



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH

11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW

OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION

MAY 24, 2009



*The Paraclete, whom I will send you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the Father.*

¶Vespers, Benediction and Novena

Sunday Vespers and Benediction: 4:45 PM; at other times as announced. Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart and Benediction: Friday evening after Mass. Other Novenas and Devotions, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses, at communion rail.

¶**Children's Confessions:** One Sunday of the month at 10:40 AM, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Additional Confessions:** Fourth Sunday of the month (or as announced), for those unable to come at regularly-scheduled times.

¶**Prayer Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

¶**Appointments & Sick Calls:** Please phone the church office.

¶**Catholic Books & Religious Articles:** A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as

the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend only the traditional Latin Mass. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶**Confirmation:** Confirmation is solemnly administered in October and May of each year, and privately as requested. According to canon law, children should, if possible, be confirmed before First Holy Communion.

¶**First Holy Communion:** Children should make their First Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason (usually between the ages of five and eight) and know the rudiments of the Faith (the First Communion Catechism.) First Holy Communion is administered each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Feast of Christ the King.

¶**Matrimony:** If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest *before* setting a date.

¶**Extreme Unction:** Your priests serve a wide area and must often travel far to administer this sacrament. Please do not

put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a church member is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

¶**Mass Intentions:** Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

¶**Dress Code:** *Ladies*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **MAY 24, 2009 • SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION • OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS.**

Adult Education and Catechism classes resume at **10:30 AM**. Early Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at **1:10 PM**. Pentecost Novena and Triduum to St. Rita follow the Masses today.

When Our Lord went to Heaven, His Holy Church came forth and preached with authority.
—Saint Augustine

✠ THIS WEEK

Monday is **Memorial Day** which serves as a kind of Spring All Souls Day. A **Rosary** for our beloved dead, with May Devotions begins at **8:25 AM**, followed by Holy Mass at **9:00 AM**. All this week we sing the **Veni Creator** as we continue our Pentecost Novena. On **Tuesday** we honor St. Philip Neri, and on **Wednesday** the Venerable Bede, with **Masses** at **11:25 AM** and **5:00 PM**. Our little future soldiers of Christ come on **Thursday** for their recollection. Please note there are **no evening Masses** on **Thursday** and **Friday**, but you are more than welcome to the **11:25 AM** Mass, followed by Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction on Friday.

Oh, and don't forget the last week of **May Devotions** Tuesday through Friday, with Benediction on Thursday afternoon. As usual, check the calendar for all particulars.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost. *Set your missal:* Pentecost Sunday; Vidi Aquam; Preface of the Holy Ghost; Proper Hanc igitur & Communicantes. Jog-a-thon awards, presentation and cake follow the High Mass. Special early Pentecost Vespers, May Devotions, and Benediction at **1:10 PM**.

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

BOYS SUMMER CAMP July 21-23. This year's camp will last three days and two nights. Volunteers are needed to help supervise. Please contact Fr. Saavedra for details.

✠ THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

All children who are Confirmation candidates must attend an *obligatory Day of Recollection*. The day begins at **9:00 AM**. Please be on time! Testing according to age groups. **Please bring a lunch.** Children should be in Sunday clothes and have a prayer book and rosary with them. The day ends with **May Devotions and Benediction** at **2:45 PM** - Parents are invited!

✠ CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday, Bishop!



Yes, **May 28th** is the big day! Now, normally I'd never promote my own birthday, but I'm in a pickle, and I'm wondering if you could help? In lieu of cards, flowers and everything else (except prayers) could I ask for some help?

For your convenience, I've listed a few ideas. Just clip and drop off at the office or in the collection your birthday gift for your favorite bishop. (Be sure to leave your name and phone number)

- Help dust the church anytime
- Do an hour or two of church ironing and maybe come back for more
- Clean the sacristy floor, removing wax stains
- Baste an alb back together again
- Volunteer to clean the church an hour or two once a month on a Saturday
- Clean the priests' offices
- Scrub the priests' kitchen and bathroom floors (extra credit!)
- Cook and drop off a meal for the priests (call to set a good day for this)
- Come to Mass or Vespers when no one else does.

Thank you and Happy Birthday to Me!

—Bishop Dolan

✠ VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 30th, is the **Vigil of Pentecost**, a day of *Fast and Partial Abstinence*. You are invited to the beautiful **Vigil of Pentecost Mass** and ceremonies of **Confirmation** beginning at **8:00 AM**. After Mass, there will be the enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos taken. A reception follows in Helfta Hall.

✠ POETRY CORNER

Why is thy face so lit with smiles,
Mother of Jesus, why?
And wherefore is thy beaming look,
So fixed upon the sky?

Mother how cast thou smile to-day,
How can thine eyes be bright,
When He, thy Son, thy Life, thy all,
Hath vanished from thy sight?

His rising form on Olivet,
A summer's shadow cast;
The branches of the hoary trees,
Drooped as the shadow passed.

And as He rose with all His train
Of righteous souls around,
His blessing fell into thy heart,
Like dew upon the ground.

Oh, why do not thy hands detain
His feet upon their way?
Oh, why doth not the Mother speak
And bid her Son to stay?

Ah, no, thy love is rightful love,
From all self-seeking free;
The change that is such gain to Him
Can be no loss to thee.

"The Life of Mary for Children."



Servers

MAY 25, - MAY 31, 2009

• MON 5/25 9:00 AM LOW: G. Keaveney
• TUE 5/26 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer
• WED 5/27 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, G. Wnek
• SAT 5/27 SERVERS SCHEDULE POSTED IN THE SACRISTY
• SUN 5/31 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lotarski
TH: S. Cozzens AC's: S. Cozzens, T. Kunkel
TORCH: J. Simpson, P. Duff, N. McClorey, N. Puglielli
J. Kunkel, A. Richesson CROSS: C. Eilerman
MITRE: F. Puglielli CROZIER: B. Lotarski
11:30 AM LOW: G. Wnek, M. Ribar
1:10 PM: Vespers and Benediction: G. Miller,
A. Lotarski, J. Lotarski, B. Lotarski
5:45 PM LOW: C. Ritze

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Ushers

MAY 31, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Volunteer, Volunteer
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Paul Puglielli, Bernie Brueggemann, Mark Lotarski
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Will Wiegand, Jim Kolenich
5:45 PM John Seyfried.

Collection Report

Sunday May 17th.....\$3,806.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	5/25/09	MEMORIAL DAY, ST. GREGORY VII, ST. URBAN I 8:25 AM Rosary for the Faithful Departed May Devotions 9:00 AM Low Mass For all of our beloved dead, deceased veterans and all who have died in our wars. Pentecost Novena
TUES	5/26/09	ST. PHILIP NERI, C ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM 11:25 AM High Mass †Charles and Elinor Richardson (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & Family) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (GPK)
WED	5/27/09	ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD ST. JOHN I, PM 11:25 AM High Mass My Parents 20th Anniversary (Lauren Ribar) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Catherine Allemeier (Aimee Wnek)
THUR	5/28/09	OCTAVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION, ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, C 9:00 AM Opening of Confirmands Day of Recollection 11:25 AM High Mass Bishop Dolan (Tom Simpson) Pentecost Novena 2:45 PM May Devotions and Benediction 7:00 PM Compline
FRI	5/29/09	ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Mom! (Jacinta Simpson) Benediction with Pentecost Novena and Sacred Heart Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions N.B. No evening services
SAT	5/30/09	VIGIL OF PENTECOST 7:45 AM Closing of Pentecost Novena, May Devotions 8:00 AM Pentecost Vigil 9:30 AM Pontifical High Mass In Honor of the Holy Ghost (Approximate time) for Our Confirmands Confirmations follow Mass
SUN	5/31/09	PENTECOST SUNDAY 7:30 AM Low Mass Ruth & Bob Brockman (Rob & June Brockman) 9:00 AM Veni Creator and High Mass Tim and Eileen Duff 25th Anniversary 10:30 AM Jog-at-thon Reawards and Cake 11:30 AM Low Mass Kirby & Jean Bischel Intentions (H.O. and Becky Hinton) 1:10 PM Early Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

As our Lord ascends to the Father in triumph, He issues commands to the angels, saying: "Open to me the gates of Justice..."

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

The Little Doctor of the Sick, the Child Jesus, must be busy with our May prayers these days. Fr. Ramolla has a cast after fairly involved surgery for his arm and some are just getting over a round of viruses or virulent allergies. Please pray for a good recovery for Fr. Ramolla, and all of our sick and shut in, including Bill Tamagni and Ann McMahon. Father McGuire visited our sick last week, and I know they would appreciate your prayers. May Dr. Jesus visit them all!

These are busy days for us here at church with many prayers and services, and poor Father Ramolla sidelined by his surgery. Still, these are the beautiful days of May, Our Lady's month, and may we await in confidence the coming of the Holy Ghost, even as we pray for those who have been confirmed, or will be this Saturday. He, the Comforter, will supply for all of our needs, if only we ask Him.

Thanks to our dear school students for keeping up the beautiful May Devotions, as well as for the Lesser Litanies and, of course, their beautifully sung daily Mass. Catholics throughout the week are edified and inspired by these services. Come some time and hear for yourself.

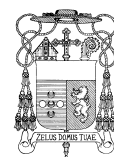
Thanks, too, to the "little flock" the handful who joined us for the "Parish Rogations" last Tuesday. It was pitiful in a way, but not without its sweet charm and quiet beauty. God reward our rogators.

Remember Memorial Day tomorrow is more than a cook out holiday. Share your day off with the suffering souls in Purgatory, and then, after Mass, relax a little.

Many, many thanks to all of you who have been helping so faithfully these happy weeks in Eastertide.

May Our Lady Help of Christians be you help!

-Bishop Dolan



Clip and Save

Hail Holy Queen! Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! 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. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Make me worthy to praise thee, O Holy Virgin.
R. Give me strength against thine enemies.
V. Blessed be God in His saints.
R. Amen.

To all the faithful who being moved by a spirit of true religion to make some reparation for the injuries done in honor of Mary, Mother of God, and to the saints, and to defend and propagate the worship and veneration of their sacred images and pictures, shall to this end say at morn the Hail, Holy Queen, with the VV. Make me worthy, and Blessed be God, and at even, We fly to thy patronage, with the same versicles. I. 100 days, once a day. II. seven years and seven quarantines on Sundays. II. Plenary, twice a month, on any two Sundays in the month. IV. Plenary, on every feast of Our Blessed Lady, and on the feast of All Saints. V. Plenary, at the point of death, to all who have been accustomed during life to say the prayers, providing they have been to Confession and Communion, or are at least contrite in heart.

✠ OUR BLESSED MOTHER

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

St. Bridget saw in a vision how Satan complained to our Divine Lord that the greatest sinners were taken from him through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin. And Our Lord said to Satan: "Do you not know that My Mother can do all things in My Kingdom, and whatever she wishes is done?" Yes, Mary disposes as sovereign of all the treasures of her Son, and all Christians receive grace through her. The holy fathers, after speaking of Jesus Christ as Head and Chief of the Church, have added that Mary is constituted as the sacred channel through which this Divine Head wishes to dispense His graces to His members. The graces we receive come to us through Mary; all have passed through her hands. Mary has given in all ages the most signal proofs of her will and her power to help all who invoke her. There is not a country, we may even say there is not a Catholic province, which does not contain a place of pilgrimage, rendered celebrated by the singular benefits of this august Queen; and we may add, that the most unfortunate have not been cast away by this Mother of Mercy, but have obtained through her great spiritual favours. What may not those souls hope for, who have recourse to her on every occasion, and place unbounded confidence in her protection?

"Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavily laden," said Our Divine Saviour during His mortal life. From the height of Heaven Mary addresses the same words to those who are tried by suffering, or exposed to any peril of soul or of body. Many souls will know only in eternity that to her they owe their conversion and salvation. Many obstinate sinners have escaped being eternally lost through her intercession. The example of all ages justifies the confidence which we place in her. If such is the goodness of our Blessed Lady to all persons, even to those who outrage most her Divine Son—if they find in her maternal Heart an asylum and resource, provided they are sincerely desirous of being converted, why should not we place full trust in her, when we offer our prayers with entire confidence?

MARY'S INTERCESSION

Oh thought to set the coldest heart on fire!
Oh, thought to cheer the most despondent breast!
A thousand times within the regions blest,—
A thousand times within the bright angelic choir
Have heard my name in accents of desire,
To Jesus' ear by Mary's lips addressed;
And always coupled with some grand request,
Some grace not all my life-toil could acquire,
And with such pleading in her voice and eyes,
Persuasive grace, Maternal Majesty,
That He Who ne'er her slightest wish denies,
(Although the boon be far too great for me,
Unworthy as He knows me), He replies:
"As thou dost will, My Mother, let it be!"

—Sister M. Stanislaus McCarthy



MY QUEEN, MOTHER OF GOD, MOST HOLY AND FULL OF GRACE, YOU ARE THE TREASURE OF THE MYSTERIES AND NEVER-FAILING OCEAN OF DIVINE GRACE.

Whenever heresy has arisen it has first attacked the worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Blessed Lady, wishing to begin its work of destruction by closing these two sources of divine grace.

—Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

O good Mother, I pray your for the love with which you love your Son, that you might grant me to love Him truly as you truly love Him, and as you wish Him.

—Saint Anselm of Canterbury

Just as we see that a mirror placed opposite to the rays of the sun receives those rays perfectly...so it was in the case of Our Lady. She was like a most pure mirror, the case of Our Lady. She was like a most pure mirror, receiving on a spotless surface the rays of the Sun of Justice, which poured into her souls all virtues in their perfection.

—St. Francis de Sales



¶ DRESS CODE

Summer is here and the temperature is warm but, ladies please remember to dress modestly and not wear sleeveless, sheer or revealing tops to church. Men must wear a coat and tie to Sunday Mass. Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code.

1 Timothy 2:9 "In like manner I wish women also in decent apparel: adorning themselves with modesty and sobriety..."

¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, two weeks from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices these next two weeks for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

Masses in the Mission

The following Masses were said in the missions:

In Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for Patrick Henry Omlor (Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor) (3)

In Honor of I.H.M. for Kathleen West (N & J West) (5)

Special Intention (M/M Prashchak) (2)

EASTER MEMORIAL

Our Departed Family Members

The Dennis Hille Family

Sorry for this late, it ended up in my cassock pocket.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS

MISSING MASS

*He hath put a new song in my mouth.
Psalm 40-3*

Going to church afield
I bear the Decalogue
as St. Michael, his shield.
My faithful altar dog
precedes me up the aisle,
mile after dusty mile.

A gale sweeps through
the choir
and dries the prostrate grass
lightening and prairie fire
forge to beaten brass.
Tinted anew each day,
the dome is blue or gray.

Hearing the Psalmist's call,
I translate into Word
the blood of every bird
I sacrifice this fall.
Responsive, I record
a new song to the Lord.

-Timothy Murphy

*In a sense this is the opposite of last week's poem
the author uses "Church Imagery" to describe
nature and his sinful nature as he misses Mass.
Bad, but interesting!*

-Bishop Dolan

**PATER • FILIUS •
SPIRITUS • SANCTUS**

*May the God of all Himself, the Father
of Christ, and Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who descended and ascended, and sits with
the Father, guard your souls; may He
preserve unshaken and unchangeable your
hope in Him who rose again.*

-Saint Cyril of Jerusalem



May Jesus assist you always and by
His grace reign over all hearts.

SOUL OF THE NORTH

Out of the wilds, I pray.
Bound by my northern birth
to fish, to hunt the earth
and follow my forebears' way,
I mutter *I have sinned*,
wander the grama grass,
flourish awhile and pass
whistling into the wind.

As char swim to the clear
tundra rivers that run
under the midnight sun,
as wolves follow the deer
drawn from ford to ford,
as clamorous geese in V's
throng to the thawing seas—
all creatures of one accord—
my soul thirsts for the Lord.

-Timothy Murphy

*—This is a better view point — again, nature
points to its Creator.*

-Bishop Dolan



A SPRINGTIME PRAYER

Alphonsus Liguori is a great Saint and
doctor of the church. In his book "How
to Converse Continually and Familiarly
with God," he reminds us of what to do
as we enjoy the beauty of this Spring:

"When you view fields and seashores,
flowers and fruits, which gladden you
with their appearance or with their
fragrance, say: "How many beautiful
things God has made for me on this
earth in order that I may love Him!
What further delights He has in store for
me in Heaven!"

And after you have had something
wonderful happen to you, pray: "What
benefits, O Lord, you bestow on one
who has so greatly offended You."

*Mary pours her mercies on all who have
recourse to her.*

-Saint Alphonsus Liguori

PRAYER FOR A SON OR DAUGHTER

In a remarkably fine little booklet, which bears
the title "Why Leave Home?" Father Lord
makes a strong case against those of the younger
generation whose actions prove that for them
home "has become largely a point of
departure." The entire theme is summed up in
a beautiful prayer for our Catholic boys and
girls. Thrice fortunate the child that looks upon
home with the esteem and love and reverence
permeating the following prayer, which appears
on the last page of the booklet:

*Jesus, Son of Mary and joy of the Holy
House, give us the love of home which made
the little cottage built for you by Mary and
Joseph the dearest spot in the world. Give us
the brightness of heart that was the
sunshine of that home, the quick obedience
that made Mary and Joseph so continuously
happy, the spirit of companionship that
made you eager to accompany Mary to the
well or on her visits of friendliness or
charity and that led you to take your place
at Joseph's side in the carpenter shop or as he
walked in the evening by the lake shore.
Never questioning, never grumbling, You,
the Ruler of the Universe, obeyed a man
and a woman. Could we be less obedient to
our father and mother? Never once because
of you did the shadow of unhappiness or
discontent enter the home of Nazareth.
Never let us be the reason why that shadow
should darken our home. We know how
much of the happiness of our home depends
on us. With our eyes on the lovely example
you set us when you make a little cottage
heaven on earth, we promise to love our
home, to be devoted to our parents, to be
examples for our brothers and sisters, and
do what we can to make our home another
Holy House of Nazareth. Amen.*

MAY

Name	Date of Death
Tilford, Jeffrey P.	5-03-1999
Moser, Arthur F.	5-08-1991
Boehm, Jean	5-11-2000
Atanasoff, Anna M.	5-12-1987
Wolf, Frank W.	5-14-1985
Jacobs, Rose Mary	5-16-1982
Goodman, Lena	5-19-1998
Gerrard, Honore E.	5-21-1993
Becker, Jeffrey Robert	5-25-1984
Bischak, John J.	5-26-1988
Albert, Theresa C.	5-30-1990