

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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May 17, 2015

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C

¶ THE SUNDAY OF THE ROSES

Please fill out a registration card if you have not yet done so, and put it into the basket at the offering. The blessing of expectant mothers will be given after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Benediction and May Devotions are at 5:20 PM.

¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR CONFIRMANDS

All children who are Confirmation candidates *must* attend the **Day of Recollection** on **Thursday** beginning at **9:00 AM**. *Please be on time!* Candidates should be in Sunday clothes and must bring: a lunch, Mass book, and Rosary. The day ends with Benediction at 3:00 PM. Parents and sponsors are invited!

*God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Indulgence of 500 days*

¶ VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 23rd, is the Vigil of Pentecost (a day of Fast and Partial Abstinence). You are invited to the beautiful Vigil Mass and ceremonies of **Confirmation**, beginning at **8:00 AM**. The **Mass** will start at about **9:30 AM**. Those who attend the Pontifical Vigil are dispensed from the fast, but not from the partial abstinence. Meat may be taken only once, at the principal meal.

Lumen Christi

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

For St. Clair Graphics to become profitable again
(Patrick Curry)



THE PARACLETE, WHOM I WILL SEND
YOU FROM THE FATHER

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

No Sunday classes. Pentecost Sunday Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost Sunday. Preface and special Hanc Igitur and Communicantes of Pentecost. The *Veni Creator* is sung before the High Mass.

"The Providence of God is never wanting to him who confides in God as he ought."

—St. Benedict Joseph Labre

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember Alex Fulton, a young married man and father in our parish, who is now in hospice. Les Pomerville broke his ankle, and has other health problems. Paul Leurk was in the hospital with an infection. Prayers are requested for the Gilliam and Schneider families.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS



\$313 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. Thank you for your generosity.

¶ THE GRANDMOTHER'S MITE

Dear Bishop Dolan,

I'm on a very small fixed income, but I pledge \$5.00 monthly for your Mass Simulcast.

I would love to live nearby your Parish—it seems so great! But I have eleven children and 32 grandchildren whom I cannot leave in Youngstown, Ohio.

God bless all of you TRUE Catholics!

—Mrs. Margaret Cleckner
An edifying note.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 10th.....\$3,087.00
Thank you for your generosity! Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/18/15	ST. VENANTIUS, M WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>NOVENA 4</i> 11:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M. – Ordination Anniversary (<i>Samantha</i>) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/19/15	ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>NOVENA 5</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Daniel Dailey – 3 rd Anniversary (from 5/18) (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass WM Clark (<i>Beckie Mattingly</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Michael Hinton (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass †Maria Julia Eikens (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>)
WED	5/20/15	ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>NOVENA 6</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass My salvation & my family's souls (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Anthony Brockman (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass In Honor of St. Joseph, thanking him ahead of time (<i>Marge Kitchen</i>)
THU	5/21/15	OCTAVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION CONFIRMANDS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION <i>NOVENA 7</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Carlos Ercoli (<i>Fr. Vili Lehtoranta</i>) 9:00 AM Opening of Confirmands' Day of Recollection 11:20 AM High Mass †Alfred P. Martin, 4 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) Pentecost Novena 3:00 PM May Devotions & Closing Benediction 5:00 PM Low Mass The repose of the soul of Janice West (<i>Mrs. Joshua Gunsher</i>)
FRI	5/22/15	FERIAL DAY ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W <i>NOVENA 8</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Andrew Schneider Family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass of St. Rita of Cascia †Morris- Neihaus Family (<i>Carol M. Niehaus</i>) Pentecost Novena, Sacred Heart Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions <i>N.B. No evening services due to setup for tomorrow's Pentecost Vigil</i>
SAT	5/23/15	VIGIL OF PENTECOST <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> <i>NOVENA 9</i> 7:45 AM May Devotions, Closing of Pentecost Novena

THE SUNDAY OF THE ROSES

In the middle-ages, the Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension was called the Sunday of Roses, because it was the custom to strew the pavement of the churches with roses as a homage to Christ who ascended to heaven when earth was in the season of flowers. How well the Christians of those times appreciated the harmony that God has set between the world of grace and that of nature! The feast of the Ascension is one of gladness and jubilation, and spring's loveliest days are made for its celebration. Our forefathers had the spirit of the Church; they forgot, for a moment, the sadness of poor earth at losing her Emmanuel and they remembered how He said to His apostles: "If you loved Me, you would be glad, because I go to the Father!" Let us do in like manner: let us offer to Jesus the roses wherewith He has beautified our earth; their beauty and fragrance should make us think of Him who made them, of Him who calls Himself the flower of the field and the lily of the valleys. He loved to be called Jesus of Nazareth; for Nazareth means a flower; and the symbol would tell us what a charm and sweetness there is in Him whom we serve and love as our God.



– Dom Gueranger, "The Liturgical Year"

Servers

SAT 05/23: VIGIL OF PENTECOST, 8:00 AM MCS: R. Vande Ryt, T.G. & T. Simpson TH: B. Lotarski ACs: N. McClorey, A. Richesson CROSS: L. Arlinghaus MITRE: J. Lacy CROZIER: P. McClorey TRAIN/GREMIALE: C. Richesson BOOK: J. Simpson BUGIA: M. Simpson TORCH: C. Richesson, M. Simpson, N. & P. McClorey, A. Soli, J. Lacy
SUN 05/24: PENTECOST 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson TH: J. Simpson ACs: B. Lotarski, S. Arlinghaus CROSS: A. Soli MITRE: N. McClorey CROZIER: J. Lacy TRAIN/GREMIALE: M. Simpson BOOK: A. Richesson BUGIA: C. Richesson TORCH: N. & P. McClorey, A. Soli, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, J. Lacy 11:30 AM LOW: N. & N. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS, DEVOTIONS, & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Murray 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller, J. Murray

8:00 AM The Pentecost Vigil
9:30 AM Pontifical High Mass For our Confirmands
followed by Confirmation

SUN	5/24/15	PENTECOST SUNDAY 7:30 AM Low Mass †William Harris (<i>Wilkers</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:30 AM Low Mass Tom Kamphaus (<i>C. Kamphaus</i>) 4:45 PM Pentecost Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass All the Souls in Purgatory, especially Priests & religious, and Sisters of Charity (<i>L. Faith & family</i>)
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HOW GOD GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE

In giving ourselves to Jesus through Mary's hands, we imitate God the Father, Who gave us His Son only through Mary, and Who imparts His graces to us only through Mary. Likewise we imitate God the Son, Who by giving us His example for us to follow, inspires us to go to Him using the same means he used in coming to us, that is, through Mary. Again, we imitate the Holy Spirit, Who bestows His graces and gifts upon us only through Mary. "Is it not fitting," remarks St. Bernard,

"that grace should return to its author by the same channel that conveyed it to us?"

In going to Jesus through Mary we are really paying honor to our Lord, for we are showing that, because of our sins, we are unworthy to approach His infinite holiness directly on our own. We are showing that we need Mary, His holy Mother, to be our advocate and mediatrix with Him Who is our Mediator.

We are going to Jesus as Mediator and Brother, and at the same time humbling ourselves before Him Who is our God and our Judge. In short, we are practicing humility, something which always gladdens the heart of God.

Consecrating ourselves in this way to Jesus through Mary implies placing our good deeds in Mary's hands. Now, although these deeds may appear good to us, they are often defective and not worthy to be considered and accepted by God, before Whom even the stars lack brightness.

Let us pray, then, to our dear Mother and Queen, that, having accepted our poor present, she may purify it, sanctify it, beautify it, and so make it worthy of God.... "If you wish to present something to God, no matter how small it may be," says St. Bernard, "place it in the hands of Mary to ensure its certain acceptance."

—St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

St. Louis (d. 1716) was a great French missionary preacher especially renowned for fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, make us saints.

Indulgence of 300 days

Draw us after thee, holy Mother.

Indulgence of 300 days

This is one of our quiet Sundays here at church, time to stay with Our Lady in prayer in preparation for Pentecost, even though many of you are busy this busy season. Some of you took time to pray with us this past week, especially for the Holy Day Mass, and for the first Fatima Rosary Procession. The Ice Saints came last week too, bringing the traditional and welcome mid-May cool weather with them.

Mother's Day was interesting this year. I think I was a little disappointed as I was looking forward to a big attendance, mothers telling their grown up and away children that all they wanted was for them to come to Mass that day, as they used to do. But this has probably passed away with the corsage. High Mass attendance was thin. Even Our Lady of Fatima missed the Mass, but we got her back inside in time to carry her in procession, and crown her. But here the story turns bright. Little Juliana was scheduled to crown the Blessed Mother, but broke her arm the night before. Nothing if not determined, this little trooper came and crowned despite the pain she was in. It was a very touching ceremony. Oh, and the choir was absolutely at its best. Our High Mass refugees missed a beautiful Mass, the same sung for Christmas Midnight, but ever so much more appreciated in the daylight.

We appreciate the Sisters of our Lady of Reparation planting all the stations this year with Dianthus, a perennial which looks like carnations. Still, feel free to add flowers to your adopted stations, and don't forget to weed. Ditto for the soul. God adopted you, but you have to look after the gardening for your soul. Ignore it a few weeks, and the weeds will take over this time of year. Don't forget Easter Duty reminders.

I look forward to working with our little ones this Thursday, in preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Saturday is the great vigil, which sees the Holy Ghost come in Pentecostal flame. Pray for them, pray for all the Soldiers of Christ gone AWOL, pretty much the majority, I should think.

The birds' nests are empty now. I don't know if the babies flew off or were done in. The cats aren't saying a word, but passed the whiskers test with flying colors.

Beautiful days of the year, these. But for allergy sufferers, the worst. Pollen is higher than usual, and the heat last week rushed everything into bloom. Still, who would trade it? "Fairest of seasons, sweet May." May Our Lady guard your way.

—Bishop Dolan



LEARN about True Devotion, and you'll find the Secret of Mary!

If this entire issue of the *Messenger* were devoted to nothing more than True Devotion, all its facets still would not be explored, because its magnitude is so great. The Secret of Mary is breathtaking in its splendor, awe-inspiring in its scope, world-moving in its force. The Secret of Mary is all-consuming, all-receiving.



No other form of devotion to the Mother of Christ can bring you nearer to her, and turn the tiniest spark of love for her into a raging inferno faster than True Devotion.

If you don't read another word during Marian Year, make an effort to obtain the two little books, "The Secret of Mary," and "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

When St. DeMontfort wrote these two volumes over two centuries ago, he admonished the world to keep this devotion a secret, which was only to be imparted to those considered worthy to practice it. On this account little was written about True Devotion until Our Lady appeared at Fatima and demanded Consecration to her Immaculate Heart. Now anyone may investigate and practice it; True Devotion—unlimited horizons of spirituality—a speeding arrow of love to the Sacred Heart of the Master through the sorrow-pierced heart of His Mother.



Promise Our Lady now that you'll investigate this devotion at your earliest opportunity. It will be the most fruitful promise of your life.

If people won't do anything else for Our Lady this year, they should say at least one extra Hail Mary every day.

Not just an ordinary Hail Mary. Not a Hail Mary rattled off in haste unthinkingly, but an Ave with deep feeling and tender concentration.

Speak slowly to Our Lady as you envision her as the maid of fifteen kneeling in her bare chamber in Nazareth. Picture the expression on her face as the angel suddenly appeared and announced that she had been chosen to become the Mother of Christ, and contemplate her confusion, when she realized the impact of the angel's message, and couldn't quite figure out

why she of all people had been chosen.

In her heart she felt she was the lowliest and most unworthy of creatures. Envision the humility of this little maid, who eventually was to stand beside the Throne of Calvary as the Co-Redemptrix, and through all of time would stand ready to serve all humanity if men would only give her a chance.

Open your heart with at least one such Ave every day, and shout with the saints, "O Mary, my mother, how greatly I love thee, and yet how little is my love..."

Why work so hard in behalf of Mary? The epistle of the Feast of the Motherhood of Mary, the last verse, explains why saints down through the centuries, and why people today



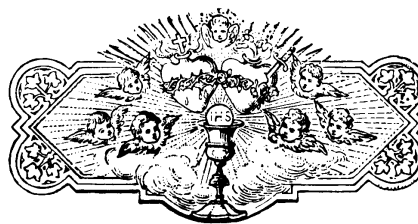
are working so hard for Mary. "They that explain me," said the verse, "shall have life everlasting."

That is the secret of Mary, and the clay from which saints are made.

—St. Anthony Messenger, 1954

A Prayer of St. Francis to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Virgin Mary, there was never anyone like thee born in the world among women—daughter and handmaid of the most high King, our Father in Heaven; mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ; spouse of the Holy Ghost! With the archangel St. Michael and all the Virtues of Heaven and all the saints pray for us at the throne of thy beloved most holy Son, our Lord and Master.



Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation.

Indulgence of 300 days

My Mother, my hope.

Indulgence of 300 days

THEORY:

CATECHISM OF ST. PIUS X

The Sixth Article of the Creed

1 Q. What are we taught in the Sixth Article: He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty?

A. The Sixth Article of the Creed teaches us that Jesus Christ, forty days after His resurrection, ascended of Himself into heaven in the sight of His Apostles; and that while as God He was equal to His Father in glory, as man He has been raised above all the Angels and Saints, and constituted Lord of all things.

2 Q. Why did Jesus Christ remain forty days on earth after His resurrection before ascending into heaven?

A. After His resurrection Jesus Christ remained forty days on earth before ascending into heaven, to prove by several apparitions that He was truly risen, to instruct the Apostles still further, and to confirm them in the truths of faith.

3 Q. Why did Jesus Christ ascend into heaven?

A. Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: (1) To take possession of the Kingdom He had merited by His death; (2) To prepare the place of our glory, and to be our Mediator and Advocate with the Father, (3) To send the Holy Ghost upon His Apostles.

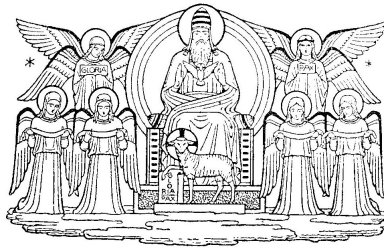


4 Q. Why is it said of Jesus Christ that He ascended, and of His Most Holy Mother that she was assumed, into heaven?

A. It is said of Jesus Christ that He ascended into heaven, and of His Most Holy Mother that she was assumed, because, Jesus Christ, being Man-God, ascended into heaven by His own power; but His Mother, being a creature, even though the greatest of all creatures, was taken up into heaven by the power of God.

5 Q. Explain the words: Sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

A. The word sitteth signifies the peaceful possession which Jesus Christ has of His glory; and the words: At the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, denote that He has a place of honor above all creatures.



PRACTICE: TWO SAINTS

**St. John Baptist de la Salle
(1651-1719)**

“Adapt yourself with gracious and charitable compliance to all your neighbor’s weaknesses. In particular, make a rule to hide your feelings in many inconsequential matters. Give up all bitterness toward your neighbor, no matter what. And be convinced that your neighbor is in everything better than you. This will not be difficult if you keep even a little aware of yourself. It will give you the ability

to overcome your feelings of resentment.

Each day look for every possible opportunity to do a kindness for those you do not like. After examining yourself on this matter every morning, decide what you are going to do, and do it faithfully with kindness and humility.

Be sure to be warmly affable toward everyone. Speak to and answer everyone with very great gentleness and deference. Keep in mind the way the Lord spoke and replied to others even when He was mostly harshly treated. Never comment on the faults or the behavior of your neighbors. When others speak of them, put a good interpretation on their actions. If you cannot, say nothing at all.

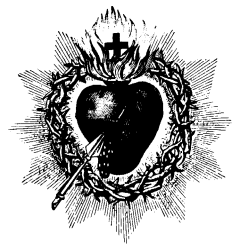
In short, decide never to speak of the failings of others nor to reprimand them no matter how serious they seem to you. When you see someone fall into some fault, call to mind the gospel saying, *‘You can see the splinter in your brother’s eye, but you cannot see the beam in your own’* (see Mt. 7:3).”

St. Robert Bellarmine

“The school of Christ is a school of charity. On the last day, when the great general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus. (*Would you pass?*)

“BUT ABOVE ALL THINGS HAVE CHARITY” (*Epistle*)

*My God, I love Thee.
Indulgence of 300 days*



ST. MARY MAGDALENE OF PAZZI'S
PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF
THE HOLY GHOST



O Holy Apostles: When the Lord ascended into Heaven, he taught you what to do before receiving the Holy Ghost: do you now teach me.

O pure John! O amiable Philip! You will not deny me: tell me what my upper chamber ought to be, and what my interior and exterior operations in these few days.

It will be well to build my chamber on high. It shall be the side of The Word, in which I dwell in the Union of Love.

What must be my spiritual meat and drink? I will masticate it well, as if with every tooth, and it shall be the consideration of all the operations, great or most humble, of The Incarnate Word while He abode with us.

My drink shall be The Blood which flowed from those four Fountains of His Sacred Hands and Feet, and sometimes I will go to draw of that Fountain of many rivulets; His Adorable Head.

THE MONTH OF OUR LADY



The daffodils dance at the dawning,
The may bells make clamor and sing;
What, then, is this season, good mother,
When flowers such loveliness bring?
It is the sweet month of Our Lady,
Whose Son is our Savior and King.
The violets waft their faint incense,

In glory the gillblooms blow;
What, then, is this season, dear mother,
That lilies are sisters of snow?
It is the rich month of Our Lady,
When beauty and loveliness flow.

The south wind's a song of love's triumph,
Twined round a child's laugh in the lane;
What, then, is this season, O mother!
When fragrance grows vocal in rain?
It is the lush month of Our Lady,
Madonna of bliss and of pain.

Like cordons of honor, the poplars,
That stand, rigged in green, in the night,
Let us form, then for Mary, O mother!
Our own little pageant of white.
It is the glad month of Our Lady,
Earth's fairest, and Heaven's delight.

—J. Corson Miller

ASCENSION

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

—Malcolm Guite

This is a nice enough sonnet, which helps us mediate upon the mystery of the Ascension, which is what sonnets should do. But for a very fine sonnet, go to Joseph Mckenzie.



PRAYER TO THE MIRACULOUS CHILD OF ATOCHA

Fearless Child of Atocha, protector of the imprisoned and of invalids, Divine Doctor of any illness, I praise Thee on this day and I offer Thee these three Our Fathers and Hail Marys, with a Glory Be in memory of the journey that Thou didst make incarnated in the most pure womb of Thy most beloved Mother.



For the petitions that I make today, I ask Thee to grant my request for which I submit these prayers. Divine Child of Atocha, I know that I will not be disappointed by Thee and I will obtain what is the best for me to the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

"If we but recollect the name of Jesus, it is to fight with confidence—for this name subjects all the fury of our enemies to us."

—St. Berardine of Siena; feast day May 20th