



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

May 17, 2020
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ST. PASCAL BAYLON, C



¶ ROGATION SUNDAY

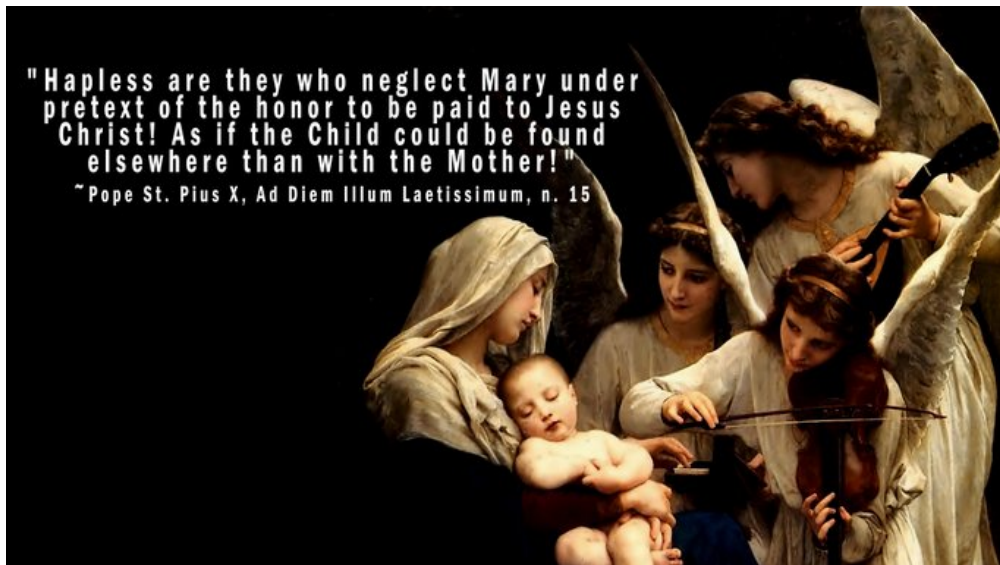
The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses today. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ROGATION DAYS

Each year on the three days preceding Our Lord's admirable Ascension, the Church gathers up all of her needs and petitions and solemnly presents them to Our Lord so that He Himself will take them to the Father when He goes home to heaven. This is the idea of the Rogation, or *asking*, Days. The Rogation Days Processions are a beautiful part of the Church's liturgy and draw down much needed grace upon ourselves, our Church, and our country. Join our school children in this powerful prayer at **11:00 AM** on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, followed by Holy Mass.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

The **May Devotions** continue every school day at **3:10 PM**—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady.



"Hapless are they who neglect Mary under pretext of the honor to be paid to Jesus Christ! As if the Child could be found elsewhere than with the Mother!"
~ Pope St. Pius X, Ad Diem Illum Laetissimum, n. 15

¶ ASCENSION THURSDAY

All are bound to assist at Mass under pain of mortal sin on Thursday, the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. **Masses** are at **7:00 AM** (especially for workers: no sermon) **9:00 AM High Mass**, and **5:45 PM Low Mass**. Vespers will be recited at 4:30 PM, with confessions and Rosary at 5:10 PM, followed by Benediction and May Devotions at 5:30.

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Fr. Cekada, Fr. Trytek's father, Kyle & Mary McGuire, Dick Joy, Dalia, Maria Dutcher, Daniel Reichley, Janet Clementi, and the repose of the souls of †Helen Tschosik and †Anne Schriener.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 YAG: July 10-12
Girls' Camp: July 21-23
Boys' Camp: July 28-30

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION

Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM next Sunday. Vespers with May Devotions & Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Sunday within the octave of the Ascension, second collect of the Ascension. Preface of

the Ascension.

¶ CONFIRMATIONS

The sacrament of Confirmation will be solemnly administered on Saturday, May 30th. Anyone, child or adult, who wishes to receive the sacrament, should contact the church office at (513) 645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org for the necessary form. If you're new and were confirmed in the Novus Ordo (since 1971), you *really* should receive a "conditional" Confirmation. You could use the Holy Ghost!

Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question. We can help.

"We are not divided now into those who know and those who do not know. We are divided now into those who care and those who do not care." – G. K. Chesterton

Collection Report

Sunday, May 10th.....\$5,791.00

OUR OFFICIAL PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

O sweetest and most holy Virgin, look down with the eyes of Thy mercy on all the afflictions and all the afflicted that fill the earth. Behold the many poor people, the many widows and orphans, the sick troubled with so many diseases, the captives and prisoners, the thousands who are cursed and persecuted by the malice of men, the defenseless persons oppressed by the strong and the mighty, the seafarers and pilgrims struggling against perils on sea and land, the missionaries exposed to countless dangers in their task of saving endangered souls. Look down upon the number of afflicted minds, of anguished hearts, of souls tormented by manifold temptations, and of souls suffering the frightful penalties of Purgatory. But above all, have pity on the countless souls that are in the state of sin and perdition and are groaning under the tyranny and the bondage of hell.

Finally, O gentlest of Virgins, take pity on the great number of wretches who people the universe, whose innumerable miseries are so many voices crying to Thee: O Mother of Mercy, comforter of the afflicted, refuge of sinners, open the eyes of Thy clemency to see our desolation, the ears of Thy bounty to hear our supplications. "To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears." Yes, Eve's miserable children, banished from the house of their heavenly Father, groaning and weeping in this valley of tears, have recourse to Thine incomparable benignity. Hear our sighs and our cries; behold our weeping and our tears. "Turn then, O gracious Advocate, Thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed Fruit of Thy womb, Jesus."

— St. John Eudes

Lord and Savior, Who at Thy ascent into heaven didst allow those present to behold Thy glorified humanity, and Who didst promise to come in judgment in the same fashion as Thou didst go up, give us grace to keep this feast of Thy Ascension with heartfelt love and faith, and so to advance in holy living that we may not be abashed when we behold Thee coming to pass judgment on the world. Amen.

Say this prayer this week for a good Ascension Feast, and for many to make the Holy Day Mass.



Our Beloved Dead – May

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Diane Powell	5-04-2012
Patrick Harpen	5-06-2014
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Robert Brockman	5-08-2020
Janet Becker	5-10-2018
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Maria Duff	5-11-2013
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
William Sandmyer	5-25-2011
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Anne McMahon	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990
Elizabeth Reis	5-31-2013

IRELAND'S QUEEN

They were exiles all
All gathered together from different
parts of the earth.
And each one told of some favorite
ruler
Of the land that gave him birth.

Said Pierre of France,
"Now here is a picture of the queen
of my land;
Note the exquisite beauty of Marie
Antoinette
And the beautiful, well-formed
hand."

"Aye! Beauty is little," the Scotsman
cried,
"It will not save from the hangman's
knot.
Just look at this face where goodness
is seen,
'Tis Mary, queen of the Scots."

The Englishman smiled and quietly
said,
"I too, have a picture to show;
'Tis the noble face of Victoria the
Great,
The Queen of the high and the low."

Pat McCormick was the only one
there
Who came from the land of the
Green.
"Now boys," said he, "I'd like ye to
see
The face of Ireland's queen."

"She is noble and good, gentle and
true,
This queen of the dear old sod."
And he drew from his pocket the
beautiful face
Of Mary, the Mother of God!

I have been told that this poem was authored by Fr. Donatus Ahern, OFM Cap, a native of Ireland, and published in The Far East Magazine while he ministered in California.

Somehow Summer managed to avoid the Social Distancing, slipping in between storms, replacing Winter's chill and the piercing wet cold which accompanies Spring. There, three seasons in eight days.

These May days pass quickly, with care for the sick, attempting to keep up with parish matters and priests' needs throughout the world; prayer, public and private, and preaching. Oh, and attempting to get the truth out about the fear-demic... Busy days.

There are encouraging little signs of resistance, small or even statewide victories against tyranny, ignorance and fear. Wisconsin's Supreme Court overturned the lockdown, and people immediately rushed out to the bars. But historically, it's more socializing than drinking which characterizes the many bars in the state. Oh, the churches were freed too. But nobody's rushing yet.

More and more people, grown weary of this outrageous lie, have begun to react, to question, to sue, to refuse. Cheering news. Let us pray. Our Mass attendance continues to increase. Some old-timers have returned. Some new faithful are now regulars. This is exactly the kind of intentions we pray for at the Lesser Litanies Procession, the Rogation Days this week, Monday through Wednesday. It would be nice to see a good turnout. If only enough people would pray... Think how much good our prayers have brought us.

Forty-seven did gather to pray the Peace Rosary of Fatima in public procession on a cold Wednesday evening, feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This too is encouraging and a sign of a return to normalcy against the insanity.

Fr. McKenna has to wear the unsanitary slave's mask of submission in order to travel by air to serve his missions. He had two symbolic ones made up, one with the Hammer and Sickle and "Your Fear Costs My Freedom." God reward his priestly devotion to souls, his many sacrifices.

The cat provides comic relief these days. His deadly foe is Newcat, aka Carissimo, the cute cat who attended the May Crowning Procession and afterwards graciously received much attention from the children in the parking lot. I opened the door during a heavy rain recently and he came bowling in. A moment later Puccini entered in hot pursuit. **Fr. McGuire**, who helps care for **Fr. Cekada** but is also great with animals, separated the cats, and peace was restored.

Awhile ago I heard an unusual whine from Puccini without, and made the mistake of opening the door. The cat entered with a trophy bunny by the scruff of its neck. I imagine the idea was a little recreation and then supper. This time, I merely *wished* for Fr. McGuire, and you know he materialized (well, formalized too). Father is an expert

in all things leproid, as he keeps one in his room, the improbably named Dawg. Well, Father sprang into action, extricated the bunny from behind a bookcase, and took it home to be nursed. It passed the next day, sadly, and sadder still for the mystified cat, who only wanted to play.

"The play's the thing." Miss Eldracher's class performed the classic "Attila the Hun" last Friday to universal applause, with an encore performance in Fr. Cekada's sick-room. The costumes were great and the delivery charming, but the casting was brilliant. Surely these are the three essential qualities for any theatrical production. Fr. Cekada was very pleased with his visiting thespians.

We were all pleased and delighted with our May Crowning Sunday, and humbly pray it was acceptable to our great Queen and tender Mother. The excellent attendance, beautiful May Altar, the touching devotion of the innocent little ones, the beautiful and festive music and finally, the well executed May Crowning itself—always a complicated ceremony—were certainly memorable. I single out our choir, and the up and coming Masters of Ceremony for praise. Richie VandeRyt would have been proud.

Do not forget the Holy Day on Thursday, nor May Devotions at home or at church daily.

May Our Lady, Joy of All Who Sorrow, encourage and rejoice you.

– Bishop Dolan

SWEET TWEETS

"I never thought I'd see the day where so many Americans were so afraid of dying that they stopped living"



Henry Kissinger's remarks in 2009: "Once the herd accepts mandatory vaccinations, it's game over. They will accept anything—forcible blood or organ donation—"for the greater good." We can genetically modify children and sterilize them—"for the greater good."



"Some people are talking now as if no amount of risk is acceptable. This may sound like a very wise and life-cherishing attitude but it is the opposite. It crushes liberty and destroys lives. It is cowardly and irrational. There is always going to be risk in life. And death too."



"I can honestly say I have adapted to Lockdown Britain now and if I have, many, many others have as well. It is very disturbing that people really do adapt to tyranny, house arrest and the removal of basic freedoms. It is disturbing how easy mass social engineering really is."



The science is settled: "There have been zero school shootings since they closed for the pandemic. If it saves even one life, we must ban public schools."

✠ CALENDAR

MON 5/18/20 ST. VENANTIUS, M • ROGATION DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession
11:30 AM High Mass Rev. Fr. Anthony Cekada (*Anthony Gilmartin*)
3:10 PM May Devotions

TUE 5/19/20 ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC
ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM • ROGATION DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession
11:30 AM High Mass For the Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Paul & Lisa McConnell*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Conversion of family (*Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar*)

WED 5/20/20 ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C
VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION • ROGATION DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (*Eva Nellenbach*)
11:00 AM Lesser Litanies Procession
11:30 AM High Mass Fr. Joseph Appelhantz (*Mary Christensen*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
☞ **5:10 PM Low Mass** Alyssa Smith (*Collin Smith*)

THU 5/21/20 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOLY DAY
7:00 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving to St. Martha & St. Patrick for prayers answered (*Leanne Arlinghaus*)
8:30 AM Confessions
9:00 AM High Mass †Alfred P. Martin – 9 year anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family*)
4:30 PM Vespers & Exposition
5:10 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:30 PM May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

FRI 5/22/20 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W
8:00 AM Low Mass Our siblings & their families (*JMV*) (*No 11:25 AM Mass*)
5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary & May Devotions
5:45 PM Low Mass For my soul & all the Poor Souls (*Steve Briggs*)
6:30 PM Exposition, Opening of the Pentecost Novena, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 5/23/20 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI, C
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt (*Rebecca Hinton*)
8:05 AM Regina Coeli, Pentecost Novena, May Devotions
8:25 AM High Mass †Guy Macchia (*Rose Simpson Wellman*)

SUN 5/24/20 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ASCENSION
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Rob Brockman (*Jim Soli*)

UNITED IN THE HUMILITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Let us reason in such a way when some honor is paid to us, or when we are given some comfort or receive good treatment; for certainly it isn't right that we be so treated in this life. When wrongs are done—that's what they call them without there being any wrong done to us—I don't know what there is to talk about.... To enjoy a part in His Kingdom and want no part in His dishonors and trials is nonsense.

May God not allow us to refuse the latter; but the nun to whom it seems she is herself least of all should consider herself the most blessed of all. And she indeed is. If she bears dishonor as it must be borne, she will not be without honor either in this life or in the next. Believe me in this. But what nonsense I have spoken—that you believe me, when it has been said by true Wisdom, who is Truth itself, and by the Queen of the angels. Let us, at least, imitate His humility in some way. I say "in some way," for however much we might lower and humble ourselves, someone like myself does nothing; for because of her sins she has merited that the devils humiliate and despise her, even though she wouldn't like their doing so. For even if you may not have so many sins, seldom is there anyone who hasn't done something by which he has merited hell.

Let us, my daughters, imitate in some way the great humility of the Blessed Virgin, whose habit we wear, for it is embarrassing to call ourselves her nuns. However much it seems to us that we humble ourselves, we fall far short of being the daughters of such a Mother and the brides of such a Spouse.

— *St. Teresa of Avila*

S E R V I C E S

THU 5/21 **7:00 AM Low:** B. Lotarski
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. & M. Simpson MC: J. Lacy TH: D. McConnell
ACs: D. Simpson, A. McClorey MITRE: Na. McClorey CROZIER: P. McClorey
TORCH: A. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus, S. Richesson, Na. McClorey, D. & T. England
5:30 PM BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: J. & N. Kolenich

SUN 5/24 **7:30 AM Low:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, C. Richesson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: C. VanderPutten, J. Stewart, A. McClorey, S. Richesson
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

9:00 AM High Mass with Pentecost Novena
For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

10:40 AM Catechism Classes

11:05 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt (*Eva Nellenbach*)

4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention (AMV) (*Kuebler/Volz*)
