

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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September 16, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

PENTECOST XVII

Ss. CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BPMM

Ss. EUPHEMIA, LUCY & GEMINIANUS, MM



¶ PENTECOST XVII

Today is the Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. The Blessing of the Sick is available at the Communion Rail. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be moved to next Sunday.) Sunday Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers due to the Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods Park. Everyone is invited! Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the Cardinal Crest Shelter. We're providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Two Franciscan feasts lead off our week: the Stigmata of St. Francis on Monday, and the "flying Franciscan," St. Joseph Cupertino, on Tuesday. On Wednesday are the feasts of Our Lady of La Salette and St. Januarius. St. Matthew the Apostle and patron saint of tax questions is on Friday.

¶ OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

A Triduum in honor of Our Lady of La Salette (the *Weeping Virgin of La Salette*) begins Monday after the 11:25 AM Mass and concludes on Wednesday.

¶ MARIAN INTENTIONS

Mass Intention forms are in the vestibule for one more Marian Mass. Fill one out and return to the office or bookstore.

Lumen Christi

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

God's Holy Will
(Patrick Curry)



¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Fall Ember Days. Catholics between the ages of 21-59 are bound to the Laws of Fast; those who have reached their 7th year may eat meat only once, at the principal meal, on Wednesday and Saturday. The Ember Days were instituted for a good harvest and to draw down God's blessings upon the September ordinations. Pray for priests!



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XVIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XVIII, with commemorations of St. Linus and St. Thecla. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Paige McClorey, and Connie, the sister of Paul Arlinghaus.

¶ UPCOMING: ROSARY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 7, is Rosary Sunday. Newly ordained Fr. Damien Dutertre will be our celebrant for the High Mass, and the speaker during the annual Rosary Confraternity Breakfast. He will tell the story of his path to the priesthood. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! Tickets are on sale today.

Collection Report

Sunday, September 9th\$5,293.00
Thank you for your generosity.

"MOTHER OF GRACE, O MARY BLEST"

Mother of grace, O Mary blest,
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly:
Shield us through life, and take us
hence
To thy dear bosom when we die.

- Roman Breviary
(translated by Edward Caswall)

THE KING COMES

God, it seems, has been so completely banished from the world He created and redeemed that the secularism in our present civilization has affected the thinking even of us Catholics. For this forgetfulness of Christ's supremacy, having gradually led to an implicit denial of it, has brought about an almost total loss of that spirit of worship essential to the liturgy. Not that God is no longer adored by Catholics; but their worship is performed, for the most part, perfunctorily—not as to an all-perfect Deity essentially deserving of praise, but as to a rich Dispenser of those favors for which we try to bargain.

The result of all this change in mentality is that even the Christian mind has become more and more secularist, while the worldliness thus engendered has made many Catholics ever more indifferent to the need for public worship. (Think of Vespers...High Mass, even week-day festal Masses.)

A truly effective antidote for this state of mind is today's Mass, both as a lesson to instruct and as a mystery-in-action to effect within us a real change of mentality. In the Gospel the Church shows us Jesus of Nazareth, Helper of the poor and Friend of sinners, but now sitting on the very throne of the Almighty, who makes all enemies His footstool. Nor is this a mere vision of something very nebulous and far away. We know that at the Consecration of this Mass the same triumphant Christ, whose power and majesty we have just glimpsed, will indeed descend into our midst today—upon our very altar—even as He shall some time come to "judge the world by fire."

- Madame Cecilia, O.S.B.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

If Mary had been given us as our Mother in Bethlehem, if she had wrapped herself in her unique joy, if she had been to us but a figure of Incarnate bliss, then when the horror of darkness fell upon us, we too should have crept away from even her, to suffer in loneliness. A religion that presented to us Mary with her living Child in her arms, and had no Mary with her dead Son across her knees, could not have been the religion to which we should turn in utter confidence when all else had failed.

More—she could not have been our Mother in any but an adopted sense, if her bearing of us had been without pain. But as it is, she who brought forth her unfallen firstborn painlessly, brought forth the rest of her fallen human family in agony and darkness.

Indeed she is the Mother of the redeemed, because she was the Mother of Redemption: she stood by the cross of Jesus, as she had knelt by His cradle; and she is our Mother, then, by that very blood by which both she and we are alike redeemed. The "Mother of Sorrow" must always be nearer to the human race than even the "Cause of our Joy."

- Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson

ORA PRO ME

Ave Maria! bright and pure,
Hear, O hear me when I pray!
Pains and pleasures try the pilgrim
On his long and weary way;
Fears and perils are around me,—
Ora pro me.

Mary, see my heart is burdened,
Take, O take the weight away,
O help me that I may not murmur
If it is a cross you lay
On my weak and trembling heart,—
but
Ora pro me.

Mary, Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Teach oh teach me to obey:
Lead me on, though fierce temptations
Stand to meet me in the way;
When I fail and faint, my mother,
Ora pro me.

Then shall I, if thou, O Mother,
Art my strong support and stay—
Fear nor feel the threefold danger
Standing forth in dread array;
Now and ever shield and guard me,
Ora pro me.

When my eyes are slowly closing,
And I fade from earth away,
And when Death, the stern destroyer,
er,
Claims my body, as his prey,—
Claim my soul, and then sweet
Mary,
Ora pro me.

- Adelaide Anne Procter



The sun at last returned on Thursday, back from its vacation, in time for a beautiful, peaceful procession for peace, as we prayed Mary's mysteries. I pray the same sun will favor us today for our annual church picnic. Do come. You know it's fun. You might even make a friend or two.

Curious that on so joyful a day as today we begin by mourning with Our Blessed Mother, remembering her sorrows sevenfold. We remember our own as we bless our sick, and extend those prayers to all who have asked. The "solace of all who sorrow" banishes sadness and restores gladness.

I note that the 8 AM weekday Mass this month is drawing good (for us) numbers. But the special 5:45 PM Thursday votive of Our Lady's Nativity was also well attended. Oh, and Kirby says there were 55 souls for the procession. March on, Soldiers of Christ!

An impressive number of servers now assist at the School Mass. The School Choir, which made its fine debut last Sunday, is sounding strong and true. Ditto (as the radio man likes to say) for the parish choir, which beings a new season today. Welcome back! **Fr. Cekada** is coordinating things for them, working up new pieces, accompanying rehearsals and producing a plethora of schedules to keep everybody on track. He's also loving his Friday music appreciation class, now in its second year.

We're happy to be able to offer kindergarten again at our school, and welcome alumna Miss Florence Lotarski to our staff. In June Mrs. Margaret Kinnett, our beloved and devoted English literature teacher, announced her retirement after 25 years in the classroom. She taught from her heart, and loved what she did, a true teacher. Thank you, Margaret!

September allergies kicked in last week, along with the hurricanes. Strong! We pray for the sufferers. Pray too for our seminarians returning to Florida. **Fr. Nkamuke** is proud to be sending two of his students to continue their studies at Most Holy Trinity. Every room is full, and young Thomas has the sacristy suite, conveniently near to work.

Meanwhile, we have two young Brazilian priests working with us now. These Fathers report some ten to twelve young men interested in the priesthood. The poor countries are rich in vocations. The Holy Ghost is raising up young people to replace the old. Thanks be to God.

But the Conciliar Church has done its destruction, fifty years now. The real Catholic Church, save in rare pockets, has vanished from the face of the

earth, and with it the Mass. The filthy bloated business of the Novus Ordo Church is daily imploding before our eyes. Lies abound, "pure lies," as the Mexicans like to say. Deep State does its share as well with propaganda, and perpetual war and the Moslem migrations serving their purposes.

Thank God for the Gospel. Don't just have the Bible open in your home. Read it. Turn off the fake news of our masters (while you still can), settle down and read the true Word. It will so quiet your soul that you will want to reach for your rosary and pray. Excellent way to begin or end the day.

May Our Lady refresh you with her Sorrows.

– Bishop Dolan



A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO CAUSE US TO SUFFER



Jesus, my Savior, You whom I see on the Cross overwhelmed with suffering and covered with wounds, and who prayed for Your enemies and persecutors, grant me the grace to do likewise. O generous Benefactor, You die for Your executioners, and rejoice and offer for their salvation the divine Blood which they make flow by nailing You to the Cross! Penetrated with a sincere desire to imitate You, I beseech You to look in Your infinite mercy at all those who have caused me pain, and of whom I find cause for complaint—those who have saddened, humiliated, and wronged me. Dear Lord, do them good in this world and the next! Do not refuse them the grace of repentance, so that one day they may be given entrance into Heaven. Dear Lord, give me the courage and strength to avenge myself like the saints; by cheerfully rendering good for evil, every time I have the opportunity to do so. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing. Amen.

"Jesus keeps nothing for Himself of what is done for love of Him and He will repay us very lavishly. Don't let us make our happiness depend on enjoying wonderful health, or else we should be just like those foolish worldly people to whom it is not given to know the secrets of heaven... Continue to love Jesus and make an effort to love Him more and more, without wanting to know anything else, He alone will steer us to the haven of salvation."

– Padre Pio

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| MON | 9/17/18 | STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention in honor of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) Opening of the Triduum to Our Lady of La Salette |
| TUE | 9/18/18 | ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention – MD (deceased) (<i>Richesson Family</i>) |
| WED | 9/19/18 | EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE ST. JANUARIUS, BPM & COMPANIONS, MM <i>OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Isabella Gardner (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>) (rescheduled) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Mrs. Janine Oleyar</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) |
| THU | 9/20/18 | SS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM VIGIL OF ST. MATTHEW 8:00 AM Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass In thanksgiving to St. Christopher & Guardian Angels (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (First Anniversary) |
| FRI | 9/21/18 | ST. MATTHEW, APEV EMBER FRIDAY FAST & ABSTINENCE 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) 11:10 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass †Ed Andreski (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Intentions of Sarah Burns (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction |
| SAT | 9/22/18 | EMBER SATURDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:15 AM Ember Saturday High Mass Special Intention (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) |
| SUN | 9/23/18 | PENTECOST XVIII ST. LINUS, PM ST. THECLA, VM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Bea Lutkehaus (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Pat Brickweg (<i>Joseph & Elizabeth Prell</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>) |

Gospel: Jesus preaches. The priest says *Dominus vobiscum*, and *Sequentia, Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew etc.* and makes the sign of the Cross on the book, then on his forehead, lips and breast. He does this that the word of life may enter into his mind and heart, and that it may be expressed in his speech. The response is: *Gloria*, Glory be to Thee, O Lord. At the end of the Gospel the priest kisses the book with respect, saying: *By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.* Faith and love strengthened by this holy reading will wipe away our venial sins.



Christ's whole life was a series of victories over His enemies—Herod, Satan, the leaders of the people; and in His Resurrection He overcame even death itself, thus turning apparent defeat into the most overwhelming of victories.

After His Resurrection the gradual development of Christ's victory can be seen in the Gospel's triumph over Judaism and the Gentiles, and the constantly recurring defeat of schism, and heresy, and persecution. However, then, the power of Satan, 'the Prince of the World,' may seem, at times, to revive, we know that the Psalmist's forecast moves steadily toward fulfillment, and that at last will come the moment of complete and utter victory when Christ shall 'hand back the Kingdom to God His Father, after having destroyed every Principality and Authority and Power.'

SERVERS

SUN 9/23 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: C. Richesson ACs: Na. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: T. England, S. Richesson, A. McClorey, B. Kamphaus
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

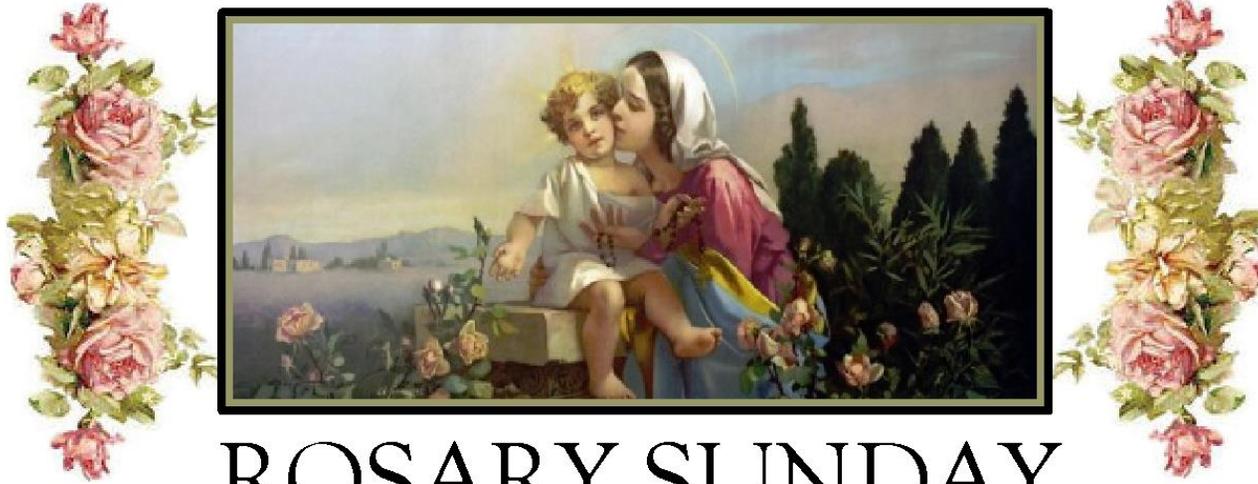
PARISH PICNIC

TODAY FROM 1-5 PM IN SHARON WOODS PARK AT THE CARDINAL CREST SHELTER

Please bring a dish to share if you would like, but most of all bring yourself!
Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided.



Enter park at main entrance from Lebanon Rd. (Rt. 42). Take second right – Cardinal Crest will be the first picnic area.



ROSARY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7, 2018

Roses will be available with a donation. One rose for \$3, two roses for \$5, five roses for \$10. They will then be blessed and carried in the Rosary Procession, and taken home and dried as a precious sacramental.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST

follows the High Mass.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: REV. DAMIEN DUTERTRE

“MY PATH TO THE PRIESTHOOD”

Tickets are on sale today: \$25 for families or \$7 for an individual.

Be sure to bring your ticket to the breakfast and add it to the drawing box.