

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

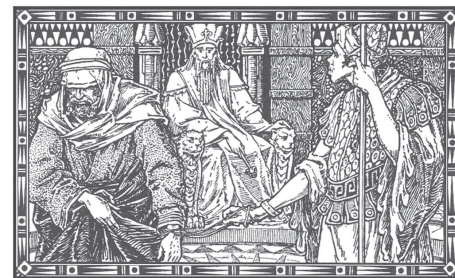
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

October 13, 2013 Pentecost XXI

St Edward, King, C
Our Lady of Fatima




AND HIS LORD BEING ANGRY DELIVERED
HIM TO THE TORTURERS

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ Sunday classes return today at 10:40 AM. Our closing **Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession** takes place this evening; honor Our Lady and her requests by being a part of it! Meet at 7:00 PM (*procession starts promptly at 7:15*) in the parking lot of First Watch Restaurant at Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Drive. Candles will be distributed and Rosaries available if you need one! Why not bring a friend or neighbor?

✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

 Thank you for your generous almsgiving this month. \$204 was received for the support and sanctification of priests.

"If we could only see the JOY of our guardian angel when he sees us fighting our temptations!"

— St. John Vianney, the *Cure of Ars*

☞ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Prayer to St. Joseph are recited **every school day at 3:10 PM**. Every **Wednesday** the Devotions take place before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at **3:00 PM**, followed by Benediction and Holy Communion at approximately **3:20 PM**. Come join our children in prayer!

The Rosary is also recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed on **Friday** afternoon at **5:15 PM**, followed by Benediction at 5:45 PM and Mass at 6:00 PM (approx.). **Saturday's** Rosary is

at 8:05 AM with Simple Benediction. Finally, the Rosary is prayed on **Sunday** at 7:05 and 11:05 AM, and (approximately) 5:15 PM.

☞ NEXT SUNDAY: MISSION SUNDAY

The blessing of expectant mothers is available following each Mass. Sunday Classes are at the usual time of 10:40 AM. The **Autumn Bake Sale** takes place in Helfta Hall after the morning Masses. Please support this important fundraiser for our school. Rosary and Benediction are at 5:15 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XXII, with commemorations of St. John Cantius, and for the Propagation of the Faith. Preface of the Holy Trinity.



Congratulations to Aubrey and Robert Uhlenbrock on the baptism of their daughter, Penelope Rose, on 10/6/13.

☞ CALLING THE CONFRATERNITY!

Rosary Confraternity members, please do your very best to be present at the remaining Friday evening and/or Saturday morning October Devotions. Those with last names **J through R** are asked to come on October 18th-19th; and last names **S through Z** on October 25th-26th. (The **A through I** people received an e-mail requesting their presence for the Friday & Saturday just past; they are more than welcome to return again!)

"The soul that is united with God is feared by the devil as though it were God Himself."

— St. John of the Cross

☞ OUR SICK: A REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

The Fathers recently visited Paulina, Lorraine Gates, and Viola Ripperger, all of whom are doing well. Bob Uhlenbrock went home last Thursday, and thanks you for your continuing prayers. Kevin O'Donnell was pretty much miraculously saved last Saturday from certain death in his fall, and needs our prayers for his healing. Dominic and Tammy and family are so grateful to you for them. Margaret Sutton and mother Nellie have been enjoying Fr. McGuire's regular visits, as has Helen Mahsling. Florence Scott, the Lynch grandmother, is now living in an Assisted Living facility, still seriously ill. Let us pray especially to St. Philomena for her. Gloria's mother, Mary Safrey, is slowly getting stronger in the nursing home. Teresa Boyd had surgery on St. Therese's day and is home now recovering. Please remember the above, and all 22 of our known sick and shut-in, in your kind prayers.

"The devil's snare doesn't catch you unless you're already nibbling on the devil's bait."

— St. Ambrose

Collection Report

Sunday, October 6th	\$3,991.00
Second Collection	\$1,233.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS

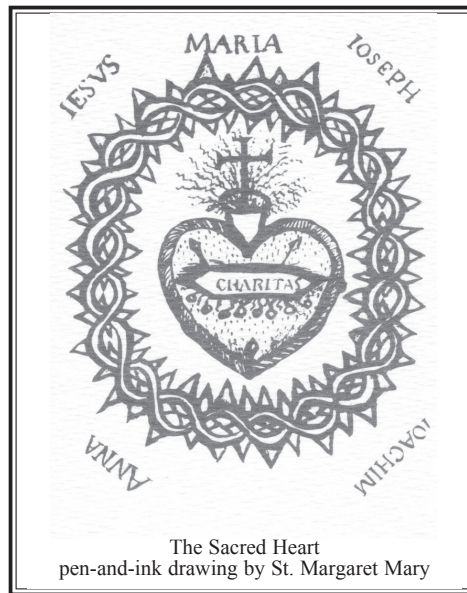
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Sunday, Oct. 27th:** Feast of Christ the King with children's All Saints Procession and party. Only two weeks to go; have you started working on those costumes?
- **Friday, November 1st:** All Saints Day; *Holy Day of obligation* & First Friday. Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 5:45 PM. **N.B.** No All Night Adoration (it is traditionally transferred to the opening Friday of Forty Hours [Nov. 15th]).
- **Saturday, November 2nd:** All Souls Day, First Saturday. Many morning Requiem Masses; *Toties Quoties* indulgence opens at noon of All Saints Day and closes at midnight All Souls Day.
- **Wednesday, November 6th:** Ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Mr. Bede Nkamuke, at Most Holy Trinity Seminary.
- **Sunday, November 10th:** Rosary Confraternity Cemetery Rosary Procession; location to be announced.
- **Friday, November 15th:** Opening of Forty Hours. All Night Adoration. (*Men of the Guard of Honor, please note!*)
- **Sunday, November 17th:** First Solemn High Mass of Fr. Nkamuke; closing of Forty Hours.

*"Be joyful, for there is someone who loves your God as He deserves, who knows Him as her only Son."
- St. Teresa of Avila
(Feast day, October 15th)*

BAPTISM

Saturday morning, or following a Sunday Mass, by appointment; please call the church office to schedule. *At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The blessing of new mothers follows the baptismal ceremony.*



**"All my pleasure in this land of exile is that of having every kind of suffering found on the cross, deprived of every other consolation except that of the Sacred Heart."
- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
(Feast day, October 17th)**



**"My Jesus, let me live in Your Heart and pour all my bitterness into It, where it will be utterly consumed"
- Bl. Claude de la Colombière
(spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary)**

Servers: OCTOBER 14 - 20, 2013

FRI 10/18	5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 10/19	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 10/20	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson (Training: J. Simpson) ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus TH: S. Lawrence TORCH: J. & J. Morgan, A. Soli, T. Lawrence 11:30 AM LOW: N. McCloy, P. Omlor 5:15 PM ROSARY & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

October 12, 1492

There is an olden legend
Of Christopher, by name,
who oft-times helped the wayfarer
Who to his village came.

The ford to cross was very deep
So, guided by his hand,
The "Lightbearer" brought those
across
In safety to the land.

To his door a little Child
Begged passage o'er the stream;
He lifted Him into his arms,
Yet never did he dream

Until, about halfway o'er,
His Burden great became –
That henceforth the "Lightbearer"
Would be given to his name!

Oh, Christopher Columbus,
Did this legend well you know
When you begged for ships and
money
That on voyage you might go

To a strange, unknown country?
You knew the earth was round,
And so, with three small vessels,
You sought to touch new ground.

Though oft your heart was heavy,
As nightly blew the gale,
You never guessed that other
"Knights"
Would 'neath your banner sail.

With thankful heart you found this
land.

"Lightbearer" you became
To raise aloft the Cross of Christ,
And glorify His Name.

– Rose Margaret Coughlin



✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

St. Thérèse says that “nature always reflected the image of my soul. On days full with tears the heavens cried along with me; on days of joy the sun sent forth its happy rays in profusion, and the blue skies were not obscured by a single cloud.” This past week seemed to exemplify her observation.

The soul of this church on Rosary Sunday was hardworking, struggling, striving against the rain and its draining humidity, as well as the heaviness of satanic attack; making us think of insistent, persevering rosary prayer. The sea-sloshed decks and bloody battles of Lepanto came to mind, the naval commander fighting one on one in his carpet slippers for better grip on the wood, wet with blood. He fought on, even after being wounded in the eye, for he was fighting for Mother Church, the apple of God's eye, His beloved bride.



Supported by many fervent Rosaries, the Christian forces conquered, though they were outnumbered, for the prayers prayed, and the fighters fought, heedless of discomfort, cost, or danger. There is a lesson here for us all.

Sunday's dark struggles gave way to Monday's Rosary victory on the feast day itself and actual Lepanto anniversary. Blue skies and cool sun have encouraged our joys these October days, our energetic and persevering prayer.

While you at home were offering unfading crowns of roses in your daily and family prayer, we at church in daily Mass and Rosary and Office enjoyed the lasting beauty of last Sunday's roses, which decorated our altars and faded not. (Thanks, Marlys and helpers, and Rosary Confraternity!) The blessed rose petals you took home may be dried and carried with you, or used to make a drink for the sick, or sprinkled on food, always with a prayer for healing and protection.

Thanks to Pat Kolb and Kolb Catering for another great breakfast, expeditiously served to about 100 faithful nicely filling Helfta Hall. Then we sat back and enjoyed the tale of the lad from Tewksbury and his calling to be a priest, a true priest, one of the few left in all the Church. His was a Rosary story for Rosary Sunday, for Father told of persevering struggle and prayer, and of Our Lady's protection. Thank you, **Fr. McKenna!**

Fr. Cekada is back with us after a busy week at the Seminary. Check our SGGResources.org page for his latest offering, an article on the post-modern Modernist and his poison philosophy.

The young Fathers and I, catching up with the children of our school choir, are singing more and more of the actual Gregorian chant in our almost daily Vesper offices. We are not yet singing as well as the children, but mindful of the Divine Mandate we are trying to be like unto them.

Fr. McGuire reports a fine Rosary Sunday in Milwaukee, the traditional start of their season. The St. Hugh choir sang some of the Gregorian propers for the first time in their actual melodies. That afternoon fervent prayers for good weather provided sunny skies for their annual picnic, and “a good time was had by all.” Today I am with them in Wisconsin for the occasion of a pilgrimage to Green Bay's Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, one of the few places where the Mother of God has appeared in our country. To my knowledge, only Santa Fe, New Mexico, shares this unique honor.

Tonight we all wish to honor Our Lady of Fatima at the last of our outdoor Rosary Processions. Pray for good weather and a great turnout for this final candlelight tribute to Our Lady of the Sun. **Fr. Lehtoranta** will be leading the Rosary, having returned from St. Clare. Fr. McGuire is gone as well, tramping around the mission circuit, seeking souls to serve and save.

Tomorrow is Columbus Day, a good day off for those able to enjoy it. Perhaps you might like to pray the Rosary and hear Holy Mass with us, praying for our country and continent, so singularly blessed by God and His Blessed Mother. A handful of devout souls will be retracing the steps of our Conquistadora Pilgrimage in Santa Fe, first made last year to honor Our Lady, Our Lord of Chimayo, and the Franciscan Martyrs. May Our Lady peacefully conquer many hearts, lest her Son should unleash Great Michael and the sword of war, already well merited by our wickedness. **Pray** the Rosary.

May your angel make you pray at home today!

– Bishop Dolan

*O my Mother, leave me not until you see me safe in heaven,
there for endless ages to bless you.*

✠ OCTOBER THOUGHTS . . . AND PRAYERS ✠

Our Beloved Dead – October

Name	Date of Death
Marie B. Bludau	10-01-1983
Laverne Elmlinger	10-02-1992
James Lehman	10-03-1984
Belvie M. Mills	10-03-1995
Matilda E. Hamer	10-04-1981
Elizabeth M. Richter	10-05-2006
Susan Schmidt	10-06-1999
Joan Weigand	10-06-2012
Victor William Feighery	10-09-1988
Nadine E. Henry	10-10-2009
C. Baumgartner	10-14-1987
Mark Moser	10-15-1987
Edwin Lavern Newman	10-22-1984
Rev. Gunther Richter	10-19-2008
Agnes Bandy	10-20-1985
Marie F. Borger	10-20-1988
Nicholas J. Bischak	10-21-2005
Vera L. DuBroca	10-21-1988
Ken Brown	10-24-2004
Laurence Brueggemann	10-24-1995
Frank J. Koerner	10-25-2005

*The scene of this life passes away;
happy they who, in this scene, act their part
well, and save their souls.
St. Alphonsus Liguori*



Prayer for Assistance at the Hour of Death

Glorious Archangel St. Michael, by your protection, enable my soul to be so enriched by grace as to be worthy to be presented by you to Jesus Christ, my Judge, at the hour of my death. As you conquered Satan and expelled him from heaven, conquer him again, and drive him far away from me at the hour of my death.

O Mary, Queen of heaven, procure for me the assistance of St. Michael at the hour of my death!



Our Lady's Messages at Fatima

Amendment of Life: "I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord, Who is already too much offended."

War: "Wars are a punishment for the sins of mankind."

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

Sins of the Flesh: "More souls go to Hell because of the sins of the flesh than for any other reason."

Immodest Fashions: "Certain fashions are being introduced that offend Our Lord very much."

Prayer and Sacrifice: "Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell because they have no-one to make sacrifices and pray for them."

Daily Rosary: "Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. And after each decade say the following prayer: 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of

Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.'"

World Peace: "Tell everybody that God gives His graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her... *In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph... and there will be peace.*"

Prayer for October Month of the Holy Rosary and the Angels

MEMORARE TO THE ANGELS

Remember, O most Blessed Spirits, that Jesus, the Eternal Truth, assures us you rejoice more at the conversion of one sinner than at the perseverance of many just. Encouraged by these most sweet words, I, the least of creatures, humbly entreat you to receive me as your client, and make of me, unto you, a cause of true joy. Do not, O Blessed Spirits, reject this petition, but graciously hear and obtain my request.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

THE ANGELIC TRISAGION

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, the heavens and the earth are full of Thy glory.

(500 days indulgence. Plenary once a month under the usual conditions.)

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	10/14/13	ST CALLISTUS I, PM <i>Columbus Day – no school</i> 4:30 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention for Mr. Gerard Patrick O'Brien-Novena I (<i>O'Brien family</i>)
TUE	10/15/13	ST TERESA OF AVILA, V 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention for Mr. Gerard Patrick O'Brien-Novena II (<i>O'Brien family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass My nieces & nephews (<i>Sharon Patton</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Special intention-R.A. Deceased (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
WED	10/16/13	ST HEDWIG, W <i>PURITY OF MARY</i> <i>ST GERARD MAJELLA, C</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention for Mr. Gerard Patrick O'Brien-Novena III (<i>O'Brien family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Bruce Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>) 3:00 PM Exposition, Rosary, October Devotions 3:20 PM Benediction, Holy Communion 5:00 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	10/17/13	ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, V 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention for Mr. Gerard Patrick O'Brien-Novena IV (<i>O'Brien family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Crimes against humanity: Abortion & contraception (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass †David Harker (<i>Christopher Browne</i>)
FRI	10/18/13	ST LUKE, EVANGELIST 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention for Mr. Gerard Patrick O'Brien-Novena V (<i>O'Brien family</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Bob Uhlenbrock-Fast recovery (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction 6:00 PM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM, STD (<i>Samantha</i>) 7:00 PM Friday Night at the Trad Movies: "Our Lady of Fatima"
SAT	10/19/13	ST PETER OF ALCANTARA, C 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Kevin O'Donnell (<i>Simpson family</i>) 8:05 AM Rosary, Simple Benediction

DON'T FORGET NEXT SUNDAY'S AUTUMN



BAKE SALE

October 20, 2013

FOLLOWING ALL MORNING MASSES

Bakers, please bring your baked goods to Helfta Hall on October 19th or on the day of the sale.

Help support our school with your generous purchases.

**The first thing about the angels
that we ought to imitate, is their
consciousness of the
Presence of God.**
- St. John Vianney



	8:30 AM	Sermon, Low Mass Special Intention for Mr. Gerard Patrick O'Brien-Novena VI (<i>O'Brien family</i>)
SUN	10/20/13	PENTECOST XXII – MISSION SUNDAY ST JOHN CANTIUS, C <i>MATER ADMIRABILIS</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Military, esp. those who died in Iraq; Zack's intention (<i>Marge Kitchen</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 The O'Donnell family (<i>Prell family</i>) 5:15 PM Rosary & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass Cynthia Current (Mom)-Happy Birthday (<i>Samantha</i>)

✠ THE ROSARY: POWER PRAYER ✠

A CONVERSION THROUGH THE ROSARY

The conversion in 1874 of Queen Mary of Bavaria, caused a great sensation throughout Germany; for she had hitherto been a zealous Protestant. It is not generally known, perhaps, that her conversion was due to the Rosary.

When, in 1842, she was married to the heir of the Crown of Bavaria, she was in the prime of life and gifted with the most brilliant qualities. Great, presumably, was the influence she was destined to exercise over the hearts of her people. Her Catholic subjects began to feel uneasy on the score of their religion. To ward off the impending danger, some pious Catholic ladies of Munich formed among themselves an association, *the sole object of which was the conversion of their future Queen; and they decided upon the daily recitation of the Rosary for this intention.*

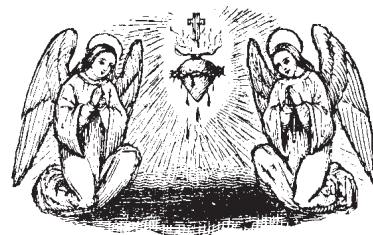
When death claimed the King, her husband, Queen Mary was cast into deep sadness, and began to see the futility of Protestantism as a comforter to the dying or to their surviving loved ones. She was forcibly struck, on the contrary, with the prayers and ceremonies with which the Church aids her departing members, and notably with the common practice of its devout children in reciting the Holy Rosary. As she often visited the hospitals, she became closely acquainted with the Sisters of Charity, and frequently recommended her departed husband and herself to their prayers. On one occasion she asked the good Sisters to instruct her as to the meaning of the Beads and the manner of saying them; and she set herself to reciting the Rosary with a fervor which grew as time went by. Eventually she came in contact with a priest, and by slow degrees she obtained from him instruction on all the points of the Catholic religion. The more she listened, the more she reflected and prayed; and the more completely, too, did her Protestant prejudices vanish. At last, after long and fervent prayer, accompanied with deep study, she determined to become a Catholic.

As soon as her resolve was reported, every effort was made to change her mind. One of the chief Protestant pastors, in whom she formerly had great confidence, put forth all his arguments to prevail upon her to remain a non-Catholic. It was all to no purpose; for, after having spun out all his logic, losing his temper, he added: "Then, Madam, all you have to do now is to say your Beads." – "I am already," said the Queen with a smile, *"in the habit of saying them every day."*

– *The Ave Maria* (1912)

*"Prayer is more powerful than all the devils.
He who is attacked by the spirit of darkness needs
only to apply himself vigorously to prayer, and he
will beat them back with great success."*

– St. Bernard of Clairvaux



*How many souls we may convert
by our prayers! There are some among
them for whom one Pater and Ave
would be enough to turn the scale.*

– St. John Marie Vianney

LEO AND MARTHA HYASHIDA SUKEEMON

In 1613, the pagan governor of Nagasaki, Japan, goaded a Japanese prince to undertake a new wave of persecution against Japanese Catholics. The prince thereupon summoned eight Catholic officers under his command to deny their faith or face death. Five complied, but three refused, one of whom was Leo Hyashida Sukeemon. He and the other two officers were condemned to die by fire in Arima together with their families.



On October 7, 1613, feast of the Most Holy Rosary, Leo, his wife Martha, their two children Magdalene, 19 years old and Didacus, age 12, and the others proceeded to the execution site *with lit candles and Rosary beads in their hands*, and with crosses tied to their arms. Those to be executed were so well-known that over 15,000 onlookers were present. The condemned Catholics as well as the faithful among the onlookers recited together the Creed, the Our Father, and the Hail Mary. Afterward, the bodies of the martyrs were buried at the foot of a cross in a cemetery of the Jesuit missionaries.

– *The Magnificat*

Mother most tender, pray for us!