

# 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 17, 2016

PENTECOST IX

ST. ALEXIUS, C

*HUMILITY OF MARY • CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE*



## ¶ PENTECOST IX

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

## ¶ THIS WEEK...

...is a quiet one at church, as we observe "Charity Row" on the calendar, Monday through Thursday. Look up a saint or two, why don't you, or come to a summer daily Mass again? We're still getting worshippers for Friday night's Mass and Benediction. Great Mary Magdalen, Apostle to the Apostles, comes this week. On Saturday we have a saint of humility, and the Mother of Mercy. Next Sunday every car in the lot will be blessed, or blessed again, by the good Fathers.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Cars will take place during all Masses in honor the feast of St. Christopher. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  
  
Set Your Missal: Pentecost X, with collects of St. Christina, and Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is almost here!



This year our camp begins on the Feast of St. Anne, Tuesday, July 26, and concludes on July 28.



THOU HAST NOT KNOWN THE TIME OF THY VISITATION

## ¶ MASS STIPEND INCREASE

The debasing of our currency proceeds apace. Bishop Sanborn recently noted that the standard stipend of \$1.00 through the 1890's would be \$29.07 today. I remember the standard stipend for the daily High Mass was \$5.00 in the early '60's, which would be \$40.88 today! Perhaps it is time to increase the stipend to \$25.00. Remember the stipend is meant to enable the priest to live for the day. Thank you for your understanding.

## PRAY FOR A POPE

Here is a website for those who would like to pray, in an organized way, for the election of a true pope; a very laudable intention: [www.prayforapope.com](http://www.prayforapope.com)



## ¶ 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!

## PRAYER FOR THE POOR AND THOSE OUT OF WORK

Father of bounty, Who art in heaven, full of hope we come to Thee, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin our good mother.

So many fathers can no longer find work, so many mothers no longer have anything with which to feed or clothe their children. We pray Thee, Lord, have pity on them and on all those who are in want.

Forgive them their sins, deliver them from sickness or sorrows, and give them what Thou knowest they need for soul and body. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## ¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Les Pomerville, and Janet Clementi, as well as for all of our sick and shut-in.

## Collection Report

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.....\$4,309.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

## ST. BENEDICT

*(Continued from last week)*

This is good news for us. Though we don't know many details about St. Benedict's life, and though we did not have the opportunity to know him personally, we can still experience his wise direction for ourselves. By reading St. Benedict's Rule, along with St. Gregory's *Dialogues*, we can gain precious insights into the character of this great saint. We can also discover for ourselves the keys to the joy that permeated his life—a joy that each of us can experience.

Awareness of God's Presence. St. Gregory writes that unlike the prodigal son, who comes to his senses—"to himself"—while tending the swine (Luke 15:17), Benedict was always "with himself." In other words, he kept a close watch over his life so that by "searching continually into his own soul he always beheld himself in the presence of his Creator."

Earlier monks like St. Basil and St. Anthony had also made awareness of God a constant theme of their teaching. In one homily, for instance, St. Basil quoted St. Paul's words: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). St. Basil went on to say that this means consciously turning to God in prayer throughout the day and in the midst of all our activities: when we wake up, as we are getting dressed, when we are eating or going to work, and at the end of the day as we look up at the beauty of the night sky.

*(To be continued)*

## "PEACE IN ME"

Christian soul, perhaps you lack peace? Maybe you are suffering?

You strongly desire peace and you sigh after it?

Listen!

The angels have already taught you. Keep the good will! *Good*, that is to say, according to God, but also the *will!* You have to want with determination. It's not enough not to oppose God, to have no ill will—this is not yet the good will; you have to have the determination. Oh, how many people do not have the will! And this is the principal, the main source of trouble, sorrows, and regrets.

Learn, first of all, that the primary foundation of peace is the sincere and strong desire to want what God wants....

Good will shall meet the cross, and it may lose peace; this precisely is why Christ teaches us yet another mystery. This teaching is at the beginning and then all along the road. *Take up the cross, take the yoke, willingly and with joy*—otherwise you will not have peace. This is the second source of anxiety, sadness, and of collapse along the road.

Learn that, just as the primary foundation is the willingness to accept what God wants, the second is to take up willingly the cross of Christ.

And when you reach the complete submission of yourself through penance, then at the spiritual resurrection, Christ will say to you as He did to the Apostles: *Peace to you! Complete, constant, abundant peace, overflowing on other people. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.* Then you shall bear the vast peace of Christ in the world; being happy yourself, you will sow happiness around you, and Christ's blessing will follow you. -Fr. Peter Semenenko, C.R.  
Fr. Semenenko († 1886) was a Polish theologian and cofounder of the Resurrectionists.

## NEAR TAOS

The Santuario de Chimayo  
Houses a small, and special, sacred place,  
The Holy Dirt Room, beside the altar.  
An alcove is lined with abandoned crutches  
And prayers of thanks. Beyond it is the Room,  
Where you will see a small hole in the floor,  
Filled with ordinary sand. But only  
To the eye. To the heart of faith, it is  
A healing balm, drawing the troubled and  
Hurt to its grace. I was there, and this is  
What I saw.

Amid the crowds of curious  
Tourists were two men in worn but clean clothes.  
One of them spoke English, the other not.  
"We are haulers of heavy loads," he said,  
"Truck drivers, and jobs are scarce in these days.  
We came to Chimayo to pray for work."

These men kneeled, and with their hands gave sand  
In scoops to the faithful who came after  
Mass with their emptied plastic bags. "See,"  
He said, smiling at them, "Here we have work  
Already, hauling holy dirt for you"

- Randel McCraw Helms  
Fountain Hills, Arizona, USA  
15 May 2016



Today we conclude our Triduum to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and remember the importance of wearing "The Scapular," regardless of our order or state of life. It is, as Pope Pius XII notes, the sign of our consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

A young lady from a very Catholic family, to whom I had administered the Sacraments over the years, died recently in a very tragic accident. Afterwards her mother found her scapular folded up, in one of her purses. She did not wear it because of the way she dressed, I was told. Exactly. This is the first, bottom line protection Our Lady's livery affords us. So many graces, the Scapular Promise, the Sabbatine Privilege; these all follow later. They follow up and build upon the Scapular's basic premise and protection. The Scapular. Don't leave home without it. And if you "can't wear it" because of the way you're dressed, maybe you should wear more. It's a wedding garment which gets us into the feast.

Our welcome clerical visitors continued last week with **Bishop Sanborn**, who stopped by especially to see **Fr. Cekada**. Father was still weak from the chemo but getting stronger each day. Fr. Cekada and Bishop Sanborn were able to consult together on the latest educational video Fr. Cekada has started writing, even while still recovering in his chair. His sede is not vacante in any sense of the term!

I left for Mexico on Thursday morning, hoping to make a quick visit on Friday both to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico City) and El Niño Doctor, the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick in Puebla State. Yesterday I was scheduled to offer Mass and confirm at the church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Dos Rios, Vera Cruz State, for their patronal feast. I should be returning very late Monday night. **Fr. Romero**, **Fr. Mardones**, and **Fr. Martin Gomez**, pastor of the church, were due to meet me in Mexico City. This is my first visit to the south of Mexico in several years. As usual, I am very grateful for your prayers.

Thank you for your prayers for Fr. Cekada. The golden chest at the feet of St. Anthony is full of petitions. I know of two thanksgivings already, given to Our Lady and St. Anthony. Let us know when your prayers are heard, so we can publish your thanks. Tomorrow is Fr. Cekada's birthday, but his celebration will be a modest one, as he is scheduled to start his final treatment of chemotherapy.

We were happy to hear of the safe delivery of Lisa McConnell's twins. **Fr. Lehtoranta** was scheduled to perform the Baptism this morning. **Fr. McGuire** is

going to St. Clare this afternoon, where he will be baptizing his nephew. Baptisms are a great way to grow, but entire families are welcome, too. Recently a family from Columbus joined our church, after much study and prayer. Another family from Indiana is due to meet with me next week. And of course, there is our internet family, always growing and most appreciative. Jesus, Mary and Joseph protect our families!



Thank you for your participation in a real "peace march" last Wednesday, our Rosary Procession. We had a total of forty-two. Imagine how different the world would be if both police and motorists said even one Hail Mary, if protestors filled the streets with the prayer of the Rosary. It's a comfort when we hear all of the lies, propaganda and confusion of the media to know we have the solution, the analysis, the answer, *not* the world or its Prince. But do we use this knowledge, or leave it at best till late at night, or wrapped up in a purse, on a shelf? What peace could be theirs, could be ours!

May the Scapular worn and the Rosary prayed each day be your peace and protection.

Bishop Dolan

FOR THOSE ABSENT  
FROM MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

O eternal Father, by the Heart of my Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, I dare approach thee. By this Divine Heart I give Thee adoration for all who do not adore Thee; I love Thee for all who cherish Thee not. I acknowledge Thee to be my God, for all who, blind and deaf, out of contempt, refuse to acknowledge Thee. By this Divine Heart, I would give Thee homage which all thy creatures owe Thee. In spirit I go round in the world searching all the souls redeemed by Thy precious Blood. I embrace them all to present them to Thee by Him, and through Him I beseech Thee to fulfill their conversion. Can it be, Eternal Father, that Thou wilt allow them to remain ignorant of my Jesus? Wilt Thou suffer that they should not live for Him Who died for us all? Heavenly Father, Thou seest them lying all in death; give them life, by this Divine Heart. Amen.



*After Our Lord had ascended into heaven He did not cease to remain with the Church by means of the burning love with which His Heart beats.*

Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org).

- MON 7/18/16 ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C**  
ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Fr. Cekada – Happy Birthday
- TUE 7/19/16 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (Samantha) (from 7/18)  
**8:35 AM Summer Novena VI**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** SGG Clergy (S.P.M.)  
**5:35 PM Summer Novena VI**
- WED 7/20/16 ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C**  
ST. MARGARET, VM  
ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Thank you Mrs. Richesson (Cecilia & Regina Simpson)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Katie, Happy Birthday (The Fathers)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †John George Bouril (Ken & Colleen Schroepfer)
- THU 7/21/16 ST. PRAXEDES, V**  
ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Holy Souls in Purgatory (William & Cynthia)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** For the health of Fr. Cekada (Paul McConnell Family)
- FRI 7/22/16 ST. MARY MAGDALEN, PENITENT**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Fr. Cekada (Mary Beth)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the Poor Souls in Purgatory in thanksgiving for favors received (A.M. Omlor)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**
- SAT 7/23/16 ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM**  
ST. LIBORIUS, BPC  
VIGIL OF ST. JAMES  
OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Fr. Anthony Cekada – complete remission & recovery from cancer (Ryan Timura)  
**8:05 AM Sermon**  
**8:15 AM High Mass** Fr. Cekada (Rebecca Hinton)
- SUN 7/24/16 PENTECOST X**  
ST. CHRISTINA, VM  
ST. FRANCIS OF SOLANO, C  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Intentions of my family & friends (Chris Brueggemann)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** Special Intention (Mr. & Mrs. David Marko)  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Nancy Margarite-Mary Theresa Seyfried (JCS)  
**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Most Catholics are familiar with St. Paul's conversion story. While on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians, Saul, as he was then known, was knocked to the ground, blinded, and called by Jesus to proclaim the gospel.

A thousand years later, another man had a similar experience. Born into a royal family, St. Norbert enjoyed an easy life, wearing the finest clothes, eating the best foods and caring only about himself.

However, one stormy night, he was knocked from his horse. Like St. Paul, St. Norbert asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" The voice he heard told him to turn away from evil and do good.



St. Norbert gave his possessions to the poor and set about preaching repentance. When he became a bishop, there were people who didn't like

what they heard from St. Norbert.

He preached what he had learned: turn away from evil and do good. Some people were so angry about what he taught that they tried to assassinate him. They failed, and he continued to teach them their Catholic Faith.

St. Norbert went on to become a good friend of St. Bernard. Together they drove out a false pope from Rome. St. Norbert founded the Norbertines, canons who say the Divine Office together and do parish work. He is known for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The monstrance is his symbol. His relics are in Prague, and his feast is June 6.

TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL &  
OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

My dearest Mother Mary, I beseech thee with confidence, obtain for me, although thy unworthy child, the blessing of God the Father, by covering me with the merits of thy Son Jesus, that I may regain my eternal birthright in Heaven. Clothe me every evening, Sweet Lady of Mt. Carmel, but especially on the eve of my life, with the "Dyed Garments" of the Precious Blood. Amen.

Servers

- SUN 7/24 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson TH: L. Arlinghaus ACs: C. Richesson, P. Omlor TORCH: Jessy Stewart, M. & D. Simpson, T. Lawrence  
11:30 AM Low: Nicholas & Peter McClorey  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

*The Redeemer pours forth grace from His pierced Heart.*