

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. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

September 15, 2013 Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Pentecost XVII



THERE STOOD BY THE CROSS OF JESUS,
HIS MOTHER

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ Today we honor the Sorrows of our Blessed Mother, on the actual feast day. The traditional blessing of the sick will be given after all Masses today; next week we will have the blessing of expectant mothers. Sunday Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. Tickets for the Rosary Sunday Communion Breakfast are on sale now; inquire in the Gift Shop after the morning Masses.

Our Parish Picnic takes place today at Sharon Woods Park from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

The Passion of Christ was as it were mirrored in the Heart of the Virgin.
— St. Lawrence Justinian

¶ THIS WEEK

The altar wears red on **Monday** as we honor several early martyrs, clergy and laity who gave their lives rather than deny the faith. The impression of the miraculous **Stigmata of St. Francis** is commemorated **Tuesday**, followed by Francis' follower, the 'flying friar' **St. Joseph Cupertino**. More miracles are recalled on **Thursday**, feast of **St. Januarius**, Italy's revered "*San Gennaro*," as well as that of the sorrowful Lady of **La Salette**. A family of martyrs, **St. Eustace** and his companions, are honored on **Ember Friday**, and on **Saturday** we end the week with the Apostle and Evangelist, **St. Matthew**.

¶ EMBER DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

This coming **Wednesday**, **Friday** and **Saturday** are the Fall Ember Days. All

Catholics, age seven and older, must keep the *abstinence*: partial on Wednesday and Saturday, total as always on Friday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 are additionally bound to follow the Church laws of *fast* — one full meal a day. Do you have any questions about the laws of fast and abstinence? *Ask a priest!*

"May I feel in my heart, as far as possible, that abundance of love with which You, Son of God, were inflamed."
— St. Francis of Assisi

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The blessing of expectant mothers, postponed from today, will be available after all Masses. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XVIII, with commemoration of St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Maurice & Companions. Trinity Preface.



Congratulations to Justina and Tim Bosier on the baptism of their son, Logan Michael, on September 8, 2013.

¶ PLEASE PRAY...

In your charity, please continue to pray for all our sick and shut-in, especially Bee Lutkehaus, Florence Scott, Jeff Kamphaus, Kim LeBlanc (who'd been hospitalized), and John Seyfried, and all who have asked for our prayers.

*"One ought to pray earnestly, especially at the **Ember Seasons**, that God will give us good priests. If they are saints, what good they are able to do! But whatever they are, never speak against them."*
— St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

¶ TIMELY TOPICS

Bishop Dolan has just completed two new internet radio programs: "*September, the Month of Our Lady*" plus a new episode in the Devotions series, all about *Litanies*. Bp. Sanborn and Fr. Cekada have had something to say about Bergoglio. Listen on-demand:

blogtalkradio.com/restorationradio

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS!

Rosary Sunday Communion Breakfast featuring a special presentation by Fr. McKenna: Sunday, October 6th. Tickets are just \$7 each for adults, \$6 for teens, \$4 for little ones, or \$26 for the whole family.

Servers: SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 2013

FRI 9/20 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 9/21 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 9/22 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson, Jr. ACS: P. Lawrence, S. Lawrence TH: J. Simpson
TORCH: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor
11:30 AM LOW: N. McClorey, F. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, September 8th\$5,431.00

Our Lady of Sorrows

Dearest Virgin and Mother Mary, who could put your great sorrow into words? Who could describe the tears you shed out of love? Your dear Jesus has had His Body nailed to the cross, and you, Mary, have had your spirit pierced by those same nails. The Body of your Jesus is cruelly wounded, and your heart is pierced with bitterness. The soul of Mary bears as many wounds as her dear Son suffers in His Body. All the blood that the Lord's Body shed on the ground is matched by her sighs and by the tears that flow down her holy face...



Jesus suffers because of the tears of His dear Mother, whom He loves so tenderly. And Mary cannot endure seeing her dear Son so tormented. Therefore the Son is not a comfort to His Mother in her suffering, nor is Mary a comfort to her Son. Jesus is the source of Mary's bitter pain, and Mary is the source of Jesus' suffering. How cruel, pitiless, and harsh is the sight of each for the other! It is clear that they sadden one another when they ought to be consoling one another.

Weep, then, my soul, as you look from the one to the other, from the Mother to the Son. Take pity on the dear, gentle Lamb of God who has been subjected to such suffering in order to wash your filthy wounds. And have compassion on His pure, immaculate Mother, who is afflicted and made bitter enough to die.

— Fr. Girolamo Savonarola, O.P.
Father Savonarola (†1498) was a Dominican priest who lectured in theology in Florence and was an outspoken preacher. A controversial figure, many saints still thought highly of him, including Catherine of Siena.

Politics from the Pulpit “The effect of this (*the political order of the world separating itself from the authority of the Church*) is inevitable. Throughout the whole of Europe, the political order is now parted from the authority of Christ. Christian faith and Christian law are left to individuals, one by one.... The international law of justice and mutual respect is gone, diplomacy is a name without authority; talk, without force to do; and by this act of disintegration, Christendom returns into the order of natural morality and natural sanctions. What it retains of Christianity, it retains not as such, but as expedient, or politic, or of mere custom. In its public order it has no worship, and is therefore without God in the world. In its morality, it has no higher sanction than the awards of penal retribution; in its education, nothing higher than service to the world. Therefore this disintegration reproduces itself in every state throughout the world. One by one, they are dissolving by the same law and force which has dissolved the unity of Christendom at large.

Wheresoever the plague of revolution enters, its effects are antichristian and antisocial. Two things surely follow in its train: the dissolution of Christian marriage by divorce, and the abolition of Christian education. Where these things are, society is smitten at its root, and the offspring of society grow up without faith, and therefore without God And what dissolves states also dissolves homes, and in the end the canker eats into men and their very nature. The intellect, developed without faith, is the prey of all error and perversion. The will, grown strong without Christian law, is the source of all rebellion. And to such a state of nature the public apostasy of nations from Christianity is reconducting society, homes and man.”

— Edward Cardinal Manning (1808–1892)



“The only grace I ask, O Jesus,
 is never to offend Thee.”

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

CHRIST'S MOTHER

He was a Baby cradled in her arms,
 Just such a one as we might love today:
 A little rosy Child with dimpled
 charms;
 And Mary strove to keep all ill away.

She bent above Him in ecstatic
 thought,
 Like other mothers, be time old or
 new;
 And when His eager lips her bosom
 sought,
 In every sip her very soul He drew.

And then—upon the Cross, 'twixt felons
 twain,
 She saw Him nailed, she heard His
 last faint breath,
 And suffered with Him every bitter
 pain,
 As, impotent, she watched His cruel
 death.

O Mary, who on erring, ingrate earth
 Bestowed such gift, thy only Son
 divine,
 What mortal power can estimate the
 worth
 Of sacrifice so infinite as thine!

— L.M. Tainter



WHICH?

Only one life for me,
 Only death its close,
 When will that hour be?
 Only One knows!

Only one soul is mine,
 Endless its life,
 Heaven or hell its home —
 After the strife.

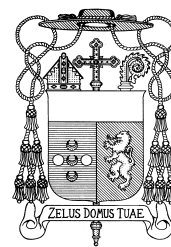
One life, one death, one soul,
 Eternity!
 All saved or lost for aye!
 Which shall it be?

— Author unknown

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Mary's Birthday was a beautiful day in every way, wasn't it? Our deacon preached his first sermon for Our Lady, and sang her praises clearly and well. Many came to honor her venerated cradle, and the choir gave their first fruits of song, sweet and strong, for her Nativity Mass, and the opening of a new season.

After Mass, with perfect timing we processed out under blue skies past Ernie's shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, so lovingly landscaped by Eldon this Spring, to the grotto, for the Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings. Finally, sanctified seedlings in hand, we retired with the Lourdes Hymn to Helfta Hall for the birthday party in Baby Mary's honor.



I went on to baptize a baby and offer Mass, while **Fr. Lehtoranta** heard confessions. So we passed a most agreeable morning. Linda Maki's chicken and noodles and intriguingly named "Dump Cake" furnished our festal lunch. The **Rev. Mr. Nkamuke** sped off to the airport with Gerry Keaveney, and the rest of us retired for a little rest before the evening office of Vespers (done organ style this afternoon) resounded in the empty church. As they will, some straggled in during Benediction. Soon Fr. Lehtoranta offered the last Mass of the day, reading well for the faithful the sermon the deacon had delivered that morning. I heard confessions. So ended our season's first Sunday, like so many before, and yet unique in its beauty and grace.

Fr. McGuire, having been subdeacon at the High Mass, went up to St. Clare in Chillicothe for Mass with two First Communions, as well as the Marian Nativity Blessing. Blessed flock are they, to have such care.

Today we look forward to starting our Sunday catechism classes for children, and bible study for adults. As we keep "the feast of sorrow" we honor Our Lady's seven, and bless our sick in her honor. This afternoon our much-anticipated annual picnic calls us back to old Sharonville. See you there?

A.D. Kinnett has been trying to organize an occasional Friday Movie Night for after the 5:45 Mass and Benediction, to begin this Friday with the classic "The Reluctant Saint" for this week's St. Joseph of Cupertino. He will need some assistance, however, to make it happen. Contact him at albertkinnett@zoomtown.com or (513) 205-9225. So, there *may* be a movie after Benediction. Why not come and see?

We seem to have "dodged the bullet" of the latest war they've been preparing for us, but let us not take peace for granted. I write this before our Friday Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace, but with every hope for a good attendance. 9/11 is forgotten now, twelve years later, and only one or two made it a point to hear Mass last Wednesday. At least perhaps, the nation has learned a lesson or two. Still, "unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Last week I had two Restoration Radio shows. It is a lot of talking and a lot of thinking and reading, but a wonderful apostolate, and another way to extend our work at St. Gertrude the Great far more widely. I am grateful for the opportunity, as are **Fr. Cekada** and **Bishop Sanborn** who have been speaking regularly about Francis.

The '60s-style Jesuit who now claims Rome is starting his work in earnest. He now says "Triumphalists" (that's us: it's a word coined during the changes) don't believe in the Resurrection! Not to worry, however. Atheists, who don't believe in anything, will go to Heaven, he writes. I wonder if Catholics will as well? Probably not...too triumphalistic, you see. (A Catholic from Germantown, N.Y. wrote last week to say the "atheists in Heaven" bit was the last straw, and to ask where he could get a sedevacantism membership card!)

Still, Bergoglio is going to address the issue further. He promises to "undress" the Church when he visits Assisi on St. Francis' Day, October 4th. This should be good. If you go, bring a raincoat for Bergoglio to wear for decency's sake.

Tomorrow a new school year starts at our seminary. We place great hopes in all of our schools, and especially the one which trains our children's priests, and promise these institutions our generous support and fervent prayer all year long.

Please spare a prayer for a fallen-away priest in Europe, who would have celebrated his silver ordination anniversary this Wednesday, also, for **Fr. Roger** and his work and church of St. Pius V in Rennes. They are losing their building at the end of the year, and their problems and crosses only increase. Our Lady is venerated in Rennes under the title "of miracles and virtues." May she come to their aid.

Remember the Ember Days, to sanctify the Autumn with a little penance, a prayer for priests and future priests.

We bless our sick today; let us given them the blessing of not forgetting them, but of visiting them, as well in person as by our prayers.

May Our Lady of Sorrows be your joy.

— Bishop Dolan

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ PRAYER CORNER

*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast
Please check our website!*

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| MON | 9/16/13 | SS CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, Bp, MM | |
| | | SS EUPHEMIA, LUCY & GEMINIANUS, MM | |
| | | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Gloria's †Aunt Bea (Christopher Browne) |
| | 11:20 AM | High Mass | †Kathleen Sanborn (G. Keaveney) |
| TUE | 9/17/13 | STIGMATA OF ST FRANCIS | |
| | | 7:00 AM | Low Mass †Earl Blain (Robert McDonald) |
| | | 8:00 AM | Low Mass For Priests (Frances Mattingly) |
| | | 11:20 AM | High Mass †Kathleen Sanborn (Christopher Browne) |
| | 5:00 PM | Low Mass | Thomas G. Keaveney (G. Keaveney) |
| WED | 9/18/13 | ST JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C | |
| | | EMBER WEDNESDAY <i>FAST</i> | |
| | | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Dallas & Janet Delawder (Dale Wilker family) |
| | | 11:20 AM | High Mass St. Joseph-Prayer answered (JCS) |
| | | 5:00 PM | Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich (Samantha) |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Practice | |
| THU | 9/19/13 | ST JANUARIUS, BpM & COMPANIONS, MM | |
| | | OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE | |
| | | 7:00 AM | Low Mass Special intention (Christopher Browne) |
| | | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Special intention BKK (G. Keaveney) |
| | | 11:20 AM | High Mass †Jerome and †Honor Gerrard |
| | 5:00 PM | Low Mass | Special intention-Deceased (Kirby & Jean Bischel) |
| FRI | 9/20/13 | ST EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM | |
| | | VIGIL OF ST MATTHEW | |
| | | EMBER FRIDAY <i>FAST & ABSTINENCE</i> | |
| | | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Poor Souls (Lori Durante) |
| | | 10:55 AM | Confessions |
| | | 11:20 AM | High Mass Christopher Browne-in honor of the Sacred Heart (The grateful Fathers) |
| | | 5:15 PM | Confessions & Rosary |
| | 5:45 PM | Low Mass | don Francesco Maria Paladino (JCS) |
| | 6:30 PM | Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction | |
| SAT | 9/21/13 | ST MATTHEW, ApEv | |
| | | EMBER SATURDAY <i>FAST</i> | |
| | | 7:15 AM | Confessions |
| | | 7:30 AM | Low Mass Intentions of John Brueggemann family (Simpson family) |
| | 8:10 AM | Sermon, Low Mass | don Francesco Maria Paladino (JCS) |
| SUN | 9/22/13 | PENTECOST XVIII | |
| | | ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BpC | |
| | | ST MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM | |
| | | 7:05 AM | Rosary |
| | | 7:30 AM | Low Mass †Danny Dillhof (Ken & Regina Gilliam) |

Prayer at the Elevation

Behold, O Eternal Father, Thy Holy Jesus, and look upon the face of Thy Christ, in Whom Thou art well pleased. Hear the voice of His Blood crying out to Thee, not for vengeance, but for mercy and pardon. Accept this divine oblation, and through the infinite merits of all the sufferings that Jesus endured on the Cross for our salvation, be pleased to look upon us, and upon all Thy people, with an eye of mercy. Amen.

St. Thérèse's Elevation Prayer:

*"Père Très Saint, regardez la Face de Votre Jésus,
Et, de tous les pécheurs, faites autant d'Elus!"*

*"Most Holy Father, look upon the Face of Thy Jesus,
And save as many souls as there are sinners!"*



Notre-Dame
des miracles et vertus
priez pour nous!

*"Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to associate us with her
in the contemplation of the sufferings of Jesus."*

- Columba Marmion

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| 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 | Conversion of family (Capetillo family) |
| 4:45 PM | Vespers & Benediction | |
| 5:45 PM | Low Mass | don Francesco Maria Paladino (JCS) |