless you eat of my flesh and blood, you shall not have life in you."

As under the species of Bread day by day Christ nourishes the Christian, so drop by drop the mother nourishes the child. As the Divine Eucharist gives immortality, so this human Eucharist of Motherhood is the guarantee of temporal life. The Angel that once stood at the gates of Paradise to prevent man from eating the Tree of Life now sheathes the sword as life communes both at the altar rail and at a breast. That which in motherhood was first the nourishment of body, with the passage of time becomes the nourishment of mind and soul, as now not drop by drop but word by word, the child is brought closer to the Word, his Savior and his Love.

—Bp. Fulton J. Sheen

*"Oh, our glorious sovereign Lady and our hope! Just as the world received its Savior at thy hands, so at thy hands do I hope once to see my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."* —St. Francis of Assisi



### MARY'S MONTH

May, the month of blossoms and flowers, is a glorious month. Nature reawakens, takes on new life, forgets all old happenings, and seems determined that everything

be bright and cheerful. May is the favorite month of all, but with every Catholic the month has added significance, for it is Mary's Month.

Just as nature is arrayed with beauty, the Blessed Mother too is adorned with beautiful graces. No wonder every child of Mary loved the happy blessed Maytime!

The Church wishes us to give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May, and therefore it is fitting that every home have some kind of a devotion in honor of our Blessed Mother, the Queen of May.

We love our Blessed Mother so much that we are happy to erect a little altar in her honor. We delight to keep fresh, fragrant flowers before her statue, and to gather the family round the little altar each evening to recite the rosary and the litany in her honor. We rejoice in the thought that always our Mother Mary watches over us and guides us tenderly. It is through her that we go to Jesus.

Mary is the Mediatrix of all graces. She it is who will crush the head of the serpent and bring that Peace and security that only God can give. Let us surrender ourselves to Mary, an all-out surrender, by consecrating our lives to her. This beautiful Act of Consecration is highly indulged by the Church. Recite it often with a heart full of love.

"My Queen! my Mother! I give myself entirely to thee; and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession."

—St. Anthony Messenger

### MY MOTHER

I have a Mother, passing fair;  
No thoughts can reach, no words declare  
Her beauty and her grace.  
She rules as Queen in heaven above;  
Her very look inspires my love;  
She's chief of all our race.

Though I'm so mean, and she's so great,  
Enthroned above in royal state,  
She loves me as her child.  
She condescends my steps to guide,  
And bids me in her to confide,  
While storms are raging wild.

The silvery moon is not so light,  
The sun itself not half so bright  
As is this Virgin Queen,  
Who from all dangers, day and night,  
Protects me, in my mortal fight  
'Gainst enemies unseen.

O Mother, happy shall I be  
If thou wilt intercede for me,  
And ask the Babe upon thy knee  
To lift me up to heaven, with thee.

—Bp. J.S.V.



### MOTHERS

Sometime I cannot have my mother's hand,  
But Mother Mary, you will understand;  
Sometime her words, I shall no longer hear,  
But you will whisper in my eager ear.

Sometime I cannot feel my mother's kiss,  
But Mother Mary, you will pity this.  
And when her face is lost to mortal sight,  
Your own will shine with an increasing light.

Sometime I cannot have my mother's love,  
But Mother Mary, you will know above  
How very sad a human heart can be,  
Remembering the anguish of the tree.

—L. Mitchell Thornton

*For those who miss their mothers this Mother's Day*