

# 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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July 15, 2018

PENTECOST VIII

ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C

DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES



## ¶ PENTECOST VIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. There are no Vespers.

## ¶ MT. CARMEL

Monday is the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Mass is at 8:00 AM. If you don't have a scapular, take a blessed one from the shrine today, or purchase one at the Gift Shop.

## ¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Please note the reduced schedule for Masses and Novena on Tuesday: 8 and 11:25 AM. Please attend one of these two services as you continue your nine, or thirteen Tuesdays.

## ¶ CHARITY ROW

Wednesday we begin four days of Saints of charity, including great St. Vincent de Paul on Thursday. Saturday you could do an act of charity. Keith Brabender never got a funeral, and probably got cremated. Come to help us give him a proper Requiem Mass at 8:15 AM Saturday, July 21.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IX

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM next Sunday. The Blessing of Cars will take place during all Masses.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost IX, with a collect of St. Mary Magdalen. Trinity Preface.



## ¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is almost here! This year our camp begins on Tuesday, July 24, and concludes on July 26. Release forms are in the vestibule. Parents, please sign them so your boys may attend the camp.



## Collection Report

Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.....\$4,165.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

## TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

I feel you make me strong, dear Mother, when

I'm fighting for my God with battle-sword:

You know that, at the close of life...ah, then

I'd like to offer *Priests* up to the Lord!

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!

- St. Therese



*O Queen, thou art the beauty of Carmel and the mediatrix of all graces.*

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DOING THE WILL OF THE  
FATHER

In one thing saints are all equally fierce and equally unrelenting: in their struggle to expropriate the self, to kill the false self that wants to be its own master and refuses to be the child of God. For this is a thing in which there can be no half-measures. It is the whole heart that has to be exchanged. Sometimes there is an obvious and clear-cut choice to be made: I know that this is what I want, and that God's will is different; and you choose the will of God. That is something, but it is only a beginning. There are other choices to be made, when the thing you want is not wrong in itself and yet may not be God's will for you at this particular moment: and if you can school yourself to choose always the will of God in these things, that is something much more.

But still it is only a beginning. You have not yet allowed the power of God to transform you wholly into Christ. You must learn to be able to say *beforehand*, of whatever may befall, that your will is to do the will of Him who sent you into the world to praise Him. And you must learn to say it utterly and of everything. It means that there must be nothing, however small, or however good, to which you would cling for a moment against God's will: there is nothing about which you have not already said, Thy will be done.

That is the daily struggle and death of the Christian. There is no easy way.

- Father Gerald Vann, O.P.



## OUR LADY'S HUMILITY – JULY 17

"Humility," according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, "is to see ourselves as God sees us." It is a simple enough definition, but as we all know it is not an easy definition to live out. We prefer to "see ourselves" better than we truly are; we want to see ourselves as stronger, kinder, nobler, smarter. We also, strangely enough, want God to see those things too, even though none of them are real, none of them are true.

It is fitting then that one of the Blessed Virgin Mary's many titles is Our Lady of Humility, for which saint more than Mary saw herself "as God saw her?" As she prays in her canticle at the Visitation: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.* Mary knew that she only needed the grace of God to make her "better" as His chosen vessel for His Son.

But perhaps it is even more fitting that this Feast of Our Lady of Humility (hidden away on July 17) is a lesser known feast day. It is simply there on the liturgical calendar as a reminder of Our Lady's continuing role in our salvation. Saint Thomas goes on to say that humility is to know "that every good thing we have comes from God as pure gift." And this is most especially true of Our Lady in our lives. She has been given to us as a pure gift from God, for in her we can see ourselves as God sees us.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!

- Rev. James M. Sullivan, O.P.



*ASPIRATIONS OF ST. BONAVENTURE*  
O Wounds! which are darts that pierce the most hardened hearts!  
O Wounds! which are flames, that set the coldest hearts on fire; consume my heart with your divine flames. Amen.

## PASSION VILLANELLE

Each pore is enflamed to the brink  
Trembling with blood to be let.  
Can you drink the cup that He drinks?

His firmest of followers shrink  
From terror that bleeds with His sweat.  
Each pore in enflamed to the brink.

Strange sediments swirl and sink.  
Each sip leads to bitter upset.  
Can you drink the cup that He drinks?

Destined to fester and stink  
Offensiveness tends to forget  
Each pore is enflamed to the brink.

Where freedom and flame are in sync  
The dregs by His lips will be met.  
Can you drink the cup that He drinks?

At watch in the garden, you wink  
To awake with cold feet and regret.  
Each pore is enflamed to the brink.  
Can you drink the cup that He drinks?

- Rita A. Simmonds

## THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



"Blessed Angela Foligno saw our Lord embracing some Franciscan Friars, and pressing them with a yearning fondness to His Wounded Side. He pressed them so closely to Him that their lips were tinged with His Blood, some slightly, some very much, and some had their mouth all ruddy with it, so tightly had He pressed them against the Wound. He told her that these were His preachers, and that the word of the Gospel only went with power to the soul when it passed over lips that were stained with His Precious Blood."

*St. Leonard offered the Precious Blood 33 times every day to the Eternal Father.*

This is the Mt. Carmel weekend, and tomorrow is the feast itself. Are you wearing your scapular right now? If not, why not? Heaven has given us so many aids to salvation, but they avail not if we do not *devoutly* use them. A year ago, a young lady in Louisiana whom I had baptized, confirmed and offered Mass and sacraments for her whole short life, died in a fiery auto wreck, her body entirely incinerated. What became of her soul? She moved with a fast crowd. Her scapular was in her other purse. Her mother is disconsolate. Our Blessed Mother wants to help, but cannot if we will not listen.

It is the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel which takes me back to Mexico this weekend. After visiting **Fr. Mardones** and his faithful in Mexico City, today we are on our way to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Dos Rios, Veracruz. But on the way we're stopping to see the Baby Doctor Jesus in Tepeaca. Be sure I bring all of your intentions, especially your sick to this venerated shrine, to the Holy Child Jesus. Tomorrow we have the feast day Procession and Mass in Dos Rios, followed by Confirmations. Tuesday, God willing, I return.

Tomorrow **Fr. Lehtoranta** goes home to Finland for a proper vacation. He flies to Helsinki, when Trump and Putin will just have met, but by his Tuesday arrival things should be calm. In his apostolic spirit, Father goes to Gothenburg, Sweden next Sunday to offer the Holy Sacrifice for a very small group he stays in touch with. Father's zeal has produced yet another book, *Laura Vicuña*, which tells the story of a South American girl, a very holy young soul and a martyr of innocence and piety. Get your copy at the bookstore.

Did you get a chance to pick up your copy of the classic *St. Anthony's Treasury*? If we're sold out, we'll order some more. Every home should have this treasure. Just relax and pray with it at home, morning or night, or bring it with you to follow the St. Anthony Mass on Tuesdays.

Boys camp concludes our major Summer activities next week. Will your boys be attending? It offers a wonderful chance for our young men to be with the **McFathers** and good Catholic dads, as they mostly have fun and games all day, but *also* get a chance for daily Mass, sermon and Rosary. Don't miss it.

The Trump Supreme Court nominee is touted by the media as a conservative and prolife, but we shall see. He is a Jesuit educated Novus Ordo, and a deep state insider, indeed an insider's insider, he and his wife. He recently ruled that the government has a

"compelling interest" in providing birth control on your dime and that an illegal immigrant has a right to one of our "safe and legal" American abortions. Not too safe for the baby, though.



I write this because many of you are only exposed to the Fake News which dominates our airwaves. Smoothly presented photo ops are meant to be persuasive, not objective. Another example of this is the election of the new head of the Pius X Society. He, too, is portrayed as a conservative, who will step back from full union with Conciliar Rome. But the conservative/liberal paradigm comes to us from the godless French Revolution. Sillies celebrated it yesterday, July 14. But we should not be taken in.

The Society is essentially a sect, with its own peculiar doctrines. Like most groups (this is why I am so wary of formal groups today) its prime directive is its own proper good, and propagation, and survival; its power. It may be helpful to remember that the Pius X Society views itself as a kind of a superchurch, perfectly free permanently to operate outside of Church structures. This is usually a definition of schism. So while holding that Bergoglio (who's fond of them, you know ☺) is a true pope, they also insist that he is not to be obeyed unless they give the okay. Only they must be obeyed, and that without question, even when they impose liberal, Vatican II style changes. Conservative they're not. Stay away.

But go with the Prophet Elias to Mt. Carmel. May Our Lady clothe you with the "dyed garments of the Precious Blood." Brown is the color of dried blood, His Precious Blood. It is our protection, refreshment and forgiveness. Safe travels to you, but go clothed in Brown, His Blood, Our Lady's Scapular.

- Bishop Dolan



### *Kindling wood...for the Altar*

The Mass is Christ's Sacrifice.... I should not be astonished if the Mass becomes likewise a sacrifice for me—of my time, of my comfort, of my need for speech.... Trifles, these, compared to Christ's Sacrifice, compared to the long trek of Christians in the bush; compared to the mortal peril of those participating in a clandestine Mass in a concentration camp....

MON	7/16/18	<b>OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass &amp; Closing of Triduum:</b> Diane Puglielli (Karen & Paul)
TUE	7/17/18	<b>ST. ALEXIUS, C</b> HUMILITY OF MARY CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention (Hai Yuuan) 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Bob Uhlenbrock – Happy Birthday (Joan Fey)
WED	7/18/18	<b>ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C</b> ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Cekada Happy Birthday (Doloris Ritze) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention (Rich VandeRyt)
THU	7/19/18	<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C</b> ☞ 7:00 AM <b>Special Early Summer Mass</b> My family & friends (Rich VandeRyt) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Ryan Greenwell – Birthday (Colleen Greenwell) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Carla Paniel (Marge)
FRI	7/20/18	<b>ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C</b> ST. MARGARET, VM ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Ryan Greenwell 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Lauren Miller 6:30 PM <b>Benediction</b>
SAT	7/21/18	<b>OUR LADY'S SATURDAY</b> ST. PRAXEDES, V ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY 7:15 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Margie Davey (Barbara Stump) 8:05 AM <b>Salve &amp; Sermon</b> 8:15 AM <b>Requiem High Mass &amp; Absolution:</b> †Keith Brabender
SUN	7/22/18	<b>PENTECOST IX</b> ST. MARY MADGALEN, PENITENT BLESSING OF CARS AFTER ALL MASSES 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Thanksgiving for prayers answered (Dan & Mary) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intentions (Eva Nellenbach) 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Lynne Botts (Joseph & Elizabeth Prell)

**Masses said privately:**

- (2) †Keith Brabender (Bishop Dolan & Fr. Cekada)  
†Lorraine Gates (Bishop Dolan)  
Bishop Dolan & Fr. Cekada (Fr. McGuire)  
My Special Intentions (Rich VandeRyt)

Q: What sin does a Catholic commit who through his own fault misses Mass on a Sunday or holyday of obligation?

A: A Catholic who through his own fault misses Mass on a Sunday or holyday of obligation commits a mortal sin. The obligation of hearing Mass is fulfilled only when the Catholic is present at all three principal parts of one and the same Mass: the Offertory, the Consecration, and the Communion. If he should arrive after the Offertory but before the Canon, he must make up the defect by attending a later Mass up to the missed part inclusive. But if he misses either the Consecration or the Communion, he simply does not hear Mass; in this case, he is obliged to attend later a full and complete Mass.

– The Baltimore Catechism

Therefore, try to use the restroom before Mass. Do not use the restroom for breaks during Mass, except for urgent cases. Break yourself, and your children, of this bad habit. It is distracting, irreverent, and self-indulgent, and may lead to missing Mass! If you step out for the Offertory, Consecration, or Priest's Communion, the three principal parts of the Mass (unless you are actually sick, or about to have "an accident"), you would *sin mortally*, by missing one or more of the chief parts of your Sunday Mass of Obligation: unless you stay for another Mass. Those powder breaks can be awfully pricey.

Parents taking care of babies in the vestibule are considered as still attending Mass, and do fulfill, often in a sacrificial and most edifying way, their Sunday obligation.

Show every Sunday, how much you love your Mass! Know your Mass, and attend it.



*My dearest Mother Mary, I beseech Thee with confidence, obtain for me, although thy unworthy child, the blessing of God the Father, by covering me with the merits of thy Son Jesus, that I may regain my eternal birthright in Heaven. Clothe me every evening, Sweet Lady of Mt. Carmel, but especially on the eve of my life, with the "Dyed Garments" of the Precious Blood. Amen.*

**SERVERS**

SUN 7/22 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy TH: T. Lawrence ACs: C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson TORCH: T. England, J. Stewart, C. & J. Mourer  
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolench  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller