



# 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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**July 26, 2015**

## ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY PENTECOST IX

### ¶ PENTECOST IX

Our St. Anne Triduum concludes after Mass today, with a blessing with her relic. The Blessing of Cars takes place during all Masses in honor of yesterday's feast of St. Christopher. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

We congratulate all grandmothers today, and remember them, living and deceased, with love at Holy Mass.

*Sweetest Jesus, grant me an increase of faith, hope, and charity, a contrite and humble heart.*

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. The second collection will be taken up for the support of our seminary. Devotions and Benediction are at 5:20 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X, with commemorations of St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Stephen I. Trinity Preface.

*Jesus, My God, I love Thee above all things.*

### ¶ BOYS' CAMP HAS ARRIVED!

**Boys' Camp is this week: July 28, 29, 30.** Sign up sheets are available in the front vestibule. Please fill them out and return them to the office, so your boys will be able to attend the camp.

### *Lumen Christi*

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

**St. Joseph – prayers answered**  
(Mr. & Mrs. Maki)



THOU HAST NOT KNOWN THE TIME OF THY  
VISITATION

### ¶ THIS WEEK

8 AM High Mass is sung on all three days of the Boys' Camp. Saturday is already August. We open the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with First Saturday. It is a great feast day for us in this archdiocese, St. Peter's Chains. Come to pray for the liberation of St. Peter's Chair, so long enchained by the modernists. Masses are at **7:30** and **8:30 AM**.

### ¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, every **Tuesday**, following the 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM Masses.



### ¶ OUR SICK

John Wiesman, recovering from surgery, Michael and Martina Barnett, very ill, Henry Sieverding, Anny Reilly, and Sr. Jeanne Marie. Angela Segrist is doing better, and may be able to make it to Mass today.

*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere!*

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Rosary and Confessions

**7:30 AM** High Mass & First Saturday Devotions

**8:30 AM** (approx.) Low Mass

*First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's perpetual virginity.*

### EXPERIENCE

I watched the sun, in robes all golden,  
Start merrily on his way;  
I saw his wealth of noon-day glory,  
And sunset before the gray.

I did not know my life would follow  
The path of the setting sun:  
The day so bright would darken slowly  
Till night had won.

Or that, when night in sullen silence  
Had said that joy is past,  
The fairy spurs of peaceful morning  
Were coming fast.

### Collection Report

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> .....\$3,510.00  
Thank you for your generosity! Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



### Toddler Tips: Mothers, Do Not Despair

A lot of things change when you have your first baby, including your experience of going to church.

For the most part babies are easy to soothe and you will be able to pray during Mass. Then one day your sweet, easy to soothe baby at church turns into a toddler.

The toddler prefers to be moving continually throughout all of Mass, and she does not quite grasp the concept of a whisper. Sometimes she throws herself across the pew and announces loudly, "I AM A FISH!" Other times she repeats, "Donuts? Donuts?" for the entire hour. All the time you are either pacing in back, struggling in the pew, or resigned to sitting in the vestibule. And you ask yourself, what happened to praying at church?

Well, have no fear! Here are a few ideas to help you learn how to pray while tending to toddlers at Mass:

#### 1) Don't stress about the quality of your prayer

Prayer is different now that you have a toddler to take care of. You are not going to be able to kneel with your eyes closed focusing on every word.

But you can be mindful of what is happening in the Mass, and work on being calm. If you were called to contemplative prayer at every Mass, then you would not be taking care of a toddler. *(To be continued)*

### THE HOUSEWIFE

She was a mystery to all her friends,  
And never had the time to visit neighbors.



She always said to them that one who  
labors  
Need not apologize nor make amends.  
She felt that any housewife who attends  
To all the little duties of the home  
Has neither time nor any wish to roam,  
Nor mingle with life's modulating  
trends.

And when she died the neighbors wondered what  
Would keep her busy. How would she devote  
Her silent days? No dust from lane or street,  
Nor floors to scrub, to take her time and thought.

But in her Bible she had left this note:

"In Heaven I shall wash my Master's feet."

—Tessa Sweazy Webb

*In honor of St. Mary Magdalen, with thanks to John Seyfried.*

### THE DIVINE OFFICE OF THE KITCHEN

Lord of the pots and pipkins, since I have not time to be  
A saint by doing things and vigiling with Thee,  
By watching in the twilight dawn and storming heaven's gates,  
Make me a saint by getting meals and washing up the plates.

Lord of the pots and pipkins, please, I offer Thee for souls  
The tiresomeness of tea leaves and the sticky porridge bowls.  
Remind me of the things I need, not just to save the stairs,  
But so that I may perfectly lay tables into prayers.

Accept my roughened hands because I made them so for Thee;  
Pretend my dishmop is a bow which heavenly harmony  
Makes on a fiddle frying pan; it is so hard to clean,  
And oh, so horrid! Hear, dear Lord, the music I mean.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind,  
And when I black the boots, I try Thy sandals, Lord, to find,  
I think of how they trod our earth, what time I scrub the floor.  
Accept this meditation when I haven't time for more.

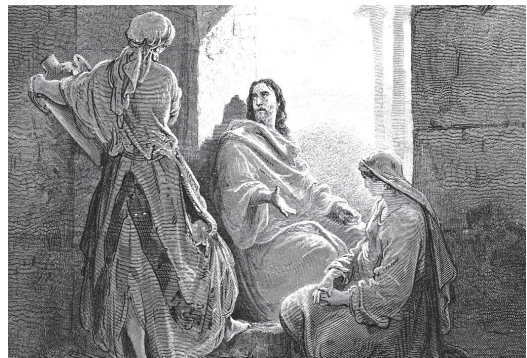
Vespers and compline come to pass by washing supper things  
And, mostly, I am very tired, and all the heart that sings  
About the morning's work, is gone, before me, into bed.  
Lend me, dear Lord, Thy tireless heart, to work in me instead.

My matins are said overnight to praise and bless Thy name  
Beforehand for tomorrow's work, which will be just the same,  
So that it seems I go to bed still in my working dress.  
Lord, make Thy Cinderella soon a heavenly Princess.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love and light it with Thy peace,  
Forgive the worrying and make the grumbling words to cease.  
Lord, Who laid breakfast on the shore, forgive the world which  
saith,

"Can any good thing come to God out of poor Nazareth?"

—Cecily Hallack



### A MOTHER (OR GRANDMOTHER) TO HER FALLEN- AWAY CHILDREN

*Sinners, the advice I want to give you will no doubt seem strange to you; but if you understand it well, it is, on the contrary, inspired by tender compassion toward you. I implore you on my knees, by the blood of Christ and by the Heart of Mary, change your life, come back to the road that leads to heaven, and do all you can to belong to the little number of those who are saved.*



I write this on a very quiet St. Mary Magdalen's morning, basking peacefully in the perfection of a beautiful cool day. I joked with someone that we're entitled to one nice morning every summer, but the truth of the matter is that we average several a month, and they are each of them gratefully welcomed.

I was out on my porch earlier today, praying with the cats, who had already breakfasted. Well, I was praying, but Caravaggio was preying in the wet grass, all business as he crouched down, having spotted a potential victim. Puccini meanwhile was sporting a scar on his little white snout. It may have been Caravaggio who got carried away during one of their rare recreations, a little roughhousing. I suspect though it's that devoted drone of a killdeer who shadows Puccini all day, attack diving as the occasion presents itself. Puccini's patience is a constant edification to me, matching Caravaggio's celebrated meekness.

The cats were blamed the other day when a hapless hare showed up in the cloister. But it turns out that it got caught in the door, poor thing, and never a bit of harm from our friendly felines. Miss Mikesell was however prepared to offer first aid to the battered bunny, who hopped off happily.

Last Sunday was a hot and humid day, but a glorious Lord's Day for it all. We had a record attendance at the 7:30, but a fine attendance throughout the day. High Mass was particularly well sung, all zeal and devotion. It was nice to see so many visitors from other states and from our past as well, and to have a little chat with some of them.

But the high point of our Sunday was surely the afternoon, which found us back in the now almost empty church, to close the day with our Vespers and Benediction, as is the old custom among Christians (once, it was law!) from long ago. So, there we were, on the warmest afternoon of the year, chanting away full throttle in praise of God, ably assisted by a volunteer cantor (Fr. Cekada was away) and a sanctuary full of singing acolytes. It was glorious. Quite countercultural, exactly the thing we should be up to on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Deo Gratias.

Later that evening as I walked home up the hill after the last Mass was offered and the morrow's arrangements were made, our pleasant green landscape was hosting a cardinal, some robins and a lot of rabbits. All was quiet and well. Indeed, thanks be to God. God bless and draw back those who have drawn away from Him this Summer. How could we live without the Mass? How can we not make time for God, Who literally created time for us, and for His glory, and asks for ours in return on the first day of the week, our first duty of sacrifice, in the quiet sublime prayer of the Mass. Although we give God to

God in the Mass, surely we get more than we give if we go.

Well, we are anticipating a livelier scene this week. The lawn will be dotted with tents as the Boy's Camp opens on Tuesday. Calling all the lads for some serious play! The McFathers do it all for you. Don't miss a single action-packed day, starting each morning with the 8 AM Mass, ending with the traditional campfire. God bless our Catholic men who are working with our boys this week.

God bless our grandmothers as well, this St. Anne's day, and our drivers as we bless cars and pray St. Christopher for safety. There is always a blessing awaiting you at St. Gertrude the Great. Come and claim yours!

—Bishop Dolan



## THE SABBATINE PRIVILEGE



The Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel has promised to save those who wear the scapular from the fires of hell; She will also shorten their stay in purgatory if they should pass from this world still owing some debt of punishment.

This promise is found in a Bull of Pope John XXII. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him and, speaking of those who wear the Brown Scapular, said, "I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death and whomsoever I shall find in purgatory I shall free so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting."

The Blessed Virgin assigned certain conditions which must be fulfilled:

1. **Wear the Brown Scapular continuously.**
2. **Observe chastity according to one's state in life (married/single).**
3. **Recite daily the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin OR Observe the fasts of the Church together with abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays OR say five decades of Our Lady's Most Holy Rosary.**

*By thine Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy.*

In Britain, there is an organization called the Lord's Day Observance Society that campaigns for Sundays to be set apart from the other days of the week... Surely, people can go one day a week without feverish activity. The man who does not know how to do nothing seldom knows how to do anything.

Let me be honest and reveal my prejudices: Whenever I see the crowds shopping on Sundays, or on any other day, for that matter, I wonder what on earth they are shopping *for*. The sight never fails to depress me. Either they already have everything they need, or they can't afford anything more. What is it that they are seeking? Happiness through a pair of shoes, contentment through a pair of jeans? They wander down the shopping streets looking like carnivorous sheep, lost but ready to attack.



### REMEMBER THOU KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.

They are not even very good at shopping, to judge by the things they buy and already wear. In fact, they buy the same things over and over again—for example, pairs of jeans. They supposedly see differences in them, if only in the names of the brands attached to them. Talk about the narcissism of small differences! And *small* isn't the word for it.

Go down any shopping street in any Western country and count the proportion of elegantly dressed people. You will be lucky if it is one in a hundred. Everyone else will look like a slob or a slattern. There are worse things than to be badly dressed (*Editor's note: immodesty!*), I suppose, but

to be badly dressed *and* to spend a large portion of one's spare time choosing the clothes in which to be badly dressed—well, it has taken the age we live in to promote such a bizarre and perverse mass phenomenon. What kind of person spends hours choosing what he could buy in about a minute with no discernible difference to the aesthetic outcome?

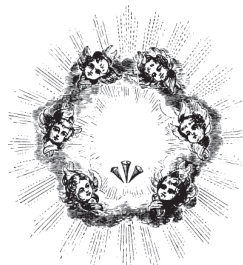
I used to ask my patients what they were interested in. It was a question that terrified them. Eventually, they delivered themselves, with as much pain and difficulty as that occasioned by the delivery of a breech baby, of a single word (I knew in advance what it would be): shopping.

"Shopping," I said, "is not an interest. It is a lack of interest." And they knew what I meant. Moreover, they were bad shoppers. They went for the meretricious as a dog goes for a cat.

—Theodore Dalrymple

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**O MERCIFUL GOD,** Who willed to found the Church through the Precious Blood of Thy divine Son, drawn from the pure veins of the Virgin Mary and poured forth from His opened Heart on Calvary, grant, through intercession of the same Mary ever Virgin, that Thy Church may enjoy more peaceful days. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



### The 3 Eminent Good Works:

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving.

### The 4 Cardinal Virtues:

Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance.

### The 7 Gifts of the Holy Ghost:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

## CATHOLIC DRIVERS



## THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Lord, grant me a steady hand  
and watchful eye,  
That none may be hurt  
when I pass by.  
Thou givest life; I pray no act of  
mine  
May take away, or mar,  
this soul of Thine.  
Save those, dear Lord,  
who bear me company  
From shock and pain  
and all calamity.  
Teach me to use my car  
for others' need,  
Nor miss through love of speed  
The beauty of this world;  
that so I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

*Congratulations, Brendan!*

*Praised be Jesus and Mary, now  
and forever. Amen.*



## "MY CHILDREN HAVE LEFT THE FAITH!"

"Dear God,  
I come to You with a heart of sorrow  
over love for my children  
who have drifted from  
the practice of the holy Catholic Faith.  
Look upon these children of mine  
with Your loving and forgiving mercy.  
Bring these children back into  
the embrace of Holy Mother Church,  
that soon my children may receive once  
again forgiveness in Your Sacrament  
of Penance and be nourished with  
Your Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity  
in Holy Communion.

"Oh patron saints of my children,  
intercede in heaven for their salvation,  
Angel guardians of my children, you  
who were appointed to the charge of  
my children's souls, intercede constantly  
before the Heavenly Throne  
of the Most Holy Trinity.  
Mary, Queen of Angels,  
send forth all the angels of God  
to inspire my children to return  
to the path of salvation.  
I have attempted to teach them.  
I beg my children's guardian angels  
to go to them and inspire them to return.

"Give me the strength to bear this cross  
and offer to You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus  
and Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
the pain that I feel, so that some day  
my children will return and I may glorify  
God forever in Heaven with  
these children whom I love. Amen."

### PRAYER FOR A WAYWARD CHILD

Holy Mother, St. Anne, so rich in  
graces! Thou wilt never leave un-  
heard the pleadings and tears of a  
mother who invokes thee for a way-  
ward child. Thou knowest my grief  
and the anguish of my heart. Look  
down with thy maternal eyes upon  
this poor erring child, and bring him  
[her] back upon the way of salvation  
that he [she] may again serve God  
faithfully and thus obtain eternal  
happiness. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Hail Mary... (three times)*

## RECOMMENDATION TO ST. ANNE

**Hail,** O illustrious St. Anne,  
blessed among women because  
thou hadst the happiness of bearing  
in thy womb the holy and  
immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother  
of God. I participate in the joy  
thou didst experience on giving  
birth to her and offering her in the  
Temple to the Eternal Father. I  
pray thee, good mother, to present  
me to thy well-beloved Daughter  
and to her Son, Jesus. Be my  
protrectress and advocate with  
Jesus and Mary; be my intercessor,  
my refuge, my consolation. Amen.

*Blessed be the holy and Immaculate  
Conception of the most Blessed  
Virgin Mary, Mother of God.*



### PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON THE MARRIED

*I bless Thee,* most gracious Lord Je-  
sus Christ, for having ordained that  
Thy holy Mother, the Virgin  
Mary, of whom Thou, O Redeem-  
er of all men, didst will to assume  
flesh, should proceed from the  
chaste union of Joachim and Anne.  
By Thy goodness I beseech Thee,  
through the merits of the holy par-  
ents Joachim and Anne, have mer-  
cy on me and on all who, in their  
memory, sanctify their life in the  
state of Matrimony. Give them rest  
and peace, health of body and soul;  
make them fruitful in good chil-  
dren, and after this exile, grant  
them eternal glory to Thy praise  
and honor, O sweetest and most  
gracious Savior. Amen.

*O Mary, most sorrowful mother of  
all Christians, pray for us.*

**TODAY WHEN** we consider the ma-  
jor countries of the world we see that  
in many cases the official leaders are  
also the leaders in actuality: Vladimir  
Putin calls the shots in Russia, Xi  
Jinping and his top Pol-  
itburo col-  
leagues do  
the same in China, and so forth.  
However, in America and in some  
other Western countries, this seems  
to be less and less the case, with top  
national figures merely being attrac-  
tive front-men selected for their pop-  
ular appeal and their political mallea-  
bility, a development that may even-  
tually have dire consequences for the  
nations they lead.

An obvious problem with in-  
stalling puppet rulers is the risk that  
they will attempt to cut their strings,  
much like Putin soon outmaneuvered  
and exiled his oligarch patron Boris  
Berezovsky. One means of minimiz-  
ing such  
risk is to  
select  
puppets  
who are  
so deeply



compromised that they can never  
break free, knowing that the political  
self-destruct charges buried deep  
within their pasts could easily be trig-  
gered if they sought independence.

Perhaps the cause of this bizarre  
situation merely lies in the remarka-  
ble incompetence and cowardice of  
our major media organs, their herd  
mentality and their insouciant unwill-  
ingness to notice evidence that is  
staring them in the face.

But sometimes they drop hints,  
the media do, the "revelation of the  
method." For some politicians, the



false cover  
story in-  
vented to  
distract  
from the truth, takes on an entire life  
of its own. Government by myth...  
(We see this almost every day. -Ed.)

## ✠ CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org).

MON	7/27/15	<b>RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY</b> ST. PANTALEON, M <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Our Lady of Perpetual Help – for my dad (Kathleen Mary West)
TUE	7/28/15	<b>STS. NAZARIUS &amp; CELSUS, MM</b> ST. VICTOR I, PM ST. INNOCENT I, PC <b>8:00 AM Votive High Mass of St. John Bosco</b> Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Special Intention (Kathleen Mary West) <b>8:45 AM Summer Novena VII</b> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Our Lady of Perpetual Help/St. Anthony – for prayers answered (J.C.S.) <b>5:30 PM Summer Novena VII</b>
WED	7/29/15	<b>ST. MARTHA, V</b> ST. FELIX II, PM STS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Tarulis Family (G. Keaveney) <b>8:00 AM Votive High Mass of St. John Berchmans</b> Special Intention (Arlinghaus Family) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †In Honor of St. Martha for Janice West (Kathleen Mary West)
THU	7/30/15	<b>STS. ABDON &amp; SENNEN, MM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Intentions of the Bill Bendel Family (Simpson Family) <b>8:00 AM Votive High Mass of St. Dominic Savio</b> Special Intention in Honor of Poor Souls (Arlinghaus Family) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †Jeanne Dunagan (Margaret Browne)
FRI	7/31/15	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Miah/Poor Souls (Sharon) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Maria Ladd & Poor Souls (Frances Mattingly) <b>6:30 PM Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
SAT	8/1/15	<b>ST. PETER'S CHAINS</b> THE HOLY MACHABEES FIRST SATURDAY <b>7:10 AM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM High Mass &amp; First Saturday Devotions</b> For the Intentions of Christ & Suzanne Clingman (Theresa) <b>8:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Mary Safrey (Gerard Keaveney)
SUN	8/2/15	<b>PENTECOST X</b> ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD ST. STEPHEN I, PM <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Ruth Higdon (Rob & Jane Brockman) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Rev. Mr. Philip Eldracher (Simpson Family) <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> For God's mercy & blessing on all (Becky Mattingly) <b>5:20 PM Devotions &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## SONNET XXI CONSILIUM

Search not within the reaches of thy breast  
For knowledge proper to thy seeking mind:  
The heart in worriment is oft oppressed,  
And gropes within doubt's forest lost and blind.  
Take reason's lamp from off its dusty shelf;  
Let Prudence carry it to guide thy course;  
For, never light was drawn from thy dull self  
Without the oil of  
Love's transcendent Source.  
But if thy pilgrim's soul should not be purged  
Of its unknowingness, and thou shouldst fall,  
Or seem to drown in countless cares submerged,  
Yet One there is to lift thy lack's blank pall:  
Eternal Reason, Counselor divine,  
Thy ways I search, and Thou perfectest mine.

—Joseph Charles MacKenzie  
Octave Day of the Sacred Heart, 2015



O sweetest Heart of  
Jesus! I implore That I  
may ever love Thee  
more and more.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dearest Jesus, suffer not  
my tongue, which has  
been and is so often  
purpled with Thy Pre-  
cious Blood, to speak  
well of myself or ill of  
others so that no un-  
charitable word may be  
recorded in the Book of

Life, on the Day of Judgment.

Accept all the victories I gain over my tongue as a prepa-  
ration for my next Communion.

## Servers

SAT 08/01	<b>7:30 AM HIGH: MC:</b> J. Simpson <b>TH:</b> P. Omlor <b>ACS:</b> M. Briggs, M. Simpson
SUN 08/02	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MC:</b> B. Lotarski <b>TH:</b> S. Arlinghaus <b>ACS:</b> L. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor <b>TORCH:</b> C. Arlinghaus, M. & D. Simpson, C. Richesson <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Nicholas & Peter McClorey <b>5:20 PM DEVOTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, J. Murray <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> G. Miller