



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

September 20, 2015

**SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST XVII**

STS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM

¶ TODAY

The Blessing of the Sick is available after all Masses. (*If you need the Blessing of an Expectant Mother, please speak to a priest.*) Sunday Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers. The Parish Picnic takes place at Sharon Woods Park at 1:00 PM. See you there!

The First of Mary's Sorrows: The Prophecy of Simeon (Lk. 2:33-35)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ANGEL SUNDAY

The traditional Blessing of Children and their dedication to their Guardian Angels will take place after all Masses. Sunday Catechism classes for adults and children will be at 10:50 AM (*note special time*), and Vespers will be sung at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XVIII, with collects of Sts. Cosmas & Damian and Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

The Second of Mary's Sorrows: The Flight into Egypt (Matt. 3:13-15)

¶ GET YOUR TICKETS!

The Rosary Breakfast is **October 4th**. Purchase your tickets today at the parish picnic, or next Sunday after all Masses. Fr. McGuire will be our guest speaker. There is also a raffle for a beautiful, fully restored, Madonna lamp statue. Your ticket will be used for the raffle; be sure to have it with you on October 4th. Hope to see you there.

Lumen Christi

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

**In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for
prayers answered
(Patsy McConnell)**



THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
AS THYSELF

The Third of Mary's Sorrows: The Loss of Jesus in the Temple (Lk. 2:41-52)

¶ GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Best wishes to Paul & Barbara O'Connor who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, September 25th. Paul is having some health problems at the moment and needs our prayers. Barb continues as a member of St. Gertrude the Great, but "long distance" for the moment. She could use a



ride to
church
from time
to time.

The Fourth of Mary's Sorrows: The Meeting of Jesus & Mary on the Way of the Cross (John 19:17)

¶ YOUR PRAYERS...

Please remember Todd Porter, who is recovering from surgery; Janet Clementi, and Bill Tilford in your prayers, as well as needs for several of our families.

The Fifth of Mary's Sorrows: The Crucifixion (John 19:25-30)

¶ BLESSING BOXES PROJECT

The Blessings Boxes for the Mexican children will be starting soon. There will be a display in the vestibule of boxes and stickers to get you underway on the first Sunday of October. We hope you have been collecting items for this project. We would like to include a religious item in each gift. Boxes that are provided are 12" x 8" x 6".

If you have a box that you have started already you can use it; just attach a sticker so we know the gender and age group. Ages are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14, boy or girl. Blessing Boxes will be mailed to our friends in the south around Thanksgiving. Please don't forget the \$7 donation per box for postage. Thanks for helping out with this project!

The Sixth of Mary's Sorrows: The Taking Down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross (John 19:31-37)

Collection Report

Sunday, September 13th\$3,721.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will!

The Seventh of Mary's Sorrows: Jesus laid in the Tomb (John 19:38-42)

SHARING MARY'S FORTITUDE



Mary's glories are not only for the sake of her Son, they are for our sakes also. Let us copy her faith, who received God's message by the angel without a doubt; her patience, who endured Saint Joseph's surprise without a word; her obedience, who went up to Bethlehem in the winter and bore our Lord in a stable; her meditative spirit, who pondered in her heart what she saw and heard about Him; her fortitude, whose heart the sword went through; her self-surrender, who gave Him up during His ministry and consented to His death...

What shall bring you forward in the narrow way, if you live in the world, but the thought and patronage of Mary? What shall seal your senses, what shall tranquilize your heart, when sights and sounds of danger are around you, but Mary? What shall give you patience and endurance, when you are wearied out with the length of the conflict with evil, with the unceasing necessity of precautions, with the irksomeness of observing them, with the tediousness of their repetition, with the strain upon your mind, with your forlorn and cheerless condition, but a loving communion with her! She will comfort you in your discouragements, solace you in your fatigues, raise you after your falls, reward you for your successes. She will show you her Son, your God and your all. When your spirit within you is excited, or relaxed, or depressed, when it loses its balance, when it is restless and wayward, when it is sick of what it has, and hankers after what it has not, when your eye is solicited with evil

and your mortal frame trembles under the shadow of the Tempter, what will bring you to yourselves, to peace and to health, but the cool breath of the Immaculate and the fragrance of the Rose of Sharon.

- John Henry Newman



THIRTEENTH STATION

Was this the Child that fed upon
my breast,
The Boy I gloried in at Nazareth?
Were these the lips I had so oft caressed
In Bethlehem, now still and cold in
death?

- V.D. Irwin

OFFERING OF THE MERITS OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO
APPEASE THE DIVINE JUSTICE



Many favors have been obtained by reciting the following "Offering."

In order to appease Thy Divine Justice, we offer Thee, O Lord, the merits acquired by Mary, Thy Mother and ours, when she stood at the foot

of the Cross.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."

- St. Jane de Chantal

PRAYER BEFORE THE PIETA

Weeping Mother! all thy anguish
Deeper than the deepest sea,
All thy tears and soulful languish
Crushed thy heart because of me!

I with sin untold have driven
This cruel sword into thy heart,
But though time on time forgiven
I neglected Magdalen's part.

Now repentant, list my pleading—
I who drove that sharp sword there,
I who caused thy grief exceeding—
Mother! hearken to my prayer:

When the sword of sorrow spends me
(And life's bitterness I feel)
Help me clasp it though it rends me
To my heart with bands of steel.

Mother! though my heart be riven,
Help me suffer silently.
Tears alone will open Heaven
For a sinner such as me!
- Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.

MARIS STELLA

The darker the night
The brighter the Star.
She does not seem to change
The fierceness of her waves
But still she stays
And stays
And we hold on.
We commandeer her name:
Maria,
Maris Stella,
Is it your heart
That burns so bright?
We've erred.
We're lost and tossed.
Gripped with fear
We hold on tight.
Maria,
Maris Stella,
Is it your heart
That's pierced our night?
Dismantled on the ocean
Keep our wreck
In rays of light.

- Rita A. Simmonds



The Queen Anne's Lace, I noticed this morning, has graciously given way to the Goldenrod, sure harbinger of Autumn, along with the cooler nights and beautiful mornings. All the children are in classes now, and some of the lucky ones are studying their catechism each Sunday. September, already at its half way mark, has had its Ember Days, and Holy Cross and Seven Sorrows. This afternoon's picnic makes it official: Autumn is here. You'll find some of our Fall plans detailed in today's bulletin. Be sure to get a ticket for the Rosary Confraternity Breakfast today. And don't forget some picnic lunch with us at Sharon Woods Park.

Another name for Queen Anne's Lace is bishop's lace, I've just learned. This reminds me that this bishop's lace is often in tatters. My alb sleeve was ripped last Sunday, much to my chagrin, and the cuffs of the rochet I reached for were as well. Could anyone give a hand, even just take a project or two? It would certainly be appreciated. Much of what we use is getting pretty old, but then again so am I, but there's still some life in us, with a little care. A stitch in time saves nine! God reward still nimble fingers.

Fr. McKenna reported the other day that Bee Lutkehaus was having an especially good day, so he took his time after Holy Communion, and gave her all the news he could think of, much to her delight. Loraine Gates was also up, and while not about, was certainly with it to make a devout Holy Communion. The same was true for Janet Clementi, who is deaf, but can still read a message. Elizabeth Smith is pretty much blind now, and has her good days and bad days, Richard her husband faithfully looking after her, with a little help from outside.

Fr. McKenna was up to the prison near Cleveland the other day, where he has a new catechumen, Michael, who will be studying the Faith. He was able to see both him and Joseph Murphy, who made his Communion. "I was in prison and you visited me."

Fr. McKenna takes the Mass to the Louisiana faithful today, and afterwards goes to join his family in Florida for his vacation. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is far from home and family this year, stuck in some sort of an INS nightmare, unable now even to renew his license, thanks to the Federal government which has made such a mess of things for the renewal of his Visa. We are of course at their mercy, and can only pay and pray for the next temporary solution.

Brendan and Freddy were out painting the parking lot wall the other day. Much maintenance work, especially as we pass our twelfth anniversary in our "new" church. I noticed the lights are starting to burn out in church. That will be a big project. The boys think they

have discovered the raccoon entrance on the roof, and we'll see about removing the welcome mat, with any luck.

Bergoglio will soon disgrace our shores. The wily old Jebbie has managed an end run around the Curia, the Code of Canon Law, and the conservatives in his efforts to make Catholic divorce a reality, and easier than civil divorce. This end run business is one of his favorite tactics. But some Novus Ordo conservatives are now talking about him being invalidly elected, and no pope! They're stealing our thunder. Be sure to read **Bishop Sanborn's** informative newsletter each month, or to follow him and our own **Fr. Cekada** on Francis Watch.

See you this afternoon! God keep you all.

—Bishop Dolan



Prayer to Jesus and Mary

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose most holy soul was transfixed with the sword of sorrow in the hour of Thy own Passion, may intercede for us before the throne of Mercy, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Imprint, O Lady, thy wounds upon my heart, that I may read therein sorrow and love: sorrow, to endure every sorrow for thee; love, to despise every love for thee. Amen.



Our Lord promised the four following graces:

1. Those who invoke the Heavenly Mother through her sorrows will obtain true sorrow for their sins before death.
2. Our Savior will protect them in their tribulations, especially at the hour of death.
3. He will impress upon them the memory of His Passion, and will reward them for it in Heaven.
4. He will commit such devout servants to the hands of Mary, that she may dispose of them according to her pleasure, and obtain for them all the graces she desires.

St. Alphonsus says that whoever dies while loving God and pronouncing the name of Mary cannot be lost.

MON	9/21/15	ST. MATTHEW, APÉV 11:20 AM High Mass For Leanne Arlinghaus – Special Intentions
TUE	9/22/15	ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC STS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Joseph P. Schoepfer (<i>Ken & Colleen Schroepfer</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Our priests & seminarians (<i>The Richesson Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass For my newly wed cousins (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>)
WED	9/23/15	ST. LINUS, PM ST. THECLA, VM 8:00 AM Low Mass †John Metz (<i>Judy Metz</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Anny Reilly (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Repose of the soul of †Janice West (<i>Kathleen Mary West</i>)
THU	9/24/15	OUR LADY OF RANSOM 11:20 AM High Mass All whose names are on the altar 5:00 PM Low Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Special Intention (<i>Kathleen Mary West</i>)
FRI	9/25/15	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthdays to Michael & Regina (<i>Theresa</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	9/26/15	ST. ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MM STS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help – for Anne & Patrick Omlor (<i>Kathleen Mary West</i>) 8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass Beckie Mattingly & Poor Souls (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>)
SUN	9/27/15	ANGEL SUNDAY PENTECOST XVIII STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM 7:30 AM Low Mass Megan, Bree, & Gerry Keaveney (<i>The Wilkers</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass To St. Anthony for my children's souls (<i>Mother, Joan Landry</i>) 10:50 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention – Family/Poor Souls (<i>Sharon Patton</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

The person who has been devoted to the Mother of God, and especially to her sorrows, will not be deserted. Mary has rescued innumerable souls from Hell, even at the last moment.

A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH ON DR. JESUS: AN EYE EXAM



All who have had these experiences know well that the Lord Jesus is a physician indeed, *Who heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.* And those who cannot lay claim to experience must for that very reason put their trust in Him when he says: *The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me, He has sent me to bring good news to the humble, to bind up the broken-hearted.*

And if they should still be in doubt, let them draw near and put it to the test and so learn by inward experience what this means: “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.”

God, in Saint Bernard’s opinion, wants us to “breathe freely,” and to be confident in the knowledge that, when we turn to Him in prayer, no matter how great our sins appear, His kindness is even greater. “Sorrow for sin is indeed necessary,” we are told, “but it should not be an endless preoccupation.” Thus, when it comes to private prayer, “the just man,” Bernard notes, “is not always accusing himself.” If, on occasion, he does so, it is “only in the opening words.” But, normally, his prayer will conclude “with the divine praises.” Saint Bernard sees clearly that it is never enough to confront the truth of oneself within the courtroom of private conscience. “As for me,” he writes, “as long as I look at myself, my eye is filled with bitterness. But if I look up and fix my eyes on the aid of the divine mercy, this happy vision of God soon tempers the bitter vision of myself.”

– Fr. Paul Murray, O.P

The evil spirit once declared by the mouth of a possessed person that no one who had practiced devotion to Mary Sorrowful had yet been lost, and that the evil spirits had been commanded by God not to assail with temptations in the hour of death those who had faithfully practiced this devotion.

– St. Vincent Pallotti

What a consolation for us to know that the ever-blessed Virgin will assist us at the hour of death if we bear in our hearts a loving and compassionate remembrance of her sorrows!

Servers

SAT 09/26 7:30 AM HIGH: MC: J. Simpson TH: M. Briggs ACS: M. Simpson, P. Omlor

SUN 09/27 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, A. Richesson TH: J. Lacy ACS: C. Richesson, M. Simpson TORCH: D. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor
11:30 AM LOW: Peter & Nicholas McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: J. Murray, G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller