

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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June 24, 2018

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PENTECOST V

¶ SUMMER CHRISTMAS

Vespers of the Nativity of St. John are at 4:45 PM today, followed by Benediction.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Come to hear Holy Mass and pray the powerful Summer Novena with us this Tuesday. There are four Masses for your convenience: 7, 8, and 11:25 AM, and 5 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK...

We also offer three Masses for the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and a three-day devotion, or triduum. Come Friday night for the last Friday of the month of the Sacred Heart. Nobody else will be attending. Friday is great Ss. Peter and Paul, the ordination anniversary of some of your clergy.

¶ GIRLS' CAMP

Our annual Girls' Camp starts this week on Wednesday, June 27th, with Mass at 9 AM. The camp continues through Thursday the 28th, and concludes at 3 PM on Friday, June 29th.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

The second collection will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our seminary. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. There are no Vespers next Sunday.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* The Most Precious Blood, with second collect of Pentecost VI, third of the Octave of St. John the Baptist. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VI. Preface of the Holy Cross.

Lumen Christi

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

In thanksgiving to St. Joan of Arc & St. Teresa of Avila for prayers answered (Jennifer Mercer)



¶ DON'T FORGET...

Boys' Camp: July 24-26



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Keith Brabender, who died on May 18, 2018.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 17th.....\$4,070.00
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses sent to Missions:

Poor Souls (Terri Young)

Joe & Jacinta Young—Congratulations! (Colleen Eldracher)

Sean & Christian Selway—Congratulations! (Colleen Eldracher)

Robert & Monica Zapp—Congratulations! (Colleen Eldracher)

†Irene Ulanowski (Colleen Eldracher)

OUR BELOVED DEAD - JUNE

Name	Date of Death
Rose Gough	6-03-2001
Dr. Philip Binzel	6-06-2003
Joyce Rentschler	6-06-2009
Alexander Fulton	6-06-2015
Betty C. Wilson	6-10-1998
Filomena Murawski	6-13-1998
Huland "H.O." Hinton	6-13-2014
Peter Francis Butler	6-14-1989
Fairbanks Blanton,	6-19-1990
Thomas Payne	6-20-2014
Gwyn Ritze	6-22-1998
Jacob A. Nies	6-23-1991
Brian Joseph McMahon	6-30-2016

TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Since I was young, of course,
your picture here
Has given me delight of heart;
I knew—
Seeing you look at me—you
held me dear:



My happiness was being close to you.

I'll go and see you—always!—when I quit
This foreign shore, O Mary. Ah, but how
Good that your picture's here, for it
Is my Perpetual Help—now!

Servers

FRI 6/29 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Simpson, P. Omlor CROSS: P. McClorey TH: M. Simpson ACS: Na. McClorey, D. Simpson

SUN 7/1 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: P. Omlor TH: T. Lawrence ACS: C. Arlinghaus, C. Richesson TORCH: S. Richesson, J. & C. Mourer, J. Stewart, A. McClorey, Na. McClorey CROSS: Na. McClorey

11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolench

5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

AN UNHEARD OF GRACE

Whenever in the scriptures a name is imposed, or changed for people, by God, it is indicative of great praise and virtue. It was good that our Redeemer's precursor was ordered to be called John. The name John means "the grace of the Lord," or "in whom there is grace." He received a special grace beyond other saints, that of being Christ's precursor, and he came to proclaim a heretofore unheard of grace to the world, that of entry into heaven. Therefore he who was full of grace himself, and who brought the good news of God's grace to the rest of mankind, expressed even by his name a proclamation of grace. It was rightly foretold that there was to be cause for exultation for many at his birth, since it was through him that the Author of their re-

generation was manifested to the world. We should note that there was the same proclamation of praise for John by the angels as that declared by the evangelist for his parents. It was testified that they were just before God, and that John was great in the sight of the Lord. How great he was in the sight of the Lord, the Lord Himself suggested, since He alone granted him the virtue of his greatness and knew of it as well, saying, "Among those born of women there has risen none greater than John the Baptist" (Matt 11:11).

- St. Bede the Venerable, Homily 11.19

May the most just, the most high, and the most lovable will of God be in all things done, praised and evermore exalted. 500 days' indulgence



June 24—The first verse of the hymn of this evening's Vespers recalls to us a revolution in musical notation. The revolution was due to a monk named Guido of Arezzo, and dates from the eleventh century. Up to the time of Guido, the notes were named from the first letters of the alphabet (A, B, C, etc.); though different systems prevailed in different places. Guido introduced staff notation, and named the notes from the hymn of the Vespers of St. John the Baptist. The hymn begins as follows:

*Ut queant laxis resonare fibris
Mira gestorum famuli tuorum,
Solve polluti labii reatum,
Sancte Joannes.*

The syllables in Italics are the ones which he used in giving new names to the note of the scale. *Ut*, however, has since been changed to *do*; and the seventh note, *si*, is made from the initial letters of the last two words of the hymn. His system was afterwards adopted universally; but, as in the case of many reforms, it brought much trouble to the reformer. For his brethren of the monastery rebelled against his innovations, and he went away in disgrace from two monasteries. He found at last a place of rest and sympathy at Arezzo (whence his name), and was called thence to Rome to expound and introduce a new system. After this he was held in high honor, and died at or near Arezzo in 1050.

*Kindling wood...for the Altar*

The Mass is a "quiet zone," an isle for reflection in the midst of life's turmoil.... A driver takes his car in regularly for a checkup; an intelligent man checks up on his life.... I should participate in the Mass so as to get a firm grip on myself, determine my bearings, and regulate the human mechanism....

ZECHARIAH IN THE TEMPLE

The inner chamber is holy.
I offer prayers
Of obligation
And longing.
I am old.
My life is reaching smoke and rote.
I ask
I receive
But do not believe.
For this I'm choked, made dumb.
Praise will not compel
My tongue.
My heart is startled
Into wonder.
The inner chamber is silent.
Incense rises.
I am mute with news.
I have a son.

- Rita A. Simmonds



PRAYER

I asked for Peace—
My sins arose,
And bound me close,
I could not find release.

I asked for Truth—
My doubts came in,
And with their din,
They wearied all my youth.

I asked for Love—
My lovers failed,
And griefs assailed
Around, beneath, above.

I asked for Thee—
And Thou didst come
To take me home
Within Thy heart to be.

- Digby Mackworth Dolben

Summer Christmas! That's how the Nativity of St. John the Baptist was celebrated for centuries, a great feast in its own right, celebrated *all night*, and the *precursor* to the coming Christmas, six months from now. Thus last night's bonfire and parish picnic celebration, and this morning's Pontifical Mass. In the early times, three Masses were celebrated, as at Christmas, and there was great rejoicing for the birth of St. John, already sanctified of Original Sin, and destined to prepare the way and point out the Messiah.

We welcome our young adults, some 54 in number, who have come to St. Gertrude for the second annual revival of our YAG of years ago. We hope you're having a good time, but also a spiritual one, inspired and supported by so many who share the same Faith, unchanging and uncompromised. It is a pleasure for us to host this gathering, and to share with you our abundant but all too rare spiritual resources. And may the Holy Ghost inspire, and St. Raphael protect you.

Summer is no time for sluggards. As I write this early bulletin on Thursday, some first comers are being put to work for the Young Adult Get-Together, and the many final arrangements seen to by the ever competent Miss Colleen Eldracher. The teachers in our midst were pleased to see school out, but only to devote themselves to waiting projects, after a day or two of rest: the liturgical ordo, the calendar, email, church controversy, book publishing, and maybe a film or two if we're good....

Nor have the devout let up. It's been wonderful so far to see so many, including children, assist at extra Masses during the week. We had four Masses for the start of our Summer Novena, and a good little group for each. I pray this continues, for what we do freely and out of love touches Our Lord's Heart and inclines Him to hear our many petitions.

Do continue to pray for the Sisters, among your own many intentions. The convent has been sold, and they will need a place to stay come August.

Please pray for Keith Brabender, who died suddenly May 18. Keith had been devoutly attending St. Gertrude for over a year, I think. He was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, and was starting chemo. I last recall speaking with him perhaps in April or early May. We never could get ahold of him after that and finally found him in the obituaries. We fear the family had his body burned and the bones crushed, and the ashes boxed for delivery, as is the popular way nowadays. Our consolation is that Keith devoutly received Extreme Unction when he first fell ill, and was always

regular at the Sacraments. Please leave instructions with us, and someone you trust, for your funeral plans. And please remember his soul in your prayers. We will schedule a funeral service for him.



No sooner will the young adults have departed, than the young ladies of the Girls' Camp arrive. Two Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas will be coming to assist Miss Michelle Mikesell and her helpers for three wonderful days of fun, activities, and prayer, starting Wednesday. Parents, don't let your girls miss out.

Tuesday is the second week of our Summer Novena, and Wednesday is the feast itself of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Friday's 9 AM High Mass for Ss. Peter and Paul will be sung by the Girls' Camp Choir.

Thanks for your presence and participation these Summer days, dear faithful, as well as for your regular support. Remember to pop your Sunday envelopes in the mail should you be travelling over a Sunday. A special thank you to our four faithful cooks. It's a lot of trouble purchasing, preparing and delivering a meal, but your charity is ever so much appreciated.

The days grow shorter now, just a bit at first. But Christ the Light of the World comes again at Christmas, only six months away. Blessed Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

- Bishop Dolan

WHY THIS EARLY POPE STARTED THE CUSTOM OF SAYING "GOD BLESS YOU!" WHEN PEOPLE SNEEZE

So many little customs in our world today came from the Catholic Church – and we just don't know it!

It's a common custom around the world that when a person near you sneezes, you respond by saying "God bless you!"

When you think about it, that might seem like a bit of a *strange* thing to do. Wishing God's blessing on someone is a good thing, of course, but... why is it specifically linked with people sneezing? Well, the answer takes us all the way back to a 6th century.

For centuries, major plagues were a regular problem, especially in Europe. According to one account, the bubonic plague was ravaging the city of Rome in the 6th century. Since coughing and sneezing were symptoms, Pope St. Gregory the Great encouraged Catholics to give a blessing to people displaying those symptoms in hopes that God may have mercy on them and save their lives.

So next time you see a person sneezes, listen to Pope St. Gregory the Great and ask for God's blessing on him – you might even be saving his life!

This came up right after last Sunday's sermon on potential meanings for "the Lord be with you." – Bp. Dolan

MON	6/25/18	ST. WILLIAM, AB 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mary & †Joseph Montello (<i>Karen & Paul Puglielli</i>)
TUE	6/26/18	SS. JOHN & PAUL, MM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES ☞ 7:00 AM Special Early Summer Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Joanne Heckencamp</i>) W 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention in honor of St. Anthony (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Poor Souls Most in Need (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Chris & Clare Hable & Family (<i>Bob & Bridget Mueller</i>)
WED	6/27/18	WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</i> OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP TRIDUUM II AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM Low Mass The Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation (<i>Parishioners of SGG</i>) Opening of Girls' Camp W 9:00 AM Low Mass †Sharon Patton (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Jim & Annemarie Benedetto (<i>Paul Benedetto</i>)
THU	6/28/18	ST. IRENAEUS, BPM VIGIL OF SS. PETER & PAUL OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP TRIDUUM III AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM Low Mass My family & friends (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) W 9:00 AM Low Mass Doris Ritze (<i>Joe & Mary Kunkel</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass In thanksgiving (<i>M. Sutton</i>) 5:50 PM First Vespers of Ss. Peter & Paul
FRI	6/29/18	SS. PETER & PAUL, APP 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada – 41 st Ordination Anniversary W 9:00 AM High Mass Bp. Dolan – 42 nd Ordination Anniversary 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary W 5:45 PM Low Mass Anniversary of Ordination – Fr. Francis Miller (<i>Kathy Gibson</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	6/30/18	COMMEMORATION OF ST. PAUL, AP WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:15 AM Confessions W 7:30 AM Low Mass †Brian McMahon (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>) 8:05 AM Salve, Sermon W 8:15 AM High Mass Special Intentions (<i>Jason Murray</i>)
SUN	7/1/18	THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST VI OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Victor Ritze (<i>Joe & Mary Kunkel</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Jan Becker & All Deceased Choir Members (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Conversion of sinners (<i>McGinnis Family</i>) 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. ANTHONY'S CHAPTER OF THE UNION THAT NOTHING BE LOST

"Gather up the fragments that remain lest they be lost." (*John vi. 12*).

The Union That Nothing Be Lost was a missionary and charitable organization, having for its two-fold object corporal works of mercy and the salvation of souls. In furtherance of these ends it enjoined upon its members economy, self-denial, and a holy simplicity of living, in conformity with their state in life, *that nothing be lost* which might be employed in extending the kingdom of God or in ministering to the sick and poor.

Rule of Action

Each member would strive to observe the following rules of conduct:

1. To make the best use I can of every talent I possess.
2. To waste nothing—neither time money, food, clothing, nor opportunity of doing good which may be given to me.
3. To spend upon self the *minimum* rather than the *maximum* of what is at my disposal; that I may have the more to give to God and to those whose need is greater than my own.
4. To practice as strict an economy in order to lay up treasure in heaven as the worldly-wise do in accumulating treasure on the earth.
5. To keep ever in mind the text: "That Nothing Be Lost" and for love of God and the rewards of eternal life *to do all the good I can, in all the ways I can, to whomsoever I can, as long as life affords the privilege and opportunity of service.*

Rule of Prayer

The following prayer was said daily:

"O Lord Jesus Christ, Who commandest Thine apostles to gather up the fragments *that nothing be lost*, give me grace to waste nothing, but to use all my time, talent, substance, and opportunity to the greater glory of God, and good of my neighbor, and the salvation of souls; and for all love of Thee, O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

This struck me as a good way to honor St. Anthony either in petition or thanksgiving. "That nothing be lost." Too much is wasted. "That no one be lost," should be our fervent prayer for fallen away and sinners, including priests. St. Anthony is in charge of lost things...and people. – Bp. Dolan

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THINGS THAT ARE LOST

O Great St. Anthony, who has received from God a special power to recover lost things, help me that I may find that which I am now seeking.

Obtain for me, also, an active faith, perfect docility to the inspirations of grace, disgust for the vain pleasures of the world, and an ardent desire for the imperishable good of everlasting happiness. Amen.