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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

October 1, 2017

ROSARY SUNDAY

PENTECOST XVII

ST. REMIGIUS, BPC



¶ ROSARY SUNDAY

The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail after the *Low Masses*. The second collection is taken up for the support of our seminary. There are no Sunday Classes today, due to the Procession and Rosary Confraternity Breakfast. October Devotions begin at 5:10 PM, with Rosary and Benediction.



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for priests. Please be generous!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XVIII

Sunday Classes resume at 10:40 AM. October Devotions with Rosary and Benediction will be at 5:10 PM.

 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XVIII, with a commemoration of St. Bridget. Trinity Preface.

¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited every school day at 3:10 PM. Every Wednesday the Rosary is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 3:00 PM with Benediction and Holy Communion at 3:20 PM. Join our children in prayer!

¶ IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Fr. Thomas Dignan, who was a traditional priest; and for the health of Melvin Geckle, Keith Brabender, and all of our sick and shut-in.

¶ Lumen Christi

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

For the salvation of my Family
(Katharine Dillon)



THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:15 PM Exposition, Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Devotions & Benediction
6:00 PM Sermon & Low Mass
NO All Night Adoration!
All Night Adoration will be on Friday, October 20, for Forty Hours.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass
8:05 AM Exposition, Devotions & Benediction
8:45 AM High Mass
First Saturday Reparation Intention: For those Catholics who will not say the Rosary, or who say it poorly, and for Protestants and Modernists who blaspheme it.

¶ A WEEK OF FEASTS

Join us this week for the beginning of the month of October. This month is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary and the Angels. Monday is the feast of the holy Guardian Angels. Tuesday is the feast of the "Little Flower," St. Therese of the Child Jesus. On Wednesday, we greet the gentle St. Francis of Assisi. Thursday is First Thursday and we pray for all of our priests. Friday is First Friday. There will be *no All Night Adoration*. (It will be moved to Friday, October 20, for Forty Hours.) Saturday, October 7th, is the beautiful feast of the Most Holy Rosary and First Saturday. Won't you find time at least once this week to come to an additional Mass? There are so many beautiful feasts to choose from, surely one will touch your heart and fit your schedule.

¶ WE GET LETTERS

Bp. Dolan,

I wanted to say that the September 17th bulletin (devotion to the dying) was a particularly good one, and coincidentally appropriate given Ryan's death. My favorite line..."Suffering is the most precious coin of all." (If the world only knew!) And I also liked the paragraph "We picture death...We think of death as ending, let us rather think of it as beginning, and that more abundantly." That's a hard one.

Collection Report

Sunday, September 24th \$4,196.00
Thank you for your generosity.

THE TENTH MONTH

This month seems to have nothing specially interesting in the way of rhymes or prognostications concerning the weather; but, beautiful as the days so often are, the "falling leaf and fading tree," the autumn winds moaning through field and forest, the "swallows making them ready to fly," fill us with an irrepressible feeling of sadness and regret for the golden hours of a summer past and gone.

Need it be said that on the first Sunday in October we keep the festival of the Holy Rosary, which was instituted by Pius V., of happy memory, not only to implore the divine mercy on the Christian world, but especially in thanksgiving for the celebrated victory of Lepanto over the Turks, in 1571? And, later on, another victory—that of Prince Eugene over the Turks at Belgrade, in 1716—was ordered by another Sovereign Pontiff, Clement VII., to be included in the blessings which this feast specially commemorates.

It is impossible to pass over October 4 without mentioning St. Francis, the Little Poor One of Assisi, whose "life falls like a ray of light across the darkness of his time," and whose beautiful character and extraordinary humility have made him the admiration of all the succeeding ages. St. Francis was a true poet; and often, when the burning love of God caused him to fall into a state of ecstasy, he would pour forth his soul in verse. Brother Leo, his devoted friend and companion, tells us that he frequently saw the patriarch so absorbed in devotion that he was raised high above the ground.

The crowning glory of the life of Francis was the impression of the sacred stigmata, which occurred on Mount Alverna, when, rapt in the fervor and passion of prayer, he saw our Savior in a vision; and, after that vision passed, found that he himself

had become the living image of Christ Crucified; marked, through his seraphic love, with the wounds in hands, feet, and side,—wounds which Pope Alexander publicly declared he had seen with his own eyes. Surely no saint, amongst all the glorious cloud of witnesses around the great throne of God, has inspired a holier, more personal affection, or led men on to higher ideals or truer acts of self-sacrifice, than this lowly Franciscan friar, whose name has gone forth into all lands, and his words to the ends of the earth.

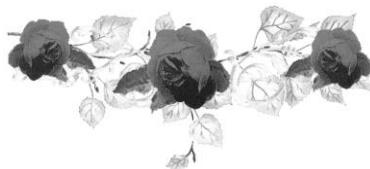


ROSES

Of fifty little roses
I tried to make a crown,
And at Our Lady's statue
I laid the roses down.

Our Lady took the roses
And said, "How good thou art
To bring my dearest flowers!
I'll wear them on my heart."

- B.S.



Servers - SUN 10/8

- 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lacy TH: P. McClorey
ACs: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TORCH: J. Stewart, D. & M. Simpson, A. McClorey
11:30 PM LOW: R. VandeRyt, A.D. Kinnett,
5:10 PM: DEV. & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

GRANDMA'S ROSARY AND MINE

When Grandma goes to say her
Beads

For all our family and our needs,
She sweetly says to me: "My dear,
Play nicely with your dollies here
Until I call. Then come to me,
And bring your little Rosary."
I help her (Grandma says it's true)
With Aves ten, when she's most
through.

She lays her hand, her gentle way,
Upon my head. "When children
pray,"

She says, "the guardian angels take
The whispered Aves, and they
make
(They do, indeed, right then and
there)

The loveliest rosebud of each pray-
er:

Some rosebuds white, some rose-
buds red,—

Red as the lips the Aves said.
Then, with the posy, off they fly,
Those happy angels, to the sky."

And all that Grandma says is true
I see it in her eyes—so blue
And clear and deep and kind—
That look right into mine, and find
Those thoughts that can not see a
way
To get out in the words I say.

I see her sitting over there
In her old-fashioned rocking-
chair,—

The place (so I've heard father say)
She taught her babies how to pray.
And now the rosy altar light
(She keeps it burning day and
night)

Sends rays that give the softest kiss
To her gray head—like *this* and
this.

- C.M.C.



Blessed Rosary Sunday! October starts with the Rosary this year, as if to remind us that each day of the tenth month should be "Rosary day." If you're participating in the festivities today, or even just reaching for your beads, you've made a good start. God bless you with perseverance.

God bless and reward everyone participating in the Rosary Confraternity work this day. May our procession be fervent, and the Rosary Breakfast talks both interesting and encouraging. Thank to our speakers, **Fr. Cekada** and **Fr. Lehtoranta**. Rosarians, pray on, and remember the Wednesday and Friday afternoon October Devotions with Benediction. Saturday mornings too. We need **you** to help, so participate!

September really was a "Come, labor on" month, with its total of four deaths, two funerals, one wedding and a baptism, as well as Mary's Birthday blessing, procession and party. We started school, Sunday school, choir (adding a men's section), and don't forget the picnic.

Last weekend in particular was heavy, with three sermons in three days, a lovely wedding, and the biggest funeral we have ever had. It made a beautiful tribute to a fine young man, Ryan Greenwell, and gave the grace of a taste of Catholicism to the almost five hundred who attended. Please keep his soul, and his family, in your prayers.

While the weather has been beastly hot, I am grateful that our air conditioning held out. Afterwards, one kind soul offered the mourners bottles of cold water, as they were on their way to the burial under full sun. Someone organized the parking for the funeral, and it all went remarkably smoothly. Deo Gratias.

Sr. Jeanne Marie is home at the convent, and happy to be with her sisters. She still requires intense care, and has a long way to go. Thelma and Henry Sieverding were so happy to see **Fr. McGuire**, and receive the sacraments again. Thelma will be having surgery soon. Keep these dear pioneers of the Faith in your prayers.

Spare a prayer for me too, please. I'm in Tijuana this morning, at Our Lady of the Rosary, and visiting Ss. Peter and Paul chapel this afternoon in always hot Mexicali. It's near Yuma, Arizona. Tomorrow I head to Los Angeles to make my long flight to Mendoza, Argentina, to visit the Missionaries of the Most Holy Rosary. I return home, God willing, on October 10.

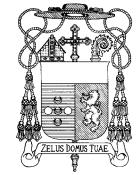
Do mark your calendars for a very blessed Friday the 13th, the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. We're planning on a candlelight procession, rain or shine. Please pray for good weather, and an excellent

turnout. Fatima, devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart, is the key to everything. Do your part.

We had an excellent turnout for Sunday Mass these last two Sundays, due to visitors. But we are missing some of our own. How strong an example, how powerful a prayer would be ours if everyone did come on one given Sunday, and then kept it up. Say a Rosary for *this* intention, as well as for all of your own.

May Our Lady of the Rosary unite and bless your family, and our church family as well.

- Bishop Dolan



P.S. Remember there is **no** All Night Adoration this First Friday. It is transferred to the opening of Forty Hours on October 20. But there **will be** Exposition and Rosary at 5:15, with Benediction at 5:45, followed by Mass, most Friday evenings.

P.P.S. We are grateful for the cooler weather. Caravaggio greeted the Fall by climbing up on the couch, and claiming Fr. Cekada's Pendleton nap blanket. Somehow he manages to pull it down, and then *he* naps on it all Winter.

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Thérèse was born in 1873 in Alençon, Normandy, France, to Louis and Zélie Martin. She lost her mother early, but her grief, like everything else in her short life, became a stepping stone to God. In her spiritual testament, *The Story of a Soul*, she recounts the many mercies of her childhood, from her "Christmas grace" at the age of thirteen in which she left behind her hypersensitivity, to her "spiritual mothering" of the murderous criminal Pranzini at fourteen, to her entry into Carmel at sixteen "to save souls and pray for priests."

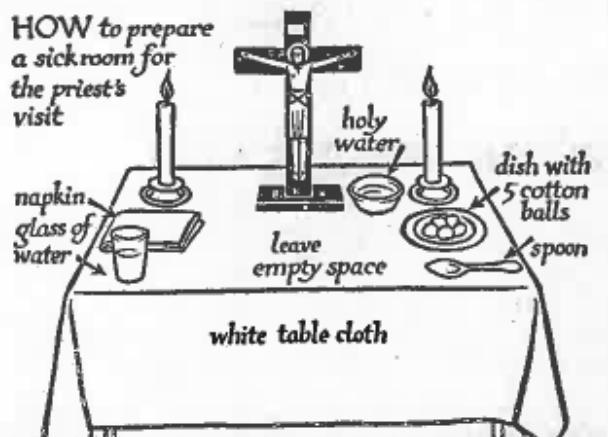
In the cloister, Thérèse refined her "little way" of "confidence and love." By the time she lay dying, ravaged by tuberculosis, she had lived through a final dark night in which she had tasted of the atheist's unbelief. Not long after her death at the age of twenty-four, *The Story of a Soul* became a spiritual bestseller.

Thérèse teaches: "When I read some spiritual treatises which show perfection as difficult to attain and liable to many illusions, my poor little spirit tires very quickly; I shut the learned book which is giving me a headache and drying up my heart, and I open the Holy Scriptures. Then everything seems clear; one word opens up infinite horizons, perfection seems easy. I see that it is sufficient to acknowledge one's nothingness and to abandon oneself like a child to God's arms."

Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, accept me in my nothingness.

CALENDAR

MON	10/2/17	THE GUARDIAN ANGEL
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Frances Mattingly (<i>From neighbors</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	3:10 PM	October Devotions
TUE	10/3/17	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, V
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Theresa Simpson (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday, Sharon (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	3:10 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Sharon Patton – Happy Birthday (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
WED	10/4/17	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Bob Uhlenbrock</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Rest in peace †Paulina Strauss (<i>Barbara Kolenich</i>)
	3:00 PM	Exposition, Rosary, October Devotions
	3:20 PM	Benediction, Holy Communion
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Honor of St. Joseph – Special Intention (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir practice
THU	10/5/17	FIRST THURSDAY • ST. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MM
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
	3:10 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell & Family (<i>Puglielli Family</i>)
FRI	10/6/17	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. BRUNO, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Elsa Bowman (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass & Benediction †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & Family</i>)
	5:15 PM	Exposition, Rosary & Confessions
	5:45 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
	6:00 PM	Sermon, Low Mass Jean & Kirby Bischel (60 th Anniversary) (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
SAT	10/7/17	FIRST SATURDAY • THE MOST HOLY ROSARY ST. MARK, PC & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass In Thanksgiving for the safety of our Religious in Florida storm (<i>JM</i>)
	8:05 AM	Exposition, October & First Saturday Devotions, Benediction
	8:45 AM	High Mass For friends & families in Florida (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>)
SUN	10/8/17	PENTECOST XVIII • ST. BRIDGET, W
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (AV) (<i>Volz/Kuebler</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Sharon Patton's Recovery (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	5:10 PM	October Devotions, Rosary & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Repose of the soul of †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>)



HOW TO PREPARE A SICK ROOM FOR THE PRIEST'S VISIT

1. Call the priest early. Do not wait until the sick person is in a coma or actually dying. Tell priest if sick person is conscious, and if he can swallow and retain food or not.
2. Try to provide transportation for the priest, or at least ask him if he needs it.
3. Give accurate address, your own telephone and good description of the place. If possible, place someone outside to guide the priest.
4. Pray with the sick person. Help him to make a good preparation. Don't surprise him or her by the sudden appearance of the priest at the bedside.
5. Prepare small table as shown in illustration. Use blessed candles for the sick.
6. When the priest comes, meet him at the door with a lighted candle, light the candles on the table, and put a chair near the sick person's head.
7. Kneel while the Blessed Sacrament is in the room, or the priest administers the sacraments.
8. Leave the room for Confession.
9. Come back for Extreme Unction, Communion, Last Blessing and the Prayers for the Dying.
10. After the priest leaves, leave the sick person alone, or pray with him. Throw the used cotton and water into fire (not into sink or water closet).

Do your share in helping the sick person. Don't leave everything to the priest. Don't postpone—it may be too late. An honest word with the sick may be less cruel than to let them die without having the consolation of consciously settling their spiritual affairs.

HAVE ALWAYS IN THE HOUSE
Crucifix, Holy Water, White Table Cloth, 2 Blessed Candles and Candlesticks, Cotton.