

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 1, 2018
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
PENTECOST VI



¶ THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

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

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The little church is in the vestibule today to receive your offerings for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ MONDAY – THE VISITATION

This lovely feast of Mary, the Second Joyful Mystery, is celebrated tomorrow. The feast day Mass is at 5 PM.

¶ 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.

¶ INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday is Independence Day. Masses are at 8:00 and 9:00 AM, followed by prayers for our country. The 9 AM Mass has stirring music as well. Please plan to attend and pray for America's conversion, for peace, and so many other needs.

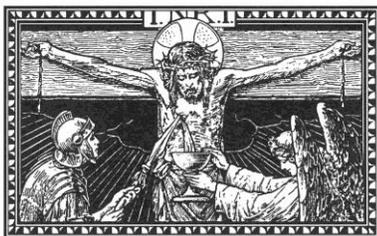
¶ DON'T FORGET...

Boys' Camp: July 24-26

Collection Report

Sunday, June 24th.....\$4,898.00

Thank you for your generosity.



¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass & Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena

All Night Adoration

Intention for First Friday: In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His Precious Blood.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass, Salve
8:20 AM Benediction, Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for every offense in word or writing against the Mother of God in our own land.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SS. PETER & PAUL

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM next Sunday.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* High Mass: Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, with second collect and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VII. Preface of the Apostles. Low Masses: Pentecost VII, with second collect of St. Elizabeth. Trinity Preface.

¶ GO FUND ME

Please keep up your prayers for a convent and a car for the Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation. Some nibbles on some at least temporary housing, but nothing definite yet. Please remember their needs in your charity: <https://www.gofundme.com/zppw66-help-the-sisters>

You may also make out a check to: Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation and put it in the collection or drop it off at the office.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Lorraine Gates, who died on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. Her funeral will be Monday, July 2.
9:00-10:00 AM Visitation
10:00 AM Rosary, followed by Requiem High Mass & Absolution

TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

When I was well-behaved,
obedient,
You seemed to smile at me: but I would see,
If sometimes I was naughty...well, that meant
I thought I saw you crying over me.



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!

A GOOD PRECIOUS BLOOD
MEDITATION

The Church takes us back to the beginning. Cain and Abel are making an offering. Abel's sacrifice is pleasing to God, Cain's is not. This gives rise to the sin of hatred, and fratricide is its resolution. The thirsting earth soaks up Abel's blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ's Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.

Millennia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

In a vision the prophet Isaias saw a man treading out grapes (in the Orient, trampling upon grapes in the wine-press was the usual means of extracting the juice). The prophet asked the man: "Why are your garments so red?" "The wine-press I have trodden alone," he answers, "because from the nations there is no one with me." The trodder of the wine-press is Christ, His garments crimsoned by the Blood of redemption.

The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised.

It is night on Mount Olivet, and the moon is shining. We see the holy face crimsoned with blood

during the agony in the garden.

Unhappy, despairing Judas casts the blood-money down in the temple. "I have betrayed innocent blood!"

Our meditation continues as the Church leads us into the scourging chamber and shows us the Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate shows the blood-covered Body to the crowds: *Ecce homo!* We go through Jerusalem's streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross blood trickles. A soldier opens the sacred side. Water and Blood.

A help to prayer today and throughout the month of July.



BLOOD THAT HEALS BLOOD

In Christ's blood we are made strong, even though weakness persists in our sensuality. So we can see how this strength is gained, since all our weakness is in the sensual side of us. Here, I am saying, is how we gain this glorious virtue of strength and steady perseverance: since our reason is made strong in Christ's blood, we must drown ourselves in this sweet glorious ransom. How? With our mind's eye and by the light of most holy faith we see it within the vessel of our own soul, in the knowledge that our being comes from God, and that God created us anew to grace in the blood of His Only Begotten Son. And in that blood we were freed from our weakness. Oh...look, and be happy! For you have been made a vessel that holds the Blood of Christ crucified—if you are but willing to taste it in the affection of love!

- *St. Catherine of Siena*

THE SAVING FLOOD

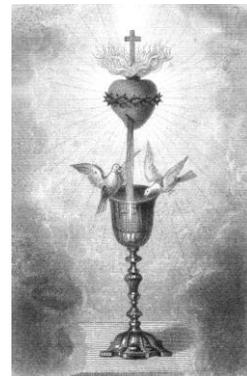
As over all the earth there pours
The sunshine in a golden flood,
So over hearts in showers of grace
There falls the saving Precious
Blood.

The fields and orchards and the
woods
Are kindled 'neath the sun's warm
rays,
So at the touch of Christ's dear Blood
Grow fruits and flowers along life's
ways.

Oh, when we see the ruddy dawn
Or sunset's glorious sky of red,
Our thoughts should turn unto that
Heart

Which for us all its lifeblood shed!

- *S. Marr*



TO OUR DEAR MOTHER

Dearest Mother, on thy feast-day,
This the prayer I make to thee:
Come in loving visitation—
Come and bring thy Son to me.

Blessings thou didst bring the Baptist
Ere he saw the light of day;
Bring my soul, by sin-shades dark-
ened,
Light of grace—for this I pray.

Ah! my soul pours forth its praises,
God's great mercies to proclaim;
And His sweetest favors, Mother,
All have come in thy blest name.

Monday is the feast of the Visitation.

The feast and the month of the Precious Blood greet us this scorcher of a Sunday. The cloister fountain has been restored to us, bubbling quietly in the midst of the refreshing enclosed garden, a symbol of paradise, and the Blood of our Savior, as we keep the last of the great Redemption feasts.

We are grateful for a memorable June and a *great* Young Adult Get-Together. It was good to see the “old adults,” and the families and our children all having such a good time together on St. John’s Eve. The Square Dance really warmed things up before even they got to the bonfire. It was a real social sizzler! Thanks to those who helped and to those who came. Good Catholic socializing is always its own justification, for the handful of Catholics who are left, encouraging and helping in so many ways, as we try to keep and spread our Faith.

Hardly had the good young adults decamped, and it was time for our girls and young ladies and the Florida sisters. Some of you were involved in both late June activities. Thanks again for making these true apostolates possible. I know the girls had a good time during these grace filled days.

Counting the feast days and First Communion, this was an intense June. We’ll be happy to see the back of it as we remember hearing something about “rest” in the Summer. July *should* be a quieter month, with just the Boys’ Camp towards its end.

The Summer Novena continues to draw devotees all day long each Tuesday. Joined with Holy Mass, it packs a powerful punch of prayer.

Fr. Lehtoranta certainly stays busy. He’s put out another e-newsletter (subscribe by writing him at fr.lehtoranta@yandex.com) as well as publishing a book or two! Father found time charitably to visit and bless the grave of recently buried **Bishop Slupski**. The **McFathers** are all over the Missions, as well as helping souls here at home. **Fr. Cekada** is our guest preacher today, and is busy researching and writing to promote a real, Catholic understanding of the current state of the Church. I’m visiting our old chapel in Opelousas, Louisiana, and then going on to **Fr. Francis’** chapel in Dallas today. We are grateful to God to be able to join forces with this fine Franciscan Father. We congratulate **Rev. Mr. Caleb Sons**, a Cajun deep down, ordained a deacon Friday by new **Bishop Selway**.

Fr. Nkamuke reports a hair-raising automobile adventure recently. He was going up a mountainside at dusk, stalled, and ended up speeding down the mountain in reverse. Somehow the angels were with him, and he was able to restart the car and safely be on his way

forward. But he reports that such an incident certainly makes you think of the Four Last Things. We’re promoting Fr. Nkamuke’s Nigerian work on our website this month. See the Bishop’s Apostolate page, and learn all about it. You’ll be impressed.



We mourn the passing last Wednesday of Loraine Gates, at a very advanced age. Her funeral is tomorrow. Like Sharon Patton, she was blessed with a very beautiful and peaceful death. Who did they see, do you think, just at the end? Loraine was an active and involved parishioner for years, loved her Faith deeply, and sacrificed and suffered for it willingly. She was always one to be praying Rosary after Rosary, just like Paulina.

The priests were talking about a tale—it may be an urban myth—of Paulina once challenging her dear friend Loraine to a “walker race” down All Saints hallway. Paulina is said to have won, but may have resorted to walker blocking her buddy. All in good fun.

We love our Faith deeply here, but we *do* have fun as well, don’t we? How good is the good God. Have a good week, and do remember to pray for our country on Independence Day, and in reparation on First Friday and its All Night Vigil.

Happy July. God bless and keep our travellers.

- Bishop Dolan

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor – July 2018

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Ken Gilliam, Kirby Bischel
 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Justin Soeder
 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, *Volunteer needed*
 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Chip McClorey, David Marko
 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Danny Brueggemann
 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
 4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Bob Uhlenbrock, Matthew Giese
 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Paddy Omlor, Joseph Simpson
 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Sisters of Our Lady of
 Reparation

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212

Kindling wood...for the Altar

The Mass is a communal act, and not a private prayer to be bracketed up with other private prayers.... It is a public, official ceremony; wherein God receives homage not from just me, but from mankind.... I should take an active part by devoutly following, by singing, praying aloud after Low Mass with the priest, and most of all, by making my Communion, sacramental or spiritual.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

Catholics often ask this question, and Bishop Sanborn recently gave an answer in the light of the loss of the Catholic countries (Argentina, Ireland, Poland...) and the moral decay of the conciliar clergy. We'll serialize his answer in the bulletin.

Vatican II is the cause of the moral decay, since its very soul is *relativism* in regard to truth. As much as objectivity of truth characterized pre-Vatican II Catholicism, both in dogma and in morals, this new relativism is what pervades all of the post-Vatican II era. The eldest child of this relativism is *ecumenism*, which holds that non-Catholic religions are means of salvation. Implicit in this statement is that God does not care what religion you belong to, or what dogmas you adhere to, as long as you have an interior personal relationship with Him. In this system, all religions are true, and all are means of salvation. Ecumenism's ugly little sister is *religious liberty*, whereby conscience is extolled above the Church's magisterium, generating a supposed God-given right to practice whatever religion you believe.

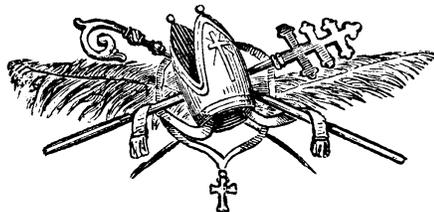
This relativism in regard to truth is what has destroyed Catholicism in all of the institutions which were once Catholic. It has also destroyed the clergy's ability to insist upon Catholic morality in the public sphere. It has destroyed unity of faith among Catholics, the label "Catholic" now referring only to adherence to an institution, but not to a set of dogmatic or moral tenets. Add to this the other Novus Ordo ideas which have been popularly spread by this new religion, such as "everyone is going to heaven" and "there is no hell," and "we all worship the same God." The result is a feckless and useless clergy incapable of transmitting the Catholic Faith. Their

sermons are boring and trite, not concerned about objective Catholic dogma and morality, but about purely naturalistic ideas of being good to your neighbor, being concerned about the environment, and being generally "nice." Funeral sermons are not about purgatory and judgment, but about the fact that the deceased is in heaven, usually playing golf with God, or mowing God's lawn, making spaghetti (if she's Italian) or some other vapid or inane activity which characterized the deceased in this life.

We must further add the effect of the new catechisms, which came into being in the 1960's, and which, through a failure to present the Catholic Faith in an objective question-and-answer method, ruined the virtue of faith in Catholics who were subjected to them. They presented the typically Modernist doctrine that God is discovered through a personal religious experience, and not through a knowledge of dogmas which are adhered to by the virtue of faith. Modernism is the most lethal enemy of the virtue of faith, and we have seen the result of this poisoning of souls in the public immorality and worse, in the *legalization* of immorality, indeed in the murder of babies and unnatural vice, both abominations in God's eyes in countries which were once staunchly Catholic.

The Novus Ordo clergy, as a whole, and with only a few exceptions, are guilty of this moral apostasy and have on their hands the blood of the innocent babies who will be aborted in these once Catholic countries.

- Bishop Sanborn, June 2018

THE MASS, DAILY MASS, THE CHALICE,
THE GREATEST POWER

The Holy Mass is something divine, omnipotent—the Chalice—one more Mass—two, three or four more Masses—if possible, daily Mass. You are asking for a miracle; I approve. But I tell you that you must pay the ransom for the conversions you make. You have a right to ask for miracles. Do you know what a conversion is? It is the resurrection of a soul. It is far greater to see the resurrection of a soul than the resurrection of a corpse. Oh, one more Mass! Please—one more Mass! Pay the ransom with the Chalice. One more Mass! If you have anyone at home sick, or dying, oh, pay the ransom with the Chalice—one more Mass!

- Fr. Mateo



Modern "culture:" Too much, too loud, too fast, too many, too many infants, too few grown-ups, too many boy-men, too few men, too many feminists, too few women, too many dogs, too few children.

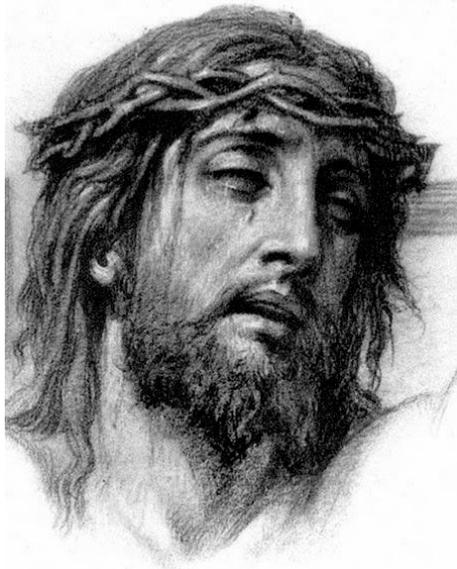
No generation in history grew up by staring at pictures throughout childhood. But three generations of Americans have now permitted their children to do that—over a span of sixty years during which we have seen a culture-wide collapse of rules, laws, standards, competence, and responsibility.

Modern Americans believe they are giving a wonderful thing to their children when they expose them from infancy onward to television screens and electronic gadgets. I believe they are taking something wonderful from their children by showering such things upon them: Something that all previous generations grew up with and likely took for granted: The capacity to develop imagination and conceptual thought.

- Alan

HOW TO PRAY AT THE
CONSECRATION

When the precious moment of the Consecration has arrived, imagine yourself on Calvary, standing beneath the Cross with Mary, and, united with her sentiments, offer to the Eternal Father the Precious Blood and Wounds of Jesus, for the conversion of sinners and unbelievers and the poor souls in purgatory. And now, united with Jesus and Mary, look at your crucifix and make your offering by saying: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ to heal those of our souls. My Jesus, pardon and mercy through the merits of Thy Sacred Wounds. Renew this offering for every wound of Jesus. You will also have time to see Him in spirit, in pain and suffering, in the first, second, and third fall under the heavy weight of the Cross. Do not forget the adorable Face of Jesus, the seat of all wisdom, crowned for us with thorns. God promised a great reward for those who honor His holy Face. In this offering, we are offering heaven to heaven. This is not all; we are following the Master, the Good Shepherd and the good Samaritan, to heal the wounds of our Savior who has loved us so much. - Fr. Mateo



Never miss Mass through your own fault. Sometimes you cannot attend; but make the effort never to miss one Mass and Communion, in spite of your difficulties. You will bless me when dying, if you do this. May God grant you the grace to attend Mass daily, and to receive daily Communion with the intention of saving souls from hell, and thereby glorifying God in heaven for all eternity. There is no greater love.

- Fr. Mateo

CONFITEOR

What a solemn moment! In the presence of the holy, omniscient God, both priest and people feel their guilt and publicly ask for grace and pardon. The soul must cleanse itself in the waters of contrition at the very beginning of this sublime act. How could it otherwise receive the full benefits of the approaching Mystery?

As once on the Cross Our Lord took upon Himself the sins of the whole world, to atone for them with His Blood, so now we lay our sins upon Him as upon a victim about to be immolated on the altar, that He may expiate them. It is to indicate this that the priest at the commencement of the Mass bows down at the foot of the altar, and in the spirit of humility presents himself as if laden with the sins of the people before the Eternal Father, in order to prevail upon Him to have mercy. In this position he also personifies Christ upon the Mount of Olive, who bowed down under the burden of the sins of the whole world, fell upon His face, His sweat become as drops of blood, and prayed earnestly to His Heavenly Father. In like manner, Christ's representative prays for the pardon of his own sins and the sins of all present, for whom the price of Redemption was once paid, and is daily offered anew to operate the remission of sin.

PRAYER TO BE SAID DURING THE ELEVATION IN THE MASS

Hail, Saving Victim, offered upon the scaffold of the Cross for me and for the whole human race.

Hail, Precious Blood streaming from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ, washing away the sins of the whole world.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servant, the work of Thy hands, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.



Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, in expiation of my sins and for the wants of Holy Church.

Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus, Who with His Blood has saved us.

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, in one of her revelations, received a command from Almighty God to offer the Blood of Jesus Christ to disarm the anger of God about to fall on sinners. After this instruction received from Heaven she imposed upon herself the obligation of offering the Blood of Jesus Christ at least fifty times a day for the living and for the dead. The seraphic soul did this with such great fervor and piety that on many occasions she obtained the conversion of a multitude of sinners, and this our Lord showed her in a vision.



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| MON | 7/2/18 | VISITATION OF OUR LADY SS. PROCESSUS & MARTINIAN, MM 9:00 AM Wake for †Lorraine Gates 10:00 AM Rosary & Requiem High Mass 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) |
| TUE | 7/3/18 | ST. LEO II, PC WITHIN THE OCTAVE SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES ☞ 7:00 AM Special Early Summer Mass The Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Jeff & Nicole Kimpel</i>) W 8:00 AM Low Mass The Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation (<i>Parishioners of SGG</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †Jane Donadio (<i>Anet Donadio & Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Bonnie Otten – return of cancer (<i>Bob & Becky</i>) |
| WED | 7/4/18 | INDEPENDENCE DAY FIRST WEDNESDAY: ST. JOSEPH RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY ALL ROMAN PONTIFFS 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention in honor of St. Joseph (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) W 9:00 AM Independence Day Mass †Jim Peter (<i>Simpson family</i>) |
| THU | 7/5/18 | ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C FIRST THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE W 8:00 AM First Thursday Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 8:40 AM Exposition, Devotions, Benediction 5:00 PM Low Mass Thanksgiving for blessing received (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) |
| FRI | 7/6/18 | OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER & PAUL FIRST FRIDAY 8:00 AM Low Mass St. Thomas Aquinas: answered prayers (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions W 11:25 AM Low Mass Therese & William Burton (<i>Therese Burton</i>) Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention in honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) 6:30 PM Devotions & All Night Adoration |
| SAT | 7/7/18 | FIRST SATURDAY SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS, BPPCC <i>St. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, C</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Jennifer Smith (<i>Barbara J. Modrzyk</i>) Salve 8:20 AM Benediction, Meditation 8:40 AM Low Mass Basil Salim Kalian (<i>Bridget Mueller</i>) |
| SUN | 7/8/18 | SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APP PENTECOST VII ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, |

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA: ALMSGIVING

St. Anthony used principally the pulpit for aiding the people. There he became the advocate for the poor and needy by recommending almsgiving. In one of his sermons he says: "With regard to corporal needs, the Savior admonishes us to give alms, and even if there were no commandment, reason would tell us to do so. Take a well for example: the more frequently water is drawn from it, the better it becomes. It does not turn stale nor stagnant but rises fresher, nor does it grow less but increases steadily. A well not used becomes putrid and poisonous. Draw from your treasury and you make the money purer for your conscience, sweeter for your feeling and so increase your riches. Filled from the ocean of God's abundance, it is maintained by Divine Providence in unknown ways and according to hidden laws."



PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE GRACE OF HOLY PURITY

O purest St. Anthony, who through thy angelic virtue has been made worthy to be caressed by Jesus, to hold Him in thy arms and press Him to thy heart: I entreat thee to cast a benevolent glance upon me, a poor sinner. By the mere touch of thy garment thou hast communicated that most precious of all gifts, holy purity. Oh, deliver me by thy powerful intercession from all thoughts and actions against the holy virtue, that I may become a pleasing object in the eyes of Jesus and His Immaculate Mother.

Pray for me that my heart and soul may remain pure and undefiled until death, and that I may rather die than offend God by mortal sin. Amen.

Servers

SUN 7/8 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lacy TH: M. Simpson ACs: P. & Na. McClorey TORCH: Tobias England, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, A. McClorey, J. Stewart CROSS: T. Lawrence
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolench
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

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| 7:05 AM | Rosary |
| 7:30 AM | Low Mass Intentions of Dan Brueggemann Family (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>) |
| 9:00 AM | High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great |
| 11:05 AM | Rosary |
| 11:30 AM | Low Mass Janet Kukla (<i>Joseph & Beth Prell</i>) |
| 4:45 PM | Vespers & Benediction |
| 5:45 PM | Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>) |