

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

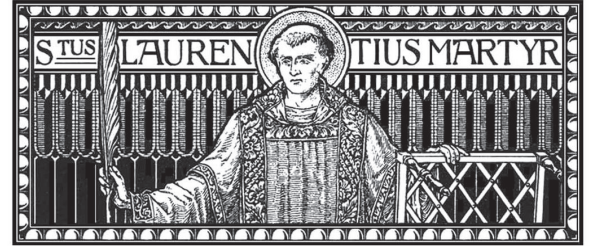
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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

August 10, 2014 St Lawrence, M

Pentecost IX



THOU HAST PROVED MY HEART, O LORD...
THOU HAST TRIED ME BY FIRE

✠ TODAY

We continue our Triduum to beloved St. Philomena at the Low Masses today. Join us in our devotions. Envelopes are in the pews for a special Mass tomorrow at 5:00 PM. Vespers of St. Lawrence are sung this afternoon at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

We received \$710 in alms for the support and sanctification of priests. Thank you and may God reward your very generous giving!

"The Blessed Virgin is like a good mother who, not content with looking after all her children in general, watches over each one individually."

— St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

✠ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Our Summer Novena to St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, continues on **Tuesday**, after the 8 AM and 5 PM Masses.

✠ WEDNESDAY: ROSARY PROCESSION

The August Fatima Rosary Procession takes place Wednesday the 13th. We meet just a few minutes from church, at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive in the parking lot of the First Watch restaurant. The procession starts promptly at 7:15 PM. *(In the event of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in church.)* Will this month of Mary's Immaculate Heart be the month **you** join in the Rosary Procession in her honor?

Lumen Christi

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

If it be God's Will

(Rose Kuebler)

✠ FRIDAY: THE ASSUMPTION

Friday, August 15th, is the Feast of **Our Lady's Assumption**, a Holy Day of Obligation. *All are bound to assist at Mass under the pain of mortal sin.* The Mass schedule for the Holy Day is as follows: **7:00 AM Low Mass** (for workers – no sermon), 8:45 AM Rosary and blessing of First Fruits, **9:00 AM High Mass**, 5:10 PM Rosary and Benediction, **5:45 PM Low Mass**.

The Friday abstinence is dispensed due to the Holy Day, this greatest of Mary's feast days.

"I want you to continue praying the Rosary every day..."

— Our Lady of Fatima, August 19, 1917

✠ NEXT SUNDAY:

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after all Masses. Vespers are at 4:45 PM followed by Benediction.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost X, with collects of St. Hyacinth, the Assumption, and St. Lawrence; Trinity Preface.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 3rd\$4,230.00
Second Collection\$1,140.00

✠ OUR SICK

Please remember Alex Fulton, Tom Denis, Lisa Gregory, as well as all of our sick and shut-in.



✠ BAPTISMS

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.

Servers: AUGUST 11 - 17, 2014

FRI 8/15 7:00 AM LOW: T.G. Simpson
9:00 AM PONTIFICAL: MCs: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson ACS: J. Simpson, P. Omlor TH: B. Lotarski CROSS: L. Arlinghaus BANNER: S. Arlinghaus MITRE: J. Lacy CROZIER: A. Soli BOOK: N. McClorey BUGIA: Nath. McClorey TRAIN: C. Arlinghaus TORCH: N., N. & P. McClorey, C. Rios, S. & L. Arlinghaus
5:10 PM EXPOSITION Seminarian
5:30 PM BENEDICTION & LOW: Seminarian, G. Miller

SAT 8/16 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:20 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 8/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: B. Lotarski, J. Simpson ACS: S. & L. Arlinghaus TH: J. Lacy TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, C. Rios, A. Soli, P. Omlor
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, Seminarian
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

HOW TO SHARE IN THE RESOLUTENESS OF OUR LORD

Always begin all your prayers with an act of the presence of God because, sometimes, for want of doing so, an action will cease to be pleasing to Him. Just consider...that although we do not yet see God, faith teaches us that His holy presence is everywhere, and this is one of the means which we should propose to ourselves. I mean, this presence in all places, penetrating all things and even our hearts to their very depths. This is even more true than the thought that we are all here present, because our eyes may deceive us, but the truth that God is in all places will never deceive. Another means of placing ourselves in the presence of God is to imagine ourselves before the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. It is there...that we receive the dearest proofs of His love. Let us love Him dearly and remember that He said when on earth: "Whoever loves me, we will come to him," where He speaks of the Father and the Holy Ghost, and souls will be guided by His holy providence as a ship by its pilot....The good thoughts which God gives you in prayer are relics. Gather them carefully together in order to translate them into acts and you will gladden the Heart of God. You will then be the joy of God and all the saints will hold high festival.

— St. Vincent de Paul

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

Let us place ourselves in spirit at the bedside of the Holy Virgin and imagine that we behold the scene as tradition depicts it. Around her stand the Apostles, summoned thither by the spirit of God, to hear the last words of charity and wisdom from her sacred lips. Her countenance is lighted up with heavenly radiance, as if already glorified; and with holy longing she stretches out her arms to embrace Him toward whom tend all the aspirations of her soul. Everything that makes death bitter and repugnant to man is absent; all here is sweet and pleasing. It is not a death that we are witnessing: it is a visible glorification.

— from "A School of Sanctity,"
The Ave Maria, 1919



FEELINGS DON'T MATTER!

Worry is a canker. And it's self-regarding. Whereas all our real life is in Jesus Christ. The function of anxiety is surely to alert us to our dependence on Him and to the fact that He alone matters. It is a most useful feeling. It says: You are fragile, unrealized, not in charge of your life, in danger of... therefore turn wholly to Our Lord. The

feeling may or may not diminish but the direction out of self's narrowness into His love has been conquered. We have to go on and on until finally we live out of self, in Him..

The great thing to grasp is that to feel "relaxed/happy" or to feel anxious is *unimportant*. Feelings only matter as an occasion for love. Happy, secure feelings prompt us to praise Him; sad, anxious feelings prompt us to express our faith and pray for Him to be all in all to us. The feelings themselves tell us nothing about our "state" which is God's secret and God's work. We don't base anything on ourselves but only on Him, on His goodness, knowing, as St. Paul says, in whom we have believed. Why are we anxious? Let's will to have Our Lord as our holiness. Gradually even the feeling vanishes, but that is unimportant.

We can *feel* that growing in love should make life "easier" – that there is some failure in our fear, temptation, struggle. Not so. In fact the tempest may blow more severely as we near harbor. Our Lord could never know a psychic respite, as the Gospels show. But our attitudes change. We cease to be afraid of fear; we open our arms to the will for the Father to give us whatever He will, knowing, in Jesus, that He gives only "good things."

— The Magnificat

PERSPECTIVE

High upon your pedestal of purity
Remote, aloof, and virginal, you seem
As distant as the nearest star to heaven,
Enveiled in mist, the creature of a
dream.

You were conceived immaculate, and
purely
You lived and died, and now you are a
queen;
How can you, in your sinlessness,
imagine
The clarion call to life that sin can
mean?

How can you, in your majesty, look
downward,
And here among the dust, distinguish
me?
But quickly as I ask, my question's
answered:
You are not blind, it is I who cannot see.

You are not far, it is I that make the
distance –
Despair alone can bring me close to
hell;
My doubts and fears have put the mist
around you;
It is not that you arose, but that I fell.

— Ellen Katheryn Ullmen



CLOTHED WITH THE SUN

Woman supremely blest
In woman's prime desire
To be most richly dressed:
Incomparable attire,
Blinding, iridescent
In robe of cloth-of-sun,
With Pleiad-plaited coronet,
And slippared with the crescent!
Gown sun-spun,
Crown star-set,
And the moon
For her shoon!
Woman supremely fit
To be so clothed, the one
Found truest, best, immaculate.

— Fray Angelico Chavez

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

We interrupt the sequence of Green Sundays today for one of Rome's greatest martyr saints, the Deacon Lawrence, and put on red for the occasion. This supremely "cheerful giver" (Epistle) was slowly barbequed to death for Christ. He was once hugely popular, and had a whole cycle of Sunday Masses in his honor. Still today we turn to him for protection against fire, for the Poor Souls in the fires of Purgatory, and as a patron of librarians, cooks, catechumens, and a decent thanksgiving after Mass.

Well, *I've* been trying my hand at cooking of late, and with no particular success. There's a trick jar of cayenne pepper at the Convento and my monthly Sutton casserole got more than its fair share. The Nigerians, who tend to favor the fiery, pronounced it "mild" but **Fr. Cekada** had to give up on the dinner, and go out for a burrito. Sorry, Father!

At our high point this Summer, and when everyone is home, we are seven clerics: one Bishop, five priests and one lector. This is a very liturgical grouping indeed, but feeding everybody is a challenge. The other day at our beautiful Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed for peace, I suddenly thought, "Oh no! Did anybody heat up the chili?" But I needn't have worried. **Fr. Nkamuke** had it under control. The High Mass, too, went well, a quiet but intensely solemn service, with two hours of Adoration, and many graces I am sure. Pray for the betrayed Christians of the Middle East.

The **McFathers** are visiting **Fr. Guillaume Hecquard** in Touraine as I write this, which is nice for Father, who rarely sees a fellow priest, as well as for the Fathers to see that part of France and stay in a beautiful old chateau. Such history is there!

Meanwhile, **Fr. Lehtoranta** has kindly taken Fr. McKenna's place on the mission rounds up to North Dakota and over to northwestern Illinois at St. Joseph mission, as well as Milwaukee. He returns tomorrow, and since he's one of our cooks, we will all greet him with joy. On this patronal feast of cooks (one of many the church observes) let me thank you for cooking and sending a meal, especially via the Cucina Clerical, which helps keep us organized.

Fr. Cekada's *Work of Human Hands* has proven to be quite popular in an unusual place – Novus Ordo seminaries. The *Josephinum* in Columbus has banned him. Only the other day he received some fan mail from a foreign land where a number of students at the main

seminary are reading him with interest. One said he could not disagree with anything Father writes! Pray he soon disengages from the Novus Ordo. The primate of the country recently denounced the young N.O. clergy who are traditional. It must be very frustrating for the old geezers to realize their revolution will fizzle out as a failure.

Meanwhile, Bergoglio has reinstated a Maryknoll missionary and Sandinista revolutionary, Miguel D'Escoto, as a priest in good standing. This old Marxist promptly issued a statement: "The Holy Spirit sends us Jesus' message through Fidel Castro." He's in good standing in the Novus Ordo church. We're not. Enough said.

Some of you were wondering as you left church last Sunday about the always-enigmatic parable of the prudent steward, but you needn't have. Before Mass, or even during, as a little meditation, read the explanation of the Mass we publish in the Mass program leaflet ("Read Before Mass" or "Today's Mass") most Sundays. You would have learned: *the meaning of the parable of the Steward, which is "be wise," you children of God; use material treasures so as to make eternal friends; exercise your talents in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and those whom you help to save, will help save you.*

This is a big, and beautiful, Blessed Mother week in the Church. See you on Wednesday evening for the procession, and Friday for the Holy Day of the Assumption. If you can't make it to a good Mass, however, just stay home and pray your Rosary. I was surprised to see that in France, Pius X has further changed the Mass, introducing a lector to read the Epistle and Gospel in French. Slowly, bit by bit, the people are being led by the bit back to the N.O. religion which makes a mockery of Christianity with their Modernist pope. Talk about Black Masses! The main sacrilege of our day is surely the N.O. itself, and Masses offered "one with" the wicked antichrist occupying Rome. These are all means used to lead *you* into error. Resist.

Once Rome gave martyrs to the Faith. Today it is gone to the new religion. The least we can do is to see through their ruses, and refuse to go along.

St. Lawrence, pray for us and give us some of your courage!



– Bishop Dolan

Calling all Catholics to the Feast *



The Assumption of Our Lady
Friday, August 15, 2014



8:45 AM: Rosary at the Grotto,
followed by blessing of First Fruits,
and Procession to Church.

9:00 AM: Pontifical High Mass
of the Assumption



Bring the whole family to the Lourdes Grotto (*and your First Fruits: flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables*) at **8:45 AM**. The Rosary will be prayed, followed by the blessing of the First Fruits. Bring a basket from *your* garden! The children will then carry blessed flowers, and lead the procession of the faithful into church for Holy Mass. Representing the angels, the children will fill Mary's tomb with flowers.



Plus:
Early Morning
Low Mass
especially
for workers
(no sermon)
7:00 AM



Later on:
Confessions,
Rosary &
Benediction:
5:10 PM



*** NO FRIDAY**
ABSTINENCE!



Final Low Mass
5:45 PM



✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, & many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at SGGResources.org

MON	8/11/14	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY Ss TIBURTUS, M & SUSANNA, VM <i>ST PHILOMENA, VM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass My Confirmation saint: Philomena (<i>Genevieve Smith</i>), Closing of Triduum to St. Philomena 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Philomena, for all those whose intentions are on the altar Closing of Triduum to St. Philomena
TUE	8/12/14	ST CLARE, V 8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions (<i>Jennifer West</i>) Summer Novena 9:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Boston faithful</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Dr. Jose Mesa (<i>Karen & Paul Puglielli</i>) Summer Novena
WED	8/13/14	SS HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM <i>ST JOHN BERCHMANS, C</i> <i>OUR LADY, REFUGE OF SINNERS</i> ☛ 6:00 AM Low Mass Barnabas Curren (<i>Samantha</i>) 7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Thanks go Holy Souls for continued protection (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>) ☛ 5:45 PM Low Mass John & Lisa Brueggemann family-thank you (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>) 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace (Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive)
THU	8/14/14	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION <i>ST EUSEBIUS, C</i> <i>Opening of the annual Assumption Novena</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions (<i>Jennifer West</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>DJR</i>) 9:00 AM Low Mass "That moment of grace" Bree (<i>William Harris</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †John Harris (<i>William Harris</i>) 5:45 PM First Vespers of the Annunciation
FRI	8/15/14	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 7:00 AM Low Mass (no sermon) Special int. BF (<i>Richesson family</i>) 8:45 AM Rosary at the Lourdes Grotto, Blessing of First Fruits, Procession into Church 9:00 AM High Mass †H.O. Hinton (<i>SGG Rosary Confraternity</i>) 4:30 PM Vespers of the Annunciation 5:10 PM Exposition, Rosary and Confessions 5:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
SAT	8/16/14	ST JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY <i>ST ROCH, C</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Jim, Maria Brueggemann & family (<i>Dan & Mary Brueggemann</i>)

THE BOMB, ABORTION, AND FATIMA...

Bishop Fulton Sheen cuts right to the heart of these effects (of the dropping of the atomic bombs in 1945), ironically when talking to school students about purity. The talk pinpoints the moral turning point of country to "8:15 in the morning, the 6th of August, 1945," when, he says, the world changed. The dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima "...blotted out boundaries. There was no longer a boundary between the military and the civilian, between the helper and the helped, between the wounded and the nurse and the doctor, and the living and the dead. For even the living who escaped the bomb were already half dead. So we broke down boundaries and limits and from that time on the world has said we want no one limiting me. ... You want no restraint, no boundaries. I have to do what I want to do."

Sheen makes the connection between the bomb and the moral chaos which would follow in America, especially in the deluge of impurity.

Why did the dropping of the bombs obliterate boundaries? The key moral question comes down to the principle that the end does not justify the means. A noble intention to end the war does not make immoral acts moral. The same is true in the moral life more generally. Chris Stefanick sums it up quite well in his piece, "The Fruit of the Bomb": "It has been said that 'the fruit of abortion is nuclear war.' The logic is that abortion creates a society where human life isn't valued above all else, where the end justifies the means, and where moral absolutes can be obliterated by good intentions. All of that was engrained in our nation's psyche 30 years before

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8:10 AM Salve Regina & Assumption Novena

8:20 AM Low Mass †Virgil McCormick-10th anniv. (*Margaret & A.D. Kinnett*)

SUN 8/17/14 PENTECOST X

ST HYACINTH, C
OCTAVE DAY OF ST LAWRENCE

7:05 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Low Mass Special int. deceased (*M/M David Marko*) (from 8/10)

9:00 AM High Mass Honor of Our Heavenly Father (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)

11:05 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Low Mass Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock (*Uhlenbrock family*)

4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

✠ PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH

THE RIGHT WORD ON PATRIOTISM

This admirable paper on "Patriotism" was contributed to the Dublin Review by Mr. Bernard Holland, C. B. in 1918. He remarks, quoting a profound dictum of St. Augustine ("*All war is a passage from a lower state of peace to a higher*"), that this great saint had the art of saying the last word on many things. Mr. Holland himself has the credit of saying the right word on the subject of patriotism.

After reviewing at considerable length the history of the word "patriotism," which is of modern origin, never or seldom being used in English before the eighteenth century, he proceeds to show that there are two kinds of patriotism: the patriotism of the Church, with its aspirations; and national patriotism, with its fanaticisms. Of the first kind he writes in this strain:

A Catholic attached to the Chair of St. Peter lives in two spheres or *patrias*: that of the Church and that of his native country. If the Church is a *patria* on earth to us, in another and still purer sense the *patria* of the Catholic, or of any true Christian, is the unseen world – heaven. I think that I am right in saying that, in the old devotions of the Church, the word is hardly ever used in any other sense. We sing continually, *Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria*; or *Ad patriam quam tendimus gressus viamque dirige*. The Roman poet Horace calls death a departure – *in aeternum exilium*; Christians called it a return – *in patriam*; all the difference between the two points of view is there. The Christian, in these ancient expressions of the Faith, is either *in patria* or he is *in via*, an exile and traveller towards his true fatherland. "One's country," said Gerbert, "is the place which one loves and dreams of and sighs after. It can only be heaven; and, if one must choose a country on earth, it is in the churches we shall find it, where God is adored."

And this **patria** was no mere poetical image. Men then believed in the existence of heaven as literally as they now believe in that of America. Is it the paling into poetry, or less, of this belief which has brought modern patriotism so entirely down to the mortal kingdoms and republics of this planet, so insignificant in space and so often disappointing in their history? But, even now, was any man ever consoled in his dying hour by the thought of all the glories of France, or of the greatness of the British Empire? Edith Cavell, in her last moments, said, "I see that patriotism is not enough." Tolstoy and others have denounced national patriotism on the ground that it is opposed to the Gospel of Christ and to true reason.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

– *The Ave Maria* (1918)

✠ PRAYER IS!

"My children, Saint Philomena has great power with God, and she has, moreover, a kind heart; let us pray to her with confidence. Her virginity and generosity in embracing her heroic martyrdom have rendered her so agreeable to God that He will never refuse her anything that she asks for us."

– St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the Curé of Ars



THE BOMB, ABORTION, AND FATIMA... Roe v. Wade. I think it would be more accurate to say, "The fruit of nuclear war was abortion."

The indiscriminate killing of the innocent in the war preceded and foreshadowed the holocaust we would initiate on our own shores, among our own innocent.

The link between Hiroshima and Fatima is made clear by the Jesuit priests of Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Their rectory was just eight blocks from the center of the blast in Hiroshima, and they were preserved from death, not only immediately, but also from the long-term effects of radiation. One of them, Father Hubert Schiffer, attributed their survival specifically to Our Lady of Fatima: "We survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the Rosary daily in that home."

Likewise, for us, listening to Our Lady of Fatima may be the best way to make reparation for the sins of war and to pray that they may not be repeated. The sins of the Second World War in particular, as indicated by Bp. Sheen, are not unrelated to the sins that now mar our country and the culture of death that we have created.

Our Lady made clear that our prayer and penance can directly alter the course of history and can lead to conversion and peace. We are not by any means beyond the threat that we have unleashed by the creation of nuclear arms. In some ways, we are facing a greater nuclear threat than we ever have before, with a nuclear Pakistan and North Korea, Iran on the verge of the bomb, and serious terrorist threats.

May Our Lady preserve us from the flames that would set the world on fire! For our part, let us turn to Our Lady and consecrate ourselves, our country, and the world to her Immaculate Heart with renewed vigor, reciting the Rosary and making reparation for sin, and invoking the peace that will come with the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

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Pray the Rosary with us!