

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

June 5, 2016

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART

PENTECOST III

ST. BONIFACE, BPM



¶ SACRED HEART SUNDAY

Today is the Sunday Within the Octave of the Sacred Heart. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion rail. The second collection for the support of our seminary is taken up during the Offertory. Vespers with Sacred Heart Devotions are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

The Heart of the divine Redeemer is the natural sign and symbol of His boundless love for the human race.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IV

Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost IV, with commemorations of St. John of Sahagun & St. Basilides. Trinity Preface.

In the Sacred Heart is the express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 13th, is the first of our Fatima Rosary Processions for Peace this year. The procession will commence at 7:15 PM, after the 5:45 PM Low Mass.

Girls' Camp is June 22-24. Thursday, June 23rd, is the Vigil of the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Join us for Holy Mass and the following barbecue and potluck supper, along with the blessing of the St. John's Fire. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us!



REJOICE WITH ME, BECAUSE I HAVE FOUND MY SHEEP THAT WAS LOST

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Sue Kurtz, Jane Brockman, Connie Kamphaus, and Sr. Jeanne Marie.

The Heart of the incarnate Word is a symbol of that divine love which the Redeemer shares with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We commence our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, next Tuesday, June 14th, following the 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM Masses.

The Heart of the incarnate Word is the symbol of that burning love which enriches the human will of Christ and enlightens and governs its acts.

¶ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Most days our Webcast Mass will be at 8 AM. Check the calendar for some nice early morning Masses at 7:00 AM.

¶ WE GET LETTERS

Dear Father,

Thank you so much for your webcasts. St. Gertrude the Great and the Rosary are my life lines. I started assisting on the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7) and haven't missed a day yet. It's been a radical and ongoing life change since. My best guess is that at some point last August, the Holy Ghost directed my mouse clicks to His Excellency Bishop Sanborn's sermons which I couldn't stop listening to! I also owe a debt to those who pray for the conversion of sinners.

The closest church to me is Fr. Bernard Uttley's parish in London Ontario, 435 miles away.

Your parishioners are so fortunate; I'd be there every day, and camp out in a pew most of Friday! ☺ Your webcasts are a great blessing and have had a large impact on my life. Please give my thanks to His Excellency Bishop Dolan, Rev. Lehtoranta, Rev. McKenna, Rev. McGuire, the servers, and the singers.

May God bless you all.

David

The Heart of the incarnate Word is the symbol of sensible love since the body of Jesus Christ possesses full powers of feeling and perception.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 29th.....\$6,075.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



DEVOTION TO THE
SACRED HEART

St. Bernard says: "Jesus willed that His Heart should be wounded, in order that through the visible wound we might contemplate the invisible wound of love." He willed that His Heart should be pierced, so that we might enter without hindrance, and find there both a shelter and refuge. This adorable Heart, open to all, will never be closed; just and sinners can take shelter there without fear of being rejected.

Wounds inflicted on the dead can never heal; that in the Heart of Jesus was made by death and love, and it will ever remain open to proclaim to all succeeding generations that it was thus that the Savior loved mankind: *Sic dilexit*.

This wound is a fruitful source of graces; the water which burst forth, the blood which flowed from it, are the types of the precious favors of mercy and love. Let us, then, go and there seek the assistance of which we stand in need; if we are weak, this Heart will be our strength; if we are blind, it will be our light; if we are sorrowful, it will be our consolation. Let us exclaim with St. Gertrude: "O my Jesus! My sweetest hope, may Thy divine Heart, transfixed for me, be the sure refuge of my soul! I implore Thee, by Thy wounded Heart, to pierce mine with the sword of Thy love."

-Fr. Martin Berlioux



We ought to meditate most lovingly on the beating of Christ's Sacred Heart by which He seemed to measure the time of His sojourn on earth.

We can enter into the secret places of this divine Heart and gaze at the abundant riches of God's grace.



Devotion to the love of Jesus is as old as the Church, but devotion to His Sacred Heart as the symbol of His Love was introduced in the thirteenth century by St. Bonaventure. This devotion increased gradually, especially as part of the public devotion to the five wounds of our Savior which the Franciscans sponsored, and, of course, in the private devotions of many saints. It did not, however, develop sensationally until Blessed John Eudes and Margaret Mary Alacoque made it public in the seventeenth century. In 1856 Pope Pius IX extended to the universal Church the feast of the Sacred Heart which had been observed for some time in France. Today this devotion is dear to the heart of every Catholic.

Wedding Banns

Second time: Samantha Christine Current and Thomas Edward Kunkel.

† FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

Happy
Father's
Day

If you wish to have your father remembered in a special way at Holy Mass on Father's Day, fill out an envelope (available in the pews) and return it to an usher or the Gift Shop today, or drop it off at the church office.

THE CONTRITE HEART

The Lord will happiness divine
On contrite hearts bestow;
Then tell me, gracious God, is mine
A contrite heart or no?

I hear, but seem to hear in vain,
Insensible as steel;
If aught is felt, 'tis only pain,
To find I cannot feel.

I sometimes think myself inclined
To love Thee if I could;
But often feel another mind,
Averse to all that's good.

My best desires are faint and few,
I fain would strive for more;
But when I cry, "My strength renew!"
Seem weaker than before.

Thy saints are comforted, I know,
And love Thy house of prayer;
I therefore go where others go,
But find no comfort there.

Oh make this heart rejoice or ache;
Decide this doubt for me;
And if it be not broken, break—
And heal it, if it be.
-William Cowper (1731-1800)

PORTRAIT OF A CATECHIST

A tender flower is a nun,
A silken rose
Blowing in the sun
In her prayerful repose.
You also are like unto those,
And beautiful,
But not a rose—
A flower indescribable.
You bloom where roses do not grow,
In lonely lands;
And, when you blow
Your attar on the desert sands,
The snows blush on the sierra's crest.
God smiles above...
At night you rest,
Fresh with dewdrops of His Love.
-Fray Angelico Chavez

With thanks to our Catechism teachers, & congratulations to our new Sisters.

We have seen great things these days, as Corpus Christi gave way to Sacred Heart, triumph and adoration to the great feast of reparation. But so many wonderful days, and one night, of adoration, so many innocent First Communicants, so many touching graces have been given us!

Not the least of the graces was the weather Corpus Christi Sunday. It dawned overcast and humid, although no rain was predicted for the morning. Still, I prayed for good weather. Then, it *rained* at the start of the 7:30 Mass. I couldn't believe it! It was just *our* rain, nowhere else. But I think Our Lord wanted to glorify confident prayer, because the sun indeed came out for the High Mass and procession. Good life lesson. When it rains, look for sun.

I remember these last days with gratitude, and that the greatest thanksgiving is the Holy Eucharist, Sacrifice and Sacrament, so fittingly offered and received and sung and served and processed and adored these wonderful feasts of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacred Heart.

But ceremonies end, and milestones celebrated recede to memory, guests go away, and children grow up and Summer calls. How good it is, how consoling, how important that there should now be two more Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation, **Sr. Benedict Marie** and **Sr. Perpetua Marie**, novices who will both learn and pioneer the ways of Benedictine religious life dedicated to offering reparation, especially for priests. It is a vocation as grand as it is necessary. We are blessed to have these Benedictines in our midst, and to know that they are praying night and day.

Friday's investiture ceremony and lovely reception was a grand one, well attended by family and our own church family. I had my doubts about the hair cutting, pig tails seeming to me a rather daunting task, but Mother Isidore insisted it was part of the program, and provided some strong clipper-like scissors which did the trick. It seems the hair is traditionally given to the mother of the new novice, one day to be buried with her. A similar custom exists for a new priest, whose mother is given the linen which bound his hands after they were anointed at the Ordination.

We are proud of a young man from Michigan, the **Rev. Mr. Philip Eldracher** who will be ordained by Bishop Sanborn at Most Holy Trinity Seminary on June 29, feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Many of us have known him since he was a boy, and rejoice at his vocation and ordination. Please keep him in your prayers these days, as well as our own two new sisters.

Vocations in our midst are a great blessing from God.

So far the effects of chemo on **Fr. Cekada** had been fairly mild, some general malaise and a little nausea. He has to be careful to avoid crowds with their danger of infection, but was able to distribute the report cards at school, with his customary amusing comments. Father also assisted at the Investiture Ceremony, before retiring to the rectory to rest. Fatigue is a big factor.

Rest is on the program this week at St. Gertrude. School is out, and a quiet order obtains this Sacred Heart week as we recover a bit from the joys—and crosses—of the last intense weeks. Next week, though....

Fr. McKenna is using some of the airline mileage he has accumulated in his mission travels to go to Austria to visit **Fr. Trauner**, and have a little vacation. He hopes especially to visit Prague, which I have warmly recommended to him. I'm sure he'll have a fine time. I hope you do, too, wherever your travels should take you this summer.

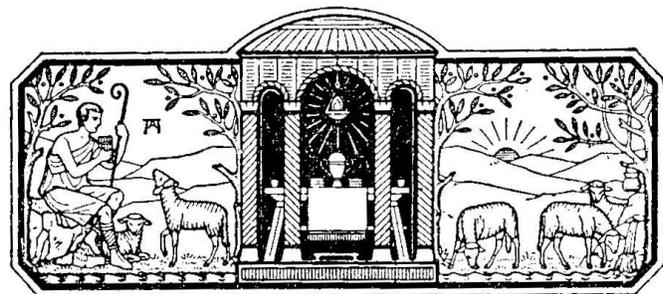
The weather has certainly been disagreeable of late, but we are grateful the air conditioning has held out. The man installing the new unit had an accident with his hand which took him to the hospital recently, so the work progresses slowly.

I must go. The cats are patiently awaiting breakfast. They quite enjoyed the left over tuna salad from the Sisters' reception. Last Sunday Caravaggio breakfasted on bunny, and was careless about clearing the table, leaving behind on the deck bits of fur, viscera, and one rather forlorn bunny eye which looked up at me accusingly.

Thanks again for all of your participation and help these days, and especially for your concern and prayers for Fr. Cekada.

May the Sacred Heart be your refuge and reward!

—Bishop Dolan



HE WHO SINGS...PRAYS TWICE!

Today we begin our Summer schedule. The choir takes a well-deserved break, and the congregation are kindly asked to sing the Ordinary of the Mass. This is an excellent way for you and your children to become familiar with the Church's beautiful Gregorian chant!



A THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS

Last Sunday was the final one till September for our choir season, so this is a good occasion to thank our church musicians for the glory their efforts render to God and His true worship at St. Gertrude the Great.

We are grateful to our men's Gregorian schola and to our Friday night/Saturday morning a cappella choir, both under the direction of Mr. Charles Simpson. The latter choir has preserved many of the wonderful legacy pieces from the years of our four-part (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) adult choir.

We are likewise grateful to our children's weekday chant choir, and to our Sunday adult choir, both under the direction of Mrs. Joan Lotarski.

Our Sunday adult choir specializes in two-part (soprano, alto) music and its members are amazingly quick learners. It has added ten motets or choral pieces to its repertory over the nine-month season:

- Asperges: Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760, Baroque, Roman)
- Decantabat Populus, Giamatteo Asola (1532-1609, Renaissance, Venetian)
- Et Incarnatus and Et exspecto by Camil van Hulse (1897-1988, Belgian-American, Modern)

- Et Incarnatus and Et exspecto by Flor Peeters (1903-1986, Modern, Belgian)
- The Infant King, Basque Noël, arranged by David Wilcocks
- Nativity Carol, John Rutter (1945-, Modern, English)
- Panis Angelicus, Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760, Baroque, Roman)
- Tollite Hostias, Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921, Romantic, French)
- Veni, Sancte Spiritus, Anthony Cekada (Modern, American)
- Veniat Amica Mea, Orazio Tarditi (1602-1677, Baroque, Roman School)

The choir has also learned two more Masses, bringing the number in its repertory to six Gregorian Masses and eleven harmonized settings. The two new ones are:

- Mass in G, Franz Schubert (1797, 1828, Classical, Viennese)
- Missa Brevis in F, Andrea Gabrieli, (1533-1585, Renaissance, Venetian)

A number of the new pieces are considered concert-level works of the first order, and I in particular am delighted that our little parish choir is able to sing them to add to the splendor of the true sacrifice.

I am very pleased, too, that during the last season our young organist, Andrew Richesson, has offered us a number of postludes (organ solos after Mass) that are likewise considered concert-level works:

- J.S. Bach, Concerto in G major, BWV 592
- J.S. Bach, Toccata in D minor, "The Dorian," BWV 538
- J.S. Bach, Trio Sonata in E flat major, BWV 525
- Félix Mendelssohn, Allegro Maestoso, Sonata II
- Louis Vierne, "Carillon de Westminster" from 24 Pièces en style libre

In addition, Andrew has also developed considerable skill at improvising on hymn and chant themes. These you can hear prior to the opening hymn, after the Asperges, after the sermon, and sometimes during the Canon. He develops a chant or hymn theme by changing its harmonization, its tempo, and interweaving it between the top, middle and bass (pedal) registers. Listen closely sometime, and you'll hear how it's done.

All these works of musical art—Gregorian chant, harmonized voices and the majestic rumble of the organ—our church musicians perform not for the sake of art or themselves, but (as Bach said), *Soli Deo gloria*—for the glory of God alone!

— Fr. Cekada



"As all perfection consists in our being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus it naturally follows that the most perfect of all devotions is that which conforms, unites, and consecrates us most completely to Jesus. Now of all God's creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus."

—St. Louis de Montfort

Join us next Monday in West Chester for our Fatima Rosary Procession.

GOSPEL OF EMBER WEDNESDAY IN
SEPTEMBER: MARK 9, 16-28

At that time, one of the multitude, answering, said to Jesus, Master, I have brought to Thee my son, having a dumb spirit; who, wheresoever he taketh him, dasheth him, and he foameth, and gnasheth with the teeth, and pineth away; and I spoke to Thy disciples to cast him out, and they could not. Who answering them, said, O incredulous generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto Me: and they brought him; and when He had seen him, immediately the spirit troubled him, and

being thrown down upon the ground, he rolled about foaming. And He asked his father,

How long time is it since this happened unto him? But he said, From his infancy: and oftentimes hath he cast him into the fire and the waters to destroy him. But if Thou canst do anything, help us, having compassion on us. And Jesus saith to him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And immediately the father of the boy crying out, with tears, said, I do believe, Lord; help my unbelief. And when Jesus saw the multitude running together, He threatened the unclean spirit, saying to him, Deaf and dumb spirit, I command thee, go out of him, and enter not any more into him: and crying out and greatly tearing him, he went out of him; and he became as dead, so that many said, He is dead. But Jesus taking him by the hand, lifted him up, and he arose. And when he was come into the house, His disciples secretly asked Him, Why could not we cast him out? And He said to them. This kind can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

A MEDITATION ON THIS GOSPEL:
"HELP!"

"I do believe, Lord; help my unbelief." The cry of the young boy's father in today's Gospel is one of the most familiar lines in St. Mark's Gospel. The dialogue between Jesus and the father provides the core of this dramatic passage, and St. Mark is the only Gospel where it appears. I'm guessing this line sums up pretty accurately how most of us feel in our spiritual lives.

We're confident in the existence of a loving, nurturing God, so much so that we show up at church, try to pass on our faith to our children, pray and reflect in solitude, feel gratitude for life's blessings, and do good works to the best of our abilities. And yet. There are those times when things start to unravel, and we feel like we're going to fall apart. The faith we possess most of the time, the confidence in God's loving protection, goes out the window in the face of a job loss, a cancer diagnosis, a troubled child, a natural disaster, or any other major disruption in our daily lives.

At these times, the only prayer we may have the ability to say is, "Help!" and this Gospel passage tells us that's okay. This simple cry for help is in itself a profession of faith that God will be with us through our difficulties.

For the father of the boy who desperately needed healing, that proclamation of faith emerges as a necessary part of a healing process. Perhaps that is the lesson to take from this passage: in God's eyes, a call for help can provide an inroad for healing.

-Renee LaReau

"Mary, help" is a great short German prayer. "Maria, hilf!"



LATIN WORDS
HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

1. EXIT

If you tell someone to *exit* the motorway, you're telling them the third-person singular present indicative form of the irregular *exeo*: "he/she/it goes out." That's right: *exit* is just a Latin verb. English started using it in the early 16th century for stage directions in plays, as seen in Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale*: "Exit, pursued by a bear."

2. INTEREST

Interest is another Latin verb hiding in plain sight. In Latin, it means "it is important," literally "to be between," which might help explain its early application in English for legal and business transactions. Its general association of attention and curiosity doesn't emerge until the 1770s.

3. PLUS

With its conjugations and declensions, Latin can seem intimidating to learn. But it's as simple as two plus two equals four. No, really: *Plus* is a Latin preposition. It means "more." The convention of using it for addition, though, comes about in medieval commerce.

4. MINUS

Like *plus*, *minus* was used for subtraction starting in the Middle Ages. It means "less" in Latin and is formed on the comparative adjective, *minor*; another Latin word easy to overlook in everyday English.



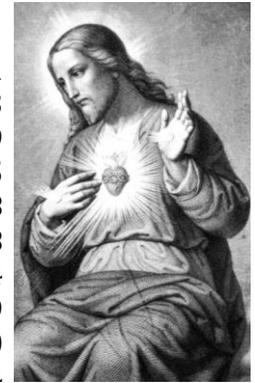
✠ CALENDAR

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

Our Beloved Dead - June

MON	6/6/16	ST. NORBERT, BPC WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass James Schroepfer (<i>The Ken Schroepfer Family</i>)
TUE	6/7/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass Jesse Croil Family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 8:35 AM Opening of the Summer Novenas 5:00 PM Low Mass Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>JCS</i>) 5:35 PM Opening of the Summer Novenas
WED	6/8/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:00 AM Low Mass For all faithful departed (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Debbie Wilker – Happy Birthday (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Brad Loschiavo (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
THU	6/9/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE STS. PRIMUS & FELICIAN, MM OUR LADY MOTHER OF GRACE EUCCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS 7:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in thanks & for Fr. Cekada (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bellavia</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>Puglielli Family</i>) 5:00 PM Holy Hour of Reparation Low Mass Happy Birthday Bishop Dolan (<i>Sharon</i>) Exposition 5:55 PM Vespers & Benediction
FRI	6/10/16	OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART ST. MARGARET, W 8:00 AM Low Mass Christopher Ritze (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simpson Family (<i>Ken & Colleen Schroepfer</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	6/11/16	ST. BARNABAS, AP 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Mrs. Audrey O'Connor (<i>Ken & Colleen Schroepfer</i>) 8:05 AM Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Sts. Thomas Aquinas, Christopher, Francis de Sales: prayers answered (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
SUN	6/12/16	PENTECOST IV ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C ST. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM 7:30 AM Low Mass Ken & Regina Gilliam – Happy Anniversary (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:30 AM Low Mass Marianne Youngworth (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass Cure of illness (<i>Sue Kurtz</i>)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Rose Gough	6-03-2001
Dr. Philip Binzel	6-06-2003
Joyce Rentschler	6-06-2009
Alexander Fulton	6-06-2015
Betty C. Wilson	6-10-1998
Filomena Murawski	6-13-1998
Huland "H.O." Hinton	6-13-2014
Peter Francis Butler	6-14-1989
Fairbanks Blanton,	6-19-1990
Tom Payne	6-20-2014
Gwyn Ritze	6-22-1998
Jacob A. Nies	6-23-1991



The adorable Heart of Jesus Christ began to beat with a love at once human and divine after the Virgin Mary generously pronounced her Fiat.

¶ BLESSING OF ANIMALS?

Do we have any four-legged parishioners interested in receiving St. Anthony's animal blessing this year? If so, please give us a call at the office: (513) 645-4212 or send an email (parishoffice@sgg.org) before next week.

From our visitors of St. Joseph's Sunday:

Dear Bishop Dolan,

Thank you very much for the warm welcome my religion class received from your Excellency and from Reverend Cekada. Every one of my students was struck by the power and beauty of an authentic Latin Mass. We also appreciate the willingness of some of your congregants to share their beliefs with my students. Our visit greatly enhanced our study of post Tridentine Catholicism and I can honestly say that this field trip received the most enthusiastic student response of any of my class trips to date. Thank you again for welcoming us into your congregation.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Johanna Moyer, Ph.D.



Servers

SUN 6/12	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson TH: L. Arlinghaus ACS: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence TORCH: C. Richesson, S. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor 11:30 AM LOW: Nathan McClorey, A.D. Kinnett 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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