

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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

July 10, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

PENTECOST VIII

SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM, WITH STS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM



¶ PENTECOST VIII

Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction & Precious Blood Devotions.



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$177.00 was received this month for Masses for the support and sanctification of priests. God reward your generosity!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IX

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail. There will be no Vespers.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost IX, with collects of St. Alexius, and Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada; James Cooley; Jane Brockman; Irene Pachelhofer, a friend of the Arlinghouses who is recovering from heart surgery; David Pachelhofer, the son of Irene, who is dying; Bernard Landry, who has cancer; and the grace of a good death for William Landry, who is dying of cancer.

Please pray as well for the repose of the soul of a former parishioner, †Robert E. Kuebler, who died suddenly last week, and for his family.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 26th.....\$3,488.00
Sunday, July 3rd.....\$3,881.00
Second Collection 7/3.....\$1,003.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

Lumen Christi

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

Faith, hope, charity & courage in all circumstances & acceptance of God's will
(L.J. Kavanagh)



GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP

¶ THE THREE PRINCIPAL PARTS OF THE MASS

If you're attending Sunday Mass, you are obliged to assist at the three principal parts of the Mass, or else you have not really heard Mass. The three principal parts of the Mass are the Offertory, the Canon, and the Communion. Those who wander in and out, go for a bathroom break or a drink of water do *not* fulfill their obligation. The sick, and parents caring for little children in the vestibule are excused. Go to the facilities before Mass, and tough it out. Don't let your children get into the habit of wandering in and out of Mass. They will end up as adults who think they have heard Mass, but have not.

¶ THIS WEEK

Join us Wednesday, July 13, for Holy Mass at 5:45 PM, followed by the Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace at 7:15 PM.

Saturday, July 16, is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Masses are at 7:30 and 8:15 AM. Please be with us!

¶ SUMMER NOVENA



We continue our traditional summer devotion of the 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony with the devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help this week at 8 AM and 5 PM. This year we are offering this devotion especially for Fr. Cekada. Come to participate in this powerful devotion!

¶ Congratulations to Our Organist!

We're pleased to announce that our young organist, Andrew Richesson, has been selected to participate in a six-day seminar for pipe organ study next week, conducted at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. It is an advanced course for students who have achieved a high level of success in organ study, and is sponsored by the American Guild of Organists.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ANY DANGER

O almighty God, despise not Thy people who cry out in their affliction: but for the glory of Thy Name be appeased and help those in trouble. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS
OR THE WAY OF THE CULT



Hardly any person, however proudly carnal he may be, wishes to believe of himself that he has no religion at all. The man who does come near to that asserts and reasserts, with the overemphasis of the unconvinced, that he has "his own religion."

Humiliated by their own not understood, but deeply felt, spiritual impotency, people try to compensate by material success. They attempt to fill the emptiness within themselves by money, position, flattery. They try to answer and quiet the unappeasable longing to achieve the glory of complete humanity by the achievement of human power; and a humiliated man who does manage to grasp power over other human beings is a potential danger to the world, far more terrible than an atom bomb or bacteriological warfare. For no man who does not nail his hands with the nails that nailed Christ to the cross, and does not plunge himself into the magnitude of the littleness of the infant Christ, is safe to exercise power.

Ideologies could not come into being without this epidemic humiliation, for they depend on a multitude of young men and young women identifying themselves with a human leader. Every member of the group accepts the ideas of the leader. He accepts the leader's mind and his conscience. He lives, not by his

own conscience, his own will, but by the conscience and will of the leader, until the time comes when he *has* no will but the leader's. He loses sight of his own lack of mind and of purpose, and of his own limitations and littleness, and he abandons all personal responsibility for his own thoughts and actions. He is always in costume. He is always acting a part, and in time he really believes that he shares the force and genius of the leader. Thus, for a little while, he has a drug to anesthetize the ache of his own humiliation.

Even when a group is passive, group mentality fosters delusion and pride. But when the group is driven, or "led," into action, it simply becomes the most dangerous and most horrible of all things: crowd mentality. Identified with a crowd, possessed by it, a man who is really just and temperate behaves like an irrational creature. He will blaspheme, lynch, murder, all without any sense of his personal responsibility. He is in worse shape than a man who is drunk, for he is not only himself out of control, but has in him the uncontrolled evil in several hundreds or thousands of other men, too.

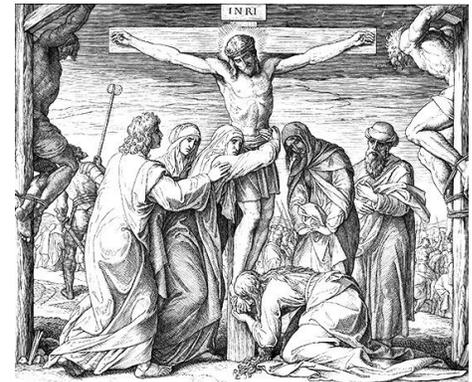
Undoubtedly many who thronged the Way of the Cross hurled curses and insults at Christ only because they were possessed by a crowd. Had they had the strength to be alone, perhaps, like Saint Veronica, they would have wiped the spitting of that crowd from the suffering face of Innocence.



The only identification which deepens a man's awareness of his personal responsibility as a human being is identification with Christ. The only solidarity with others which enables an individual to be wholly himself, and yet really one with other men, is the Mystical Body of Christ.

-Caryll Houselander

Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British mystic, poet, and spiritual writer.



THE GLORY OF THE PASSION OF JESUS

It seems strange to speak of glory in suffering, glory in shame and in ignominy, yet all these are present in an infinite degree in the Passion of Jesus. He suffered as no person ever before or since has suffered. Sufferings were His environment, His food and His drink. He suffered from all sorts of people and from various causes. His sufferings were prolonged and were exquisitely painful, yet there is glory in every detail. There is joy and consolation in every second of the Passion.

"God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in purgatory and for the needs of holy Church.

Indulgence of 500 days. Indulgence of 3 years, if this prayer is recited during the month of July.

Our nation, its hands drenched in blood, selectively mourns some bloodshed, other kinds being passed over in silence. If only America knew “the things that are to its peace,” that Precious Blood shed to restore peace between Heaven and Earth. This Precious Blood is the devout object of today’s Sunday Solemnity, of our July indulgenced devotions, and indeed is at the heart of our Holy Mass. Offer it, honor it, wash in it, receive it, with all possible devotion, and you will be a peacemaker for time and eternity, a true patriot and pious in the full meaning of this virtue. “Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!”

Last week began really with a wonderful weekend: First Friday and its All Night Adoration ushering us into the great Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and concluding with Independence Day. The weather was nasty, and it was a Monday morning, so Mass attendance was sparse, but fervent. The 9 AM Low Mass was accompanied by beautifully sung music. We were honored with a visit from **Fr. Saavedra**, and later in the day **Fr. Thielen** joined us for a special meal, meant to celebrate his 25th anniversary. Fr. Saavedra brought and prepared savory Mexican dishes, whose preparation **Fr. Cekada** (feeling pretty recovered from his last treatment) followed with keen interest. **Fr. McKenna** manned the fine new outdoor grill, a Fathers’ Day gift from one of the faithful. **Fr. McGuire** assisted. The Sisters sent over some delicious brownies, a favorite of Fr. Thielen. We also had two really good pies from one of our top drawer dessert makers. It was a memorable meal, and a very happy occasion. Six priests together at the table. We also celebrated Fr. Saavedra’s new American citizenship, which makes his priestly travels in particular so much easier.

Within a week we had the news of two men who died suddenly, found dead in their beds. We offer our sympathy and prayers to family and friends. **Fr. McMahan** celebrated the Requiem High Mass for his brother Brian this past Tuesday. A full church heard his inspiring sermon on the importance of prayer, particularly the Morning Offering. Thanks to all who helped with this charitable funeral, a true work of mercy. Another funeral Mass was offered yesterday for William Tilford, whom our priests had been faithfully visiting each month, but was sent into eternity by his family with the cold comfort of the Novus Ordo. Rob Kuebler’s death marks the third we observed this fortnight. We offer our sympathy as well to his family. The very sad circumstances of Rob’s death do not make us forget a man who was once a fine Catholic father, and an active member of our church; but rather inspire us to redouble our charitable prayers.

St. Benedict’s feast day fell in Holy Week this year,

and thus was only commemorated. Since Lenten feast days aren’t much, the Benedictines keep a Summer Solemnity of their holy Patriarch, with octave, on July 11. We wish the **Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation** a blessed feast day. **Sr. Jeanne Marie**, meanwhile, has had her first hydrotherapy for her legs, an important step in regaining her health. We promise our continued prayers. She’ll be stepping out in no time!



Joan Landry is home from the rehabilitation center, but is still wearing her boot. We hope to see her soon at church, and were happy to see Ina Harpen back at Mass after a long illness. No one can replace Ina for fidelity with the church sewing, but we *would be* so grateful for even a little help. Katie’s piles are piling up. It *is* directly for God, after all!

This week’s highlight is doubtless the Wednesday evening Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace. Don’t you think we could use a little? Peace, I mean. I head off to Mexico for the weekend on Thursday, and **Fr. Lehtoranta** returns that night, I think, from Finland. Fr. McKenna is “up north” again. It will soon be time for Boys’ Camp, July 26-28. Remember your travelling clergy.

The Pius X Society is being slowly rehabilitated and quietly recognized now by the godless religion of Bergoglio and his Novus Ordo, part of the One World Church. They say that frogs, slowly boiled, never recognize their demise. Jump out of the pot before it’s too late.

With a blessing for you and your home in the Most Precious Blood,

Bishop Dolan

“It is essential to explain the teaching and interpretation of the Faith to the people in the most irreproachable way, and to remember that those who cause scandal even to only one of the little ones who believe in Christ will be subjected to an unbearable punishment.” *Words of St. Cyril to the heretical Bishop Nestorius*

MOST BLESSED VINE

Most blessed Vine!
 Whose juice so good, I feel as wine,
 But thy fair branches felt as blood;
 How wert thou pressed, To be my feast!
 In what deep anguish
 Didst thou languish,
 What springs of sweat and blood did drown thee!
 How in one path
 Did the full wrath
 Of thy great Father
 Crowd and gather,
 Doubling thy griefs, when none would own thee!

-Henry Vaughan (1622-95)

AN ANCIENT ABBOT
SPEAKS TO US:

*St. Benedict's advice still resounds
today.*

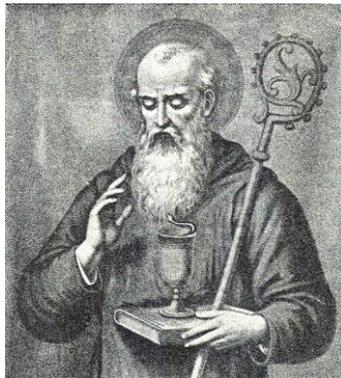
Around the middle of the sixth century, an Italian monk wrote some guidelines for men interested in the monastic life. The result was a small book that he described as "advice from a father who loves you."

The monk's name was Benedict, and his modest little book came to have an impact out of all proportion to its size. Known as the "Rule of St. Benedict," it sparked a revolution in the church that is still going on today. That's because it became the foundation for the whole of Western monasticism, as well as a source of guidance for countless lay people seeking a closer relationship with the Lord.

There is so much in Benedict's Rule that can help us to know this joy, "the joy of the Holy Spirit" (*Rule*, Chapter 49). But before exploring some of these elements, let's take a look at the man whose wisdom has nourished and sustained tens of thousands of believers for centuries.



The Life of Benedict. Most of what we know about Benedict comes from the second of four books called the *Dialogues*, written about fifty years after Benedict died. Its author is traditionally held to be Pope Gregory the Great. Benedict was born around the year 480 in the town of Nursia, seventy miles northeast of Rome. When he was a young man, his parents sent him to Rome for his education, but he didn't stay there long. He found the city to be so full of decadence that he decided to abandon his studies and devote himself to prayer.



For several years, Benedict lived as a hermit in a cave at Subiaco, where the Roman Emperor Nero had had a villa centuries earlier. A monk from a nearby monastery would quietly bring him food. Eventually, though, Benedict was discovered by others living in the area. His reputation for holiness and wisdom led many to gather around him as their teacher, and before long he had founded a dozen small monasteries.

As often happens in the lives of those who dedicate themselves to holiness, Benedict attracted enemies as well as admirers. One nearby priest caused so much trouble that Benedict decided it would be best for everyone if he left Subiaco. He moved to a site on top of Monte Casino, a mountain halfway between Rome and Naples. In that more peaceful setting, he had the opportunity to distill his years of prayer and experience as a monk into the simple little Rule that has guided so many closer to Christ.

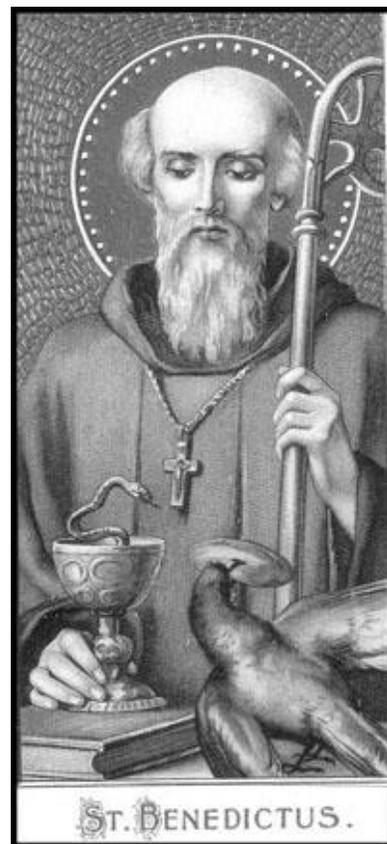
Not much more is known about Benedict's life, apart from the many miracles that have been attributed to him. But according to Gregory the Great, the most important source of information comes from Benedict himself. "Anyone who wants to know more about Benedict's life and character," Gregory wrote, "can discover in his Rule exactly what he was like as an abbot, for his life could not have differed from his teaching."

(To be continued)

TO ST. BENEDICT

(St. Benedict said to St. Gertrude: "Whoever shall delight in recalling to my mind the grace which was vouchsafed to me, of dying while I was standing and praying, I will assuredly be with him in the hour of his death, and will stand between him and his enemies, wherever their assault is most deadly and furious.")

O most glorious patriarch, holy father, Benedict, I recall to thy mind now, that great and glorious grace bestowed on thee, by our Lord, of breathing out thy last sigh as thou didst stand praying, on which account thy lips now exhale a fragrance which ravishes all the saints with delight; beseeching thee to be with me in the hour of my death, with loving fidelity, and to place thyself between me and the enemies, round about me, wheresoever thou seest them rage most furiously against me, so that, protected by thy presence, I may escape all their snares and reach the joys of heaven safe and blessed forever. Amen.



INSTRUCTIONS ON GOOD WORKS

What are good works?

All the actions of man which are performed according to the will of God, while in the state of grace, for the love of God.

Which are the principal good works?

Prayer, fasting, and alms-deeds. These are especially inculcated in holy Scripture. (*Tob. xiii. 8.*) By prayer is here understood all religious services; by fasting all mortification of soul and body; by alms-deeds all works of charity.

How many kinds of charitable works are there?

Two kinds: spiritual and corporal.

Which are the spiritual works of mercy?

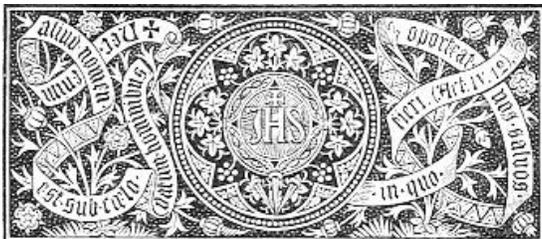
Those that are performed for the good of the soul: to admonish sinners; to teach the ignorant; to counsel the doubtful; to console the afflicted; to suffer injustice patiently; to forgive all injuries, and to pray for the living and the dead.

Which are the corporal works?

Those which are performed for the good of the body: to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to visit and ransom the captives; to harbor the harborless; to visit the sick; and to bury the dead.

Can we be saved without good works?

No, for Christ expressly says: Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire. The servant in the gospel who did not even waste the talent received, but only hid it in the ground, was therefore cast into outer darkness. How greatly do those err who hope to reach heaven, simply because they do no evil! Of this great mistake St. Chrysostom plainly says: "If you have a servant who was in truth no robber, no glutton or drunkard, but who sat at home idle, neglecting every thing for which you had employed him, would you not pay him with the whip and send him off? Is it not bad enough to neglect that which duty demands?" Such a servant is the Christian who, doing neither good nor evil, makes himself thereby unfit for heaven which is the reward of work performed, and if no work has been done, no reward is to be expected.



SUNDAY MORNING

I'm boastful and proud of the fine looking crowd
That motors to Mass at Eleven,
If elegance counts, and fashion and bounce,
Triumphant they'll march into heaven.
Sure meekly they kneel and glances they steal
To see what their neighbors are wearing,
Again and again they do it, but then
For worship the Lord isn't caring.

The Ten O'clock crowd isn't burdened and bowed
With faith that would move any mountain;
It isn't they're rough, but a sip is enough
And plenty from piety's fountain.
For Saturday night is store of delight
That gladdens and comforts and mellows:
They should go to bed, but they stay up instead,—
I'm one of the Ten O'clock fellows.

Though Nine as a rule is for children-at-school,
Their elders have representation;
While not the Elect, they command the respect
And regard of the whole congregation.
A grace or a gift or it may be a lift?
They'll get it they know if they ask it;
Attentive are they and most earnestly pray,
And kindly disposed toward the basket.

At Eight they're devout, there isn't a doubt
They're loaded with spiritual beauty;
They don't need a stick to hustle them quick
To tend to their Easter Duty.
The pride of the flock, faith built on a rock,
'Twixt heaven and them there's a union,
The sermon is brief (which never gives grief)
For all of them go to Communion.

And yet far the best, the chosen and blest,
Though humble and small is their number—
The cream and the class is at Six O'clock Mass
While others are cozy in slumber.
It's then that the Lord is served and adored
By hearts that are loyal and tender:
When Judgment Day comes they'll gather the plums
Adorned in their raiment of splendor.

—Frank A. Dunn

This curious poem was written a century ago, exploring the characteristics of the different Mass groups. It would be different today, of course, but each time draws its own crowd. The main thing is to come!

—Bishop Dolan

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

- MON 7/11/16 ST. PIUS I, PM**
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
- TUE 7/12/16 ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB**
 STS. NABOR & FELIX, MM • ST. VERONICA, W
8:00 AM Low Mass Patricia Schroepfer (*Michael Schroepfer*)
8:35 AM Summer Novena V
5:00 PM Low Mass †Sal Zuccaro (*Mr. & Mrs. David Marko*)
5:35 PM Summer Novena V
- WED 7/13/16 ST. ANACLETUS, PM**
8:00 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:45 PM Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Special Intention – family (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
- THU 7/14/16 ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass †John J. Bischak, Jr. (*Katie Bischak*)
- FRI 7/15/16 ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C**
 DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
8:00 AM Low Mass Lee Daulton (*Paul Puglielli*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass For the health of Fr. Cekada (*Alex McConnell*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Triduum to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, & Benediction
- SAT 7/16/16 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Elizabeth Smith (*Gerry Keaveney*)
8:05 AM Sermon & Triduum
8:15 AM High Mass Sr. Jeanne Marie (*Cora Arlinghaus*)
- SUN 7/17/16 PENTECOST IX**
 ST. ALEXIUS, C
 HUMILITY OF MARY
 CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass James Cooley (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
9:00 AM High Mass Our new Sisters (*C. Simpson family*)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Jeanne Hille! (*Aubrey Uhlenbrock*)
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

IT IS OURS

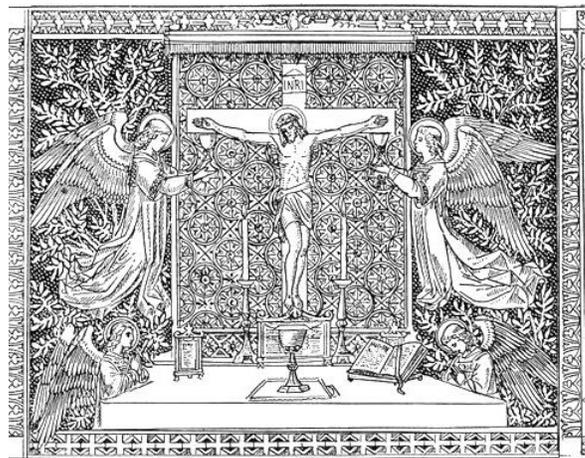
The Passion of Jesus is likewise our passion. When anyone writes a drama and dedicates it to a friend, that drama belongs to that friend. Jesus dedicated His Passion to me. "He loved me and He delivered Himself up for me."

What would you think of a person who showed no interest in a drama dedicated to him? Gross indeed, therefore, is the conduct of those who are not interested in meditating upon the Passion of Jesus. ☩

OFFERING OF THE BLOOD AND WATER THAT FLOWED FROM THE SACRED SIDE

O Jesus, my dearest Saviour, through Thee I offer to Thy Eternal Father, the Precious Blood and water which flowed from Thy wounded Heart on the tree of the Cross. Grant that this Blood and water may be efficaciously applied to us, and to all poor sinners. Cleanse, purify, and sanctify all men in virtue of Thy merits. Grant, O Jesus, that we may enter into Thy most loving Heart and remain there forever. Amen.

Eternal Father, accept the Precious Blood and water that flowed from the Wound of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a sacrifice of reparation for the necessities of Holy Church and in atonement for the sins of men. Have mercy on us. Amen.



Sister Emmerich herself speaks as follows: "I very often saw blood flowing from the cross on the Sacred Host; I saw it distinctly. Sometimes Our Lord, in the form of an Infant, appeared like a lighting-flash in the Sacred Host. At the moment of communicating, I used to see my Saviour like a bridegroom standing by me and, when I had received He disappeared, leaving me filled with the sweet sense of His presence. He pervades the whole soul of the communicant just as sugar is dissolved in water, and the union between the soul and Jesus is always in proportion to the soul's desire to receive Him."

*Very Rev. K.E. Schmonger, CSSR
 "Life of Anne Catherine Emmerich"*

Servers

- SUN 7/17 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM High: MC: B. Lotarski TH: P. Omlor ACs: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence TORCH: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, L. Arlinghaus, D. Holbrook
 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, Nathan McClorey
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller