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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 14, 2016

PENTECOST XIII

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¶ PENTECOST XIII

The great first Vespers of the Assumption with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$134.00 was received this month for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XIV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XIV, with commemorations of St. Jane Frances de Chantal and the Assumption. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

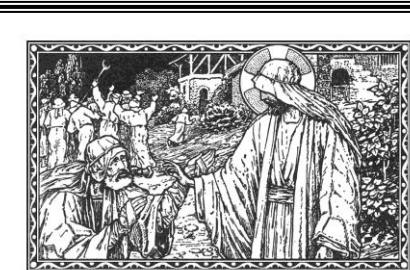
Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Vic Ritze, Beckie Mattingly, Richard Zbilicki, and Natalie Kunkel, as well as for all of our sick and shut-in.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †John Wiesman, a long-time parishioner of St. Gertrude the Great, who passed away suddenly Sunday, August 7. His requiem Mass was this past Thursday, August 11.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 7th.....\$4,233.00
Second Collection.....\$1,149.00



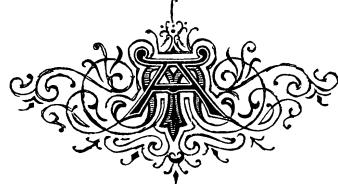
WERE NOT TEN MADE CLEAN?
AND WHERE ARE THE NINE?

¶ FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



Tomorrow is the beautiful summer feast of Our Blessed Mother, the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is traditional to bless first fruits (herbs and produce) and flowers for this lovely feast, as she is the First Fruit of God's harvest of souls. Masses are at 7:00 AM (special worker's Mass—no sermon!), 9:00 AM, and 5:45 PM. Please plan to bring a basket to be blessed at the 9:00 AM High Mass.

Bring your children, too, for the privilege of representing the angels in our little procession before the 9:00 AM Mass.



The early morning Mass this week is again on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 AM.

¶ SUMMER NOVENA

Tuesday's Summer Novena, coming after a Holy Day, will demand *some* sacrifice. Come if you can! The Novena follows the 8 AM and 5 PM Masses. The Mass honors Our Lady's father, St. Joachim. Do the prayers at home otherwise. We're praying for our Fr. Cekada.



BACK TO SCHOOL?

Are your children attending the sub-pagan schools? Get them...out of there. What are you waiting for? It's not as if sub-pagan schools actually teach children English grammar and give them facility with numbers and make them familiar with the lands and rivers and seas of our world, let alone introduce them to the great works of western civilization. If your children are in the sub-pagan schools, *it will require almost a miracle of God* to keep them from becoming sub-pagan themselves. They too will learn to worship the three-poisoned god of our times, *self, sex, State*. Take for granted that *everything* in their classes will be sexuality and politics; even in science classes. Shakespeare? Sexuality and politics and *nothing else*. Get them out. Begin, if necessary, with one room and one teacher and ten children. Begin.

(The above was written by Anthony Esolen in Crisis Magazine, but deserved again a place in our bulletin, as your children do at our school. And God bless our persevering home-schoolers!)

If you wish to be borne with, bear also with others.

See how far you are as yet from true charity and humility; for he that has these cannot feel anger or indignation against any one but himself.

It is no great thing to associate with the good and the gentle, for this is naturally pleasing to all men. Every one prefers peace, and loves those best that agree with him.

But to be able to live peacefully with the difficult and the perverse, or with the undisciplined and those that contradict us, this is a great grace, and a thing highly commendable and manly.

Some there are who keep themselves in peace, and have peace also with others. And there are some who neither have peace themselves, nor leave others in peace; they are troublesome to others, and still more troublesome to themselves.

And there are those who keep themselves in peace, and study to bring others to peace.

Nevertheless, all our peace in this wretched life must be placed rather in humble endurance than in the absence of contradiction. He who best knows how to suffer will possess the greater peace.

Such a one is conqueror of himself and lord of the world, the friend of Christ and heir of heaven. *-Bk 2.3.*

Uncommon sense from the Imitation of Christ.

MARY

Mary is everywhere in the Liturgy of the Church. We met Our Blessed Lord with her in Bethlehem. We see Him take His leave of earth, while Mary is present. Mary should be with us also in all our thoughts, prayers, sufferings, offering them to her Son with her own, the offerings of her other sons—to their Elder Brother, blessed and purified by the heart and hands of His Mother.



THE YOUNG MAN

There is a young man
who lives in a world of progress.
He used to worship a God
Who was kind to him.
The God had a long, white beard.
He lived in the clouds.
But, all the same,
He was close to the solemn child
who had secretly shut Him up
in a picture book.

But now the man is enlightened.
Now he has been to school
and has learnt to kick a ball
and to be abject in the face
of public opinion.
He knows, too that men are hardly
removed from monkeys.
You see, he lives in the light of the
twentieth century.

He works twelve hours a day
and is able to rent a room
in a lodging house
that is not a home.

At night he hangs a wretched coat
upon a peg on the door and stares
at the awful jug and basin
and goes to bed.

And the poor coat,
worn to the man's shape—
round-shouldered and abject—
watches him, asleep,
dreaming of all
the essential, holy things
that he cannot hope to obtain
for two pounds ten a week.

Very soon he will put off his body,
like the poor, dejected coat
that he hates. And his body will be
worn to the shape
of twelve hours' work a day
for two pounds ten a week.

If he had only known that the God in
the picture book
is not an old man in the clouds,
but the seed of life in his soul;
the man would have lived,
and his life would have flowered

with the flower of limitless joy.

But he does not know, and in him
the Holy Ghost is a poor little bird
in a cage, who never sings
and never opens his wings, yet never,
never desires to be gone away.

-Caryll Houselander

Caryll Houselander does not call her poetry poems but rather "Rhythms, simply thoughts, falling naturally into the beat of the Rhythm which is all around us." But this is a great poem for all its free rhyme. Its message is so essential I would like to shout it from the housetops, or at least recite it to you. Discuss.

-Bp. Dolan



SEVEN WAYS TO AVOID HARMFUL SPIRITUAL ACCUMULATIONS

1. Examine your conscience daily and fervently repent for faults and sins.
2. Keep conscience clean by frequent acts of contrition.
3. Purify and make orderly your soul by frequent spiritual communions.
4. Confess your sins at least once a week.
5. Oppose a thought which would have detrimental influence, if you welcomed it, you would lay aside one which would have a good influence.
6. Keep your imagination under control for it can easily carry you away by presenting to you harsh and revengeful thoughts.
7. Be very careful never to harbor unforgiveness, and always wish well to others, even to your enemies.

Weeks of heavy heat and humidity were due to be relieved by some rain this weekend. This is a good thing, although yesterday's and tomorrow's processions may be affected. Well, we have both church and cloister for just such eventualities. If we have people, and flowers—including the rose crown of the rosary—we should be all set for August's highlight, Our Lady's Assumption, with all of its joy and glory.

But this earth is a vale of tears, even on a good day. Good thing Our Lady is always turning her eyes of mercy towards us as we necessarily mourn and weep.

Last Sunday we lost one of our stalwart old parishioners, John Wiesman. John was our woodworker, repairman, parish photographer, server and Rosary leader for years. These last years he edified us by just making it to Mass on Sunday, until the very end. When so many of our whole and hearty young people just can't be bothered to come, John would arrive, tottering on his cane, his each faltering step a wonder to behold. How did he do it? He combined devotion with determination, and mixed it all with deep faith. There's a lesson here. May it not be lost on young or old. John has earned his rest. Let us pray that a great reward be his.

Fr. Cekada now must practice yet more patience. His oncologist informed him that two more chemo sessions were required before surgery, after all. He is now again weak and nauseated, but slowly building up his strength. Among other occupations, he's reading a very interesting account of the life and persecutions of the great Catholic educator, St. Joseph Calasancius.

Bishop Sanborn visited England, Belgium and France last month, a whirlwind of Masses and talks. He gave several well-received conferences which inspired the faithful with hope. The work to rebuild the Church in the old country is slow going, but he is laying a good foundation, especially with his training of future priests. Thank you for your seminary support.

Our Benedictine Sisters will be conducting the Sunday Catechism classes this year. We are very grateful to Miss Patton who has worked so long and so hard for the education of our children—six days a week for years! God reward her generosity, and bless the sisters who are continuing this essential apostolate. It will soon be time to register your children.

John Wiesman's funeral was a full and stately affair in which our young people, singing and serving,

figured prominently. I was proud of them, and grateful for their help. The lady from Avance Funeral Home did an exceptionally good job, very respectful of our Catholic traditions. Although the family is not traditional Catholic, I was grateful that they provided John with a proper funeral, a thing rare enough today. Do your best, now in advance, to procure this blessing for yourself and your family.

God bless you for a wonderful Marian weekend of Our Lady's Assumption. St. Peter Damian says Our Lady takes thousands of souls from Purgatory with her to Heaven on the Assumption. Ask her to include your dear ones, and don't forget to pray for our sick, our young families, our vocations, and all the Church on tomorrow's great feast. — Bishop Dolan



ORDINARY THINGS ARE EXTRA-ORDINARILY IMPORTANT

We often miss the most important by looking for the important. The important things are the ordinary things of life and because they are not extraordinary they are most important. We can't do without air, it is ordinary; we can live without perfume, it is extraordinary. Water is most ordinary; so ordinary that there is no extraordinary drink without it. The extraordinary must all look for maintenance and subsistence to the ordinary. The ordinary is basic, fundamental, necessary. Give it the credit it deserves.

Our Beloved Dead ~ August

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Suzanne Nies	8-01-2011
Joanne Fornes	8-01-2011
Edward H. Staarmann	8-03-1981
Rev. Fr. Francis Fenton	8-03-1995
Sr. M. Monica, CMRI	8-05
John Wiesman	8-07-2016
Rev. Denis Philomena, CMRI	8-10
Bill Tamagni	8-10-2009
Thomas Kamphaus	8-10-2010
Helen Mary (Currin) Jackson	8-11-2003
Shirle Ann Downing	8-11-2012
Frank J. Cekada	8-16-2009
Barbara Ann Desborough	8-17-1993
Regina Marie Rose Shawhan	8-18-1989
Susan Marie Menefee	8-19-2015
Earl Joseph Desborough	8-22-1983
Sr. M. Judith	8-28-2002
Dr. Jack Powell	8-28-2014
Andrew Zunzer	8-29-2012

REBEL WITH A CAUSE

In a Libertine age, Aloisius Gonzaga might be dismissed as an insipid and saccharine saint. The usual depictions of him as a pale and fragile figure, eyes cast downward with a crucifix pressed against his breast only add to this misconception. For the young Jesuit



who died at twenty-three had been given every opportunity at an early age to live a lifestyle completely different from the one he chose to live. When he was four, his father, the marquis of Castiglione, dressed him in armor and gave him a set of miniature guns. As the eldest son, it was expected that he would embrace a military career and inherit the family title and fortune. His father's early insistence that the child associate with soldiers did have one startling effect: a vocabulary punctuated with obscenities! Because his mother was a Medici, and a lady-in-waiting to the wife of King Philip II of Spain, Aloisius was sent to Florence to serve as a page, and later visited other royal courts to assume the modes and manners of the ruling class.

But as early as age seven, Aloisius could detect that his inclinations lay elsewhere. By the time he was ten, he was convinced that such a life would be so abhorrent to him that he made a vow to God that he would never sin again. Where he had seen corruption and licentiousness among the nobility, he wanted purity instead. In place of egotism and wealth he sought humility and poverty. He adopted a program of rigorous self-discipline and abnegation. Through fasting, prayer, and

chastity he sought to take heaven by storm, revealing both an earnest quest for higher things and the reckless exuberance of a child trying to obtain it as quickly as possible. An encounter with Saint Charles Borromeo helped mold that enthusiasm, as did the counsel of a Jesuit confessor. By the age of seventeen, Aloisius was able to overcome all family opposition in renouncing his inheritance, and he left for Rome to enter the Jesuit novitiate.



Free of the carnalities that tether the soul to earthly obsessions, the purity that Aloisius embraced enabled him to see more clearly that aspect of the *Spiritual Exercises* in which one is invited to imitate Christ by accepting his humility and poverty, including even the insults and contempt that were showered upon him.

Compared to the discipline he adopted for himself as a young man, the rules of religious life seemed to emphasize moderation, not extremism. Aloisius accepted the wisdom of this and poured his energy into his studies, at which he excelled. But in 1591 a plague broke out in Rome and Aloisius, like the other Jesuit students, was inducted into caring for its victims.

He admitted to his spiritual director, Saint Robert Bellarmine, that the sights and smells of the work repelled him. Nevertheless he willed himself to overcome this, and asked to continue working even when other Jesuits were falling victim to the disease. Despite precautions taken to protect him, Aloisius did himself become infected.

Bedridden and facing death, he intimated that he would die on the feast of Corpus Christi. How appropriate that his prediction came true. For on that very day his health declined so severely that he was barely able to utter the name of Jesus as he gazed upon the crucifix for the last time, becoming one with the immolated Victim whom he had longingly desired.

-Fr. Michael Morris



Oh Holy Mary, my Mistress, into thy blessed trust and special keeping, into the bosom of thy tender mercy, this day, every day of my life and at the hour of my death, I commend my soul and body; to thee I entrust all my hopes and consolations, all my trials and miseries, my life and the end of my life, that through thy most holy intercession and thy merits, all my actions may be ordered and disposed according to thy will and that of thy divine Son. Amen

*Written by St. Aloysius Gonzaga.
Indulgence of 3 years.*

THE TENTH ARTICLE OF THE CREED

1. The tenth article of the creed is: The forgiveness of sins.

2. By whose merits are sins forgiven?

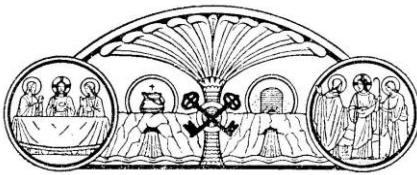
Sins are forgiven through the merits of Jesus Christ.

In the Old Law sin was taken away by *belief in the Redeemer to come*; in the New Law sin is forgiven through *faith in Christ Who has come*.

3. By what sacraments is sin principally remitted?

Sin is principally remitted by the sacraments of baptism and penance.

Christ when on earth forgave the sins of Mary Magdalene, of the paralytic, and of the good thief. After His Resurrection He gave the power of forgiving sins to the bishops and priests of the Church. No actual sin, however, can be forgiven unless the sinner has sorrow and repentance for it.



4. Everyone sins. St. John says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John i:8). But in order to encourage us he adds: "My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. But if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Just" (1 John ii:1).

a. When St. John says that everyone sins, *he refers principally to venial sins*; because many Christians do not commit mortal sin, at least ordinarily.

b. The text of Scripture, "Let him that thinketh himself to stand, take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. x:12), warns us against presumption and

over-confidence, and teaches us that *humble distrust of ourselves* is a necessary preservative against sin. We are always walking on slippery ground in the spiritual life.

5. All sins can be forgiven. The repentant sinner is told in Scripture: "If your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow" (Is. i:17). No matter, then, how grievous are our sins they will be forgiven, if we truly repent. The sin against the Holy Ghost which Christ said shall not be forgiven, is the sin of one who refuses the grace of conversion and chooses to die *in final impenitence*.

6. Forgiven sins do not return. If after forgiveness a man relapses he commits a new sin, but the old forgiven sins never return. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from us" (Ps. 102: 12).

7. Venial sins. One who is in the state of grace can obtain pardon for venial sins in many ways, provided he is no longer attached to them.

8. Application. Let us show our gratitude for the forgiveness of past sins by leading a good life for the future. *Some of the greatest sinners have become eminent saints*, and we, too, no matter how far we have strayed from God, can still attain to holiness. To doubt God's pardon and mercy is to doubt the power and efficacy of our redemption by Christ's passion and death.



20 LATIN PHRASES FOR DAILY LIFE

3. BRUTUM FULMEN

Apparently coined by the Roman scholar Pliny the Elder, a *brutum fulmen* is a harmless or empty threat. It literally means "senseless thunderbolt."

4. CAESAR NON SUPRA GRAMMATICOS

In a speech to the Council of Constance in 1414, the Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund of Luxembourg happened to use the Latin word *schisma*, meaning "schism." Unfortunately for him, he muddled up its gender—*schisma* should be a neuter word, but he used it as if it were feminine. When the error was pointed out to him, Sigismund angrily proclaimed that because he was Emperor, even if the word was neuter (which it was) it would be feminine from now on, at which point one member of the Council supposedly stood and replied, "*Caesar non supra grammaticos*"—or "the Emperor is not above the grammarians." The phrase quickly became a popular proverbial defense of the importance of good grammar and spelling.

Servers

MON 8/15

7:00 AM LOW: T.G. Simpson

9:00 AM HIGH:

MCs: T. Simpson, R. Vande Ryt

CROSS: P. McClorey

TH: J. Simpson

ACs: N. McClorey, P. Omlor

BANNER: L. Arlinghaus

BOOK: B. Lotarski

BUGIA: N. McClorey

MITRE: C. Richesson

CROZIER: M. Simpson

TRAIN: D. Simpson

TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, M. Simpson, N. McClorey, P. McClorey C. Richesson

SUN 8/21

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM HIGH:

CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson

TH: P. Omlor

ACs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson

TORCH: D. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, Jessy Stewart

11:30 AM LOW: Nathan & Nicholas McClorey

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller

5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✿ CALENDAR

MON	8/15/16	ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	HOLY DAY
	7:00 AM	Worker's Mass – no sermon	Bishop Dolan & Priests of SGG (Ken & Colleen Schroepfer Family)
	8:40 AM	Rosary at Grotto, Blessing of Fruits & Flowers, Procession into church	
	9:00 AM	Pontifical High Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	4:30 PM	Assumption Vespers	
	5:10 PM	Exposition & Rosary	
	5:30 PM	Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	Fr. Cekada (<i>Keith & Linda Kimpel</i>)
TUE	8/16/16	ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY	
		ST. ROCH, C	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Victor Ritze (<i>Joe & Mary Kunkel</i>)
	8:35 AM	Summer Novena X	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	†Virgil McCormick (<i>Margaret & Albert Daniel Kinnett</i>)
	5:35 PM	Summer Novena X	
WED	8/17/16	ST. HYACINTH, C	
		OCTAVE OF ST. LAWRENCE	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Holy Souls
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Bishop Daniel Dolan (<i>Sue Kurtz</i>)
THU	8/18/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
		ST. AGAPITUS, M	
		ST. HELENA, EMPRESS	
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	†Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (<i>Samanatha</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Regina Shawhan (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Julianna Puglielli – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
FRI	8/19/16	ST. JOHN EUDES, C	
		WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	First anniversary of death of †Sue Menefee (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	Miss Teresa Wright (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction	
SAT	8/20/16	ST. BERNARD, ABCD	
		WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
	7:10 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	Sr. Perpetua Marie (<i>Christopher P. Browne</i>)
	8:05 AM	Salve & Sermon	
	8:15 AM	High Mass	Fr. Cekada – health (<i>Shawn O'Connor</i>)
SUN	8/21/16	PENTECOST XIV	
		ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W	
		WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	Victor Ritze (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	11:05 AM	Rosary	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass	†William Landry (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>)
	4:45 PM	First Vespers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	†Brian McMahon (<i>R. Uhlenbrock</i>)

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of men.

We believe with all the fervor of our faith in thy triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul, into heaven, where thou art acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of Angels and all the legions of Saints; and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted thee above all other pure creatures, and to offer thee the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that thy gaze which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, is filled in heaven with the vision of that Humanity glorified, and with the vision of Uncreated Wisdom; and that the joy of thy soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity, causes thy heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness.

And we, poor sinners, whose body weighs down the flight of the soul, beg thee to purify our hearts, so that, while we remain here below, we may learn to see God, and God alone, in the beauties of His creatures.

We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to glance down upon our miseries and our sorrows, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that thy countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that thou mayest hear the voice of Jesus saying to thee of each one of us, as He once said to thee of His beloved disciple: Behold thy son.

And we who call upon thee as our Mother, like John, take thee as the guide, strength and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that thine eyes which wept over the earth, watered by the Blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world, held in the clutch of wars, persecutions and oppression of the just and the weak.

And from the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek thy heavenly assistance and tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts and help in the trials of the Church and of our fatherland.

We believe, finally, that in the glory where thou dost reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with the stars, thou art, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the Angels and of all the Saints.

And from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to thee, our life, our sweetness and our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of thy voice, that one day, after our exile, thou mayest show us Jesus, the Blessed Fruit of thy womb, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pius XII. Indulgence 3 years.