

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

July 23, 2017
PENTECOST VII
ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM
ST. LIBORIUS, BPC



¶ PENTECOST VII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses today. As well the Blessing of Cars in honor of St. Christopher will take place during all Masses. There are no Vespers.



¶ BOYS' CAMP 2017

Boys' Camp begins this week with 9:00 AM Mass on Tuesday and continues with 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday and Thursday.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

On Tuesday we continue our Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony with a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Come to hear Holy Mass and pray the powerful Summer Novena with us. There are four Masses for your convenience: 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM (the Novena is prayed at 8:35 AM), 11:20 AM, and 5:00 PM.

¶ ST. ANNE'S DAY

Wednesday is the gracious feast of "God's Grandmother," the great St. Anne. Let us remember our own grandmothers with love and gratitude, and pray for them, whether living or deceased. Holy Mass is at 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 16th.....\$3,212.00
Thank you for your generosity.

Lumen Christi

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

In memory of Robert C. Cetrulo,
Founder & President, No. KY. Right to
Life



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST VIII

Vespers & Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost VIII, with commemorations of Ss. Abdon & Sennen, and Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Sr. Jeanne Marie, who had a slight heart attack on Thursday; Sharon Patton, undergoing chemo; Paul Leurk, who recently observed his 92nd birthday; Joan Landry; and †Richard Faith, husband of Linda, who died earlier this month.

NEW CHAPEL IN FRESNO, CA

Queen of All Saints Chapel
3585 W. Beechwood Ave., #103
Fresno, CA 93711
Sundays at 10 AM. Contact: Fr.
Federico Palma, 352.238.3983.

¶ THE MOSLEMS ARE COMING!

Pray with us Tuesday to St. James the Greater, "the Moor Slayer," defender of Christendom against the Mohammedan invasion. St. Christopher is also commemorated. We need his help every day for safe travel. There are four Masses on Tuesday: 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM (High), 11:20 AM, and 5:00 PM.



Please pray for the repose of the soul
of †Fr. Marcello Cohetero

FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, great high Priest Who upon Calvary and at the table of the Last Supper prepared for the sacrifice of the Mass, I beg Thy blessing upon those priests whom Thou hast chosen to carry on Thy priestly work. They are human, but they must occupy a divine office. They must stand as Thy substitute before the eyes of the people. Their hands must be pure enough to draw Thee down from heaven and strong enough to lift the people to Thy heights. They must speak the truth with courage. Their lives must be Christlike, their mercy and tenderness modeled on Thine. I pray that Thou, Who in the Eucharist depend upon them, will give Thy priests the graces that they need, give to young men a compelling vocation to serve Thee. Give to priests the desire to do well their work, Thy work. Make us respectful, reverent, appreciative toward them. Grant them the grace to be priests not unworthy of Thee, our High Priest. Amen.

OUR UNWORTHINESS AND THE QUEEN
OF MERCY

Mercy...is a certain compassion which arises in the heart at the sight of the sufferings of others, and compels and forces us to relieve them if it is in our power. Hence he only is merciful who, when he sees the sufferings of others, not only feels compassion for them, but also relieves them as far as he can. Such is the ignorance and blindness of the creatures of this earth, that they have but little knowledge of the sufferings of others; so great their hard-heartedness and self-love, that they are but little affected by them; their weakness and incapacity are so great that for the most part they cannot relieve them even if they should wish it, and therefore they have but a small claim to be called merciful.

But Mary, Queen of Mercy, sees all our wants most clearly in God; even the least of them she knows better than we do ourselves; she has the heart of a most tender mother to feel for us, and her power to assist us is without any limit. For this reason there are not, and never will be, any afflictions on this earth which she does not see and compassionate from heaven, or which she cannot or will not relieve. The heart of Mary, says Saint Jerome, was even in this life so tender and merciful towards people, that she was more afflicted by the sufferings of others than anyone else by their own sorrows....

Great as was the mercy of Mary towards the needy while she was still an exile in this world, it is far greater now that she reigns in heaven. Her mercy is now manifested more plainly by her innumerable benefits, because she sees more plainly the wants of people.

- D. Roberto, *Er. Cam.*

D. Roberto was a Camaldolese hermit at Monte Corona in Italy.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP

Our Lady of Good Help, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven, with confidence in Thy tender mercy we place our petitions before Thee... (*Here mention your petition.*) ...hoping in Thy Immaculate Heart to obtain for us that which will give glory to Thine only-begotten Son. O Queen of Heaven, as Thou didst ask Sister Adele to teach the children their catechism, so also teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in Thee. Reign over us, dearest Queen, that we may be Thine in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death. Amen.

V. Our Lady, Queen of Heaven,
R. Pray for us.

V. Our Lady of Good Help,
R. Pray for us.

Since Our Lady of Good Help appeared in Wisconsin to ask for the catechism to be taught to children, this is a good prayer to say for Sharon Patton, who taught catechism here for so many years.



My Mother, deliver me from mortal sin. Hail Mary, etc. (three times)

300 days indulgence

BIRTHDAY

The apple tree I'd thought too old to
give us fruit or bloom
Now stands in splendid glory, gold
and green outside my room.

So when I think that no more good is
apt to come from me,
I'll see the lovely miracle of my late-
blooming tree.

- Jean S. Harrison



"O SACRED HEART OF JESUS, I PLACE MY
TRUST IN THEE"

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in Thee,"
Whatever may befall me, Lord,
Though dark the hour may be.
In all my joys, in all my woes,
Though naught but grief I see.
"O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in Thee,"

When those I love have passed away
And I am sore distressed,
O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I fly to Thee for rest.
In all my trials, great or small,
My confidence shall be,
Unshaken, as I cry, dear Lord,
"I place my trust in Thee."

This is my one sweet prayer, dear
Lord!

My faith, my trust, my love,
But, most of all, in that last hour,
When death points up above,
Ah, then, sweet Savior, may Thy face
Smile on my soul set free.
Oh, may I cry with rapturous love,
"I've placed my trust in Thee."

*These poems were read at Beckie
Mattingly's funeral.*

I am writing this in the midst of a busy Friday afternoon. **Fr. Lehtoranta** and I are about to go off to visit Sr. Jeanne Marie with Holy Communion. Sister had, on top of everything else, a mild heart attack on Thursday morning. We got **Fr. Nkamuke** (wasn't that a great talk he gave last Sunday?) off to the airport this morning, freshly consecrated chalices in tow. Gino made a surprise visit during the thunderstorm and there are fresh rumors about that parking lot asphalt repair. The air conditioner was repaired yesterday, our forty days of penance being accomplished. In my desperation I prayed to St. Rita of Cascia and St. Jude, which seemed to do the trick. I do apologize to you for so many hot afternoons in church, especially last Sunday.

We had a nice visit with all the multicolored nuns last Sunday, and enjoyed the little concert from the Girls Camp choir. It was a true "Vocations Sunday" and very gratifying and encouraging. The Boys Camp is revving up for Tuesday, and the **McFathers** seem in fine fettle. I am grateful for the run of High Masses this week, as it seems God is more neglected in the warm weather. God bless these important apostolates.

Donna Patton wrote with Sharon's report, and how very touched and grateful she is with all of the Rosaries and Masses and cards. She is pretty much holding her own thus far, but must avoid infection. She has no cancer in any of the major organs. The family is grateful for the financial help you have given. God reward your generosity.

Today one of the Fathers will be blessing cars at every Mass. I pray your vacation and travel plans are going well, refreshing and safe. Eldrachers were down from Michigan to visit their daughter, one of the Sisters who helped with summer camp. Colleen Eldracher, who did a bang up job organizing the Young Adult Get-Together, will be teaching in our school this Fall.

Sr. Jeanne Marie has been visited, and is remarkably chipper for all she has been through. Sister makes a friend of everybody who comes in the room, and thus is running her own little apostolate. Still, the pain and suffering remain. Perhaps this is her way to win graces for those she comes into contact with.

Speaking of pain, some of our boys are at **Fr. Saavedra's** severe military style camp he conducts each summer. They always report having a good time, however. Boys enjoy the challenge. How quickly our summer is passing. August will soon be here.

Yesterday **Fr. McGuire** went to offer Mass for a small group in Effingham, Illinois. Today I'm offering Mass for the dear Cajuns in Louisiana. It's been a long time since my last visit. Whoever draws the Louisiana detail each month is steeled for an open-ended trip. You may get back at midnight, Sunday (scheduled time) but then again, you may not. **Fr. Cekada** had a most enjoyable visit to Milwaukee last weekend. He got back on time, too.

Fr. Palma has been transferred to Fresno, California, where he will be offering a 10:00 AM Mass each Sunday. The Fresno group has worked hard and sacrificed much for the Holy Mass, and we wish them much success. **Fr. Roberto Mardones** is moving this week to metropolitan Mexico City, to a lovely church and rectory dedicated to St. Joseph. He has spent almost all of his priesthood in the wilds of the dangerous border town Juarez, surviving sometimes only by his wits and the angels. We pray another priest will be able to attend to his little chapel in El Paso, Texas.

Fr. Marcello Cohetero was ordained at St. Gertrude by **Bishop Pivarunas** in 1992, and was once one of our priests. His life took some difficult turns, and he suffered as well from severe diabetes. He was on dialysis when his family took him home from the hospital for some reason. He died alone, a week ago Friday (kidney failure), and was buried, also without a priest, early last Sunday morning. A very sad ending to a priestly life. Please remember him in your prayers. The good Fathers here helped me to give him the full Funeral service on Thursday morning.

Do remember all of our dead, as well as the sick and the lost and the little ones who have no one to see to their Catholic education or prayers. Remember your prayers!

– Bishop Dolan



✠ A THANK YOU FROM FATHER ✠

Dear Faithful,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank you for so many things, and so many reasons.

I left here two years and eight months ago for my country Nigeria in order to administer the sacraments to my people. My experience has been interesting, a bit rough but fulfilling as well. I returned here a few weeks ago, to make a sort of retreat and to benefit once again from the company of the clergy and you, dear faithful.

However, after barely one week of being amongst you, I became eager to return home. It was not, mind you, because I didn't want to stay longer, but because I learnt so much in that week that I couldn't wait to take my knowledge back home. I witnessed the Corpus Christi celebration, which was like nothing I ever saw in my life, I mean saying the entire Divine Office before the Blessed Sacrament and having High Mass every day during the Octave. And of course there was the All Night Adoration. There is the ever active parish life, teeming with devotion, opening so many channels of grace, that it must be difficult for one not to attain heaven in this Church. I was eager, but not ready perhaps.

Now, as I stand before you on this my last Sunday with you, I am ready to go back home. I have been well fed spiritually, as well because I also received Spiritual conferences from His Excellency and was able to make a retreat. And yes His Excellency made sure I was well fed as well with food, and your generosity made sure I had the best of what you had to give. So I'm as ready to return as I can possibly be.

Therefore, I thank you so much Your Excellency, Bishop Dolan. You brought me here, some years ago, made a priest out of me, sent me home and kept me going. You supported me from day one and have kept it up unfailingly! How does one say thank you for those? Though I was far away in Nigeria, you kept close to me. You suffered my frequent questions and requests that I wonder just how much patience you have. I cannot say how grateful I am. But I know I am very grateful.

Thanks to you Fr. Cekada. I asked many questions and received lots of answers from you. I know that so many people depend on you for answers to vital questions regarding the Faith. But you were nevertheless prompt to come to my aid. I thank you very much, but I warn you that you haven't heard the last of my questions yet.

I thank the McFathers for their care. I see them both work so hard and yet still find time to know if I'm enjoying my stay. But, Padres, although I appreciate your concern, it really was not necessary. I mean, this is St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church. You ought to know that this place is enjoyable, whether one likes it or not. Asking me if I am having a nice time would be like

me asking Fr. Larrabee if he had an exciting time during his visit to Nigeria. So, thank you very much, but take note of what I said.

Thanks to you, Fr. Lehtoranta. I learnt a lot just by following you to various places. I cannot promise to imitate your precision and the punctuality you personify, but I will try. I must also thank you for making me a part of your current project. I always wanted to be a writer, but I never imagined I would be in a book and what's more, as the main character!

Thanks to you Sisters! Your prayers are enough for me, even if you didn't give me important books and messages as well. And yes even practical advice on how to make an altar! I don't mean to blow your trumpet, but I have to say something, so I don't burst.

Thank you a million times, dear faithful. It is your charity that made all this possible. Your prayers and financial support, your letters and emails, the parcels I received with so much joy back home. And you are not relenting. You are about to get a car for our mission! Put yourself in my shoes, and then imagine how happy I am to be amongst you. How grateful I am for your generosity. Some of you often tell me you don't realize how lucky you are to be here or to have the Mass regularly, as opposed to being in Nigeria. But let me tell you now that you do more good than you imagine with what you give. My lesson from your goodness is that kindness is not dependent on wealth or lack of it, nor even upon boundaries.

We will pray for you. In fact we always offer our public and daily rosary, which we say in our chapels for your intentions. But above all, God remembers. The Law of Conservation of Mass and Energy says that nothing is lost regarding materials and energy in this universe. There is a Law of Conservation of merits, and Goodness, I think, in heaven. Nothing you do to us in Nigeria, the least of your brethren will be in vain, whether in this life or, more importantly, in eternity.

God bless you!

- Fr. Nkamuke

MORNING PRAYER

Lord, I lay before You my weak heart, which You fill with good desires. You know that I am unable to bring the same to good effect, unless You bless and prosper them, and therefore, O Loving Father, I entreat of You to help me by the Merits and Passion of Your dear Son, to Whose honor I would devote this day and my whole life.

- St. Francis de Sales

This little prayer became a favorite of mine, and I made it into a holy card to say after Meditation. It slipped out of my prayer book and down the plane on the way back from Quebec. A kindly non-Catholic retrieved it for me, and said he found it to be an excellent prayer!

- Bishop Dolan

MGR. FULTON J. SHEEN
COMMUNISM & THE CONSCIENCE OF
THE WEST (1948)

"[Satan] will set up a counterchurch which will be the ape of the [Catholic] Church.... It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content."



The Antichrist will not be so called; otherwise he would have no followers. He will not wear red tights, nor vomit sulphur, nor carry a trident nor wave an arrowed tail as Mephistopheles in *Faust*. This masquerade has helped the Devil convince men that he does not exist. When no man recognizes, the more power he exercises. God has defined Himself as "I am Who am," and the Devil as "I am who am not."

Nowhere in Sacred Scripture do we find warrant for the popular myth of the Devil as a buffoon who is dressed like the first "red." Rather is he described as an angel fallen from heaven, as "the Prince of this world," whose business it is to tell us that there is no other world. His logic is simple: if there is no heaven there is no hell; if there is no hell, then there is no sin; if there is no sin, then there is no judge, and if there is no judgment then evil is good and good is evil. But above all these descriptions, Our Lord tells us that he will be so much like Himself that he would deceive even the elect—and certainly no devil ever seen in picture books could deceive even the elect. How will he come in this new age to win followers to his religion?

The pre-Communist Russian belief is that he will come disguised as the Great Humanitarian; he will talk peace, prosperity and plenty not

as means to lead us to God, but as ends in themselves....

...The third temptation in which Satan asked Christ to adore him and all the kingdoms of the world would be His, will become the temptation to have a *new religion without a Cross, a liturgy without a world to come, a religion to destroy a religion, or a politics which is a religion—one that renders unto Caesar even the things that are God's.*

In the midst of all his seeming love for humanity and his glib talk of freedom and equality, he will have one great secret which he will tell to no one: he will not believe in God. Because his religion will be brotherhood without the fatherhood of God, *he will deceive even the elect.* He will set up a *counterchurch which will be the ape of the Church*, because he, the Devil, is the ape of God. It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content. It will be a mystical body of the Antichrist *that will in all externals resemble the mystical body of Christ....*

...But the twentieth century will join the counterchurch because it claims to be infallible when its visible head speaks ex cathedra from Moscow on the subject of economics and politics, and as chief shepherd of world communism.



THE MOST PLEASING, THE MOST USEFUL

Give Me a farthing while you are still alive. This pleases Me more, and will be more useful to you, than if you were to give Me a mountain of gold heaped as high as Heaven.

A single tear shed out of love for My Passion or for your sins, pleases Me more and will be more useful to you, than shedding an ocean of tears for some good that you lack.

The support of one mortifying and injurious word out of love of Me, pleases Me more and will be more useful to you, than to break on your body all the rods cut from the forests of the whole world.

One poor man, stranger, or friendless soul received for love of Me, pleases Me more and will be more useful to you, than if you were to fast for seven years on bread and water.

If you forbear to judge, and interpret and accept with kindness all that you see and hear, this will please Me more and be more useful to you, than if you were rapt to the third Heaven.

Whenever you desire to obtain some benefit from Me by your prayer, let your prayer be for all as well as for yourself.

Out of love for My Passion, support with meekness all that you will have to suffer.

Everywhere and always, place your hope and trust in Me.

-Our Lord to St. Albert the Great

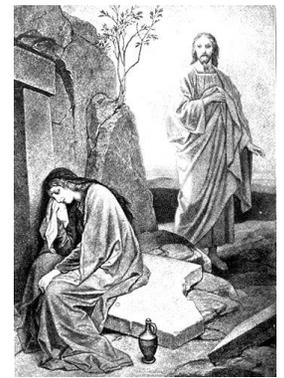
✠ CALENDAR

W = Webcast. All Sunday Masses are webcast as well.

MON	7/24/17	VIGIL OF ST. JAMES ST. CHRISTINA, VM ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Theresa Simpson (<i>M.B. Grumblatt</i>)
TUE	7/25/17	ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP ST. CHRISTOPHER, M W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Beckie Mattingly (<i>J & N Andreotta</i>) 8:35 AM Summer Novena VI W 9:00 AM Opening of Boys' Camp – High Mass Miss Sharon Patton (<i>Joseph Simpson</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass Sharon Patton (<i>Puglielli Family</i>) Summer Novena VI 5:00 PM Low Mass †Thomas Hable (<i>Jean Bischel</i>) Summer Novena VI
WED	7/26/17	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY W 8:00 AM High Mass †Frances Mattingly (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass All my benefactors living & deceased & their intentions & Special Intention (<i>DJR</i>)
THU	7/27/17	ST. PANTALEON, M W 8:00 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Richard Faith (<i>2017 YAGers</i>)
FRI	7/28/17	SS. NAZARIUS & CELSUS, MM ST. VICTOR I, PM ST. INNOCENT I, PC 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary W 5:45 PM Low Mass The Charles Simpson Family (<i>T.M.S.</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	7/29/17	ST. MARTHA, V ST. FELIX II, PM SS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM 7:10 AM Confessions W 7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Martha for †Janice West (<i>Kathleen M. West</i>) 8:10 AM Salve & Sermon W 8:20 AM High Mass For the temporal & spiritual necessities of my family (<i>Jason Murray</i>)
SUN	7/30/17	PENTECOST VIII SS. ABDON & SENNEN, MM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Haley & Steve Brueggemann Family Intentions (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Sharon P. & Family (<i>Darlene</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass Richard R. & Family (<i>DJR</i>)

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

In His public ministry, Our Lord is accompanied by “the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities,” among them “Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out” (Lk 8:2). Following Our Lord brings Mary to Golgotha, where she witnesses his death and burial. Three days later, she meets the Risen Jesus outside the empty tomb. She hastens to tell the disciples: “I have seen the Lord!” Tradition names Mary Magdalene “the apostle of the Apostles”: “Just as a woman had announced the first words of death to the first man, so also a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life” (Saint Thomas Aquinas).



A SAINT ON SAINTS

Some criticize us for honoring images of our Savior, our Lady and other saints. Let them remember that in the beginning God creates us after His own image. On what grounds then do we show reverence to each other unless because we are made after God's image? For as St. Basil says, the honor given to the image passes over to the prototype. Now a prototype is the original from which the derivative is obtained. Didn't the people of Israel prostrate themselves before the tabernacle that bore the image of heavenly things? Didn't God Himself direct Moses to make those images exactly according to the pattern revealed to him on the mountain?

The use of images was not common in the Old Testament because it is foolish to try to give form to the invisible God. But when God became man for our salvation, many people saw the things that He did. He lived among us, worked miracles, suffered, was crucified, rose again and was taken back to heaven. These things were written down for the instruction of us who were not yet alive, so that by hearing and believing, we might still obtain the Lord's blessing. But for the sake of those who were illiterate, the Fathers permitted the depiction of these events in images as concise memorials. Thus when we see the crucifix, we remember Christ's saving passion. We fall down to worship not the piece of wood, but the One Who it images, Christ crucified.

- St. John Damascene

Servers

SUN 7/30 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: T. Lawrence (P. Omlor) ACs: P. McClorey, N. McClorey TORCH: J. Stewart, A. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson
11:30 PM LOW: A.D. Kinnett & B. Lotarski
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller