

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



¶ FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day! All of our fathers whose names are on the altar will be remembered in the Masses today. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

The infusion of divine charity had its origin in the Heart of the Savior.

¶ THIRTEEN TUESDAYS OF SAINT ANTHONY



We continue our traditional summer devotion of the 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony this week at 8 AM and 5 PM. This year we are praying especially for Fr. Cekada. Come to participate in this powerful devotion!

¶ NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Join us Thursday, June 24th, for Holy Mass, followed by a barbecue and potluck supper, and good company.



The church will provide brats and hotdogs, plus marshmallows for roasting. We ask that you bring a salad, dessert, or beverages to share. If you have folding lawn chairs please feel free to bring those along too!

The blessing of the St. John's Fire takes place after the potluck, with entertainment and the recitation of the Rosary to conclude.



BE RECONCILED TO THY BROTHER

¶ GIRLS' CAMP IS HERE!

Our annual Girls' Camp begins on Wednesday of this week, June 22. Please bring your girls to church at 8:45 AM. Holy Mass will begin the day at 9:00 AM.

By learning the Heart of God in the words of God, we long more ardently for things eternal.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST VI

Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost VI, with commemorations of Sts. John & Paul, Martyrs, and the Octave of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Trinity Preface.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Virgil Thompson, our HVAC installer, who is suffering from pneumonia and an accident with his hand; Gary Amyx, our sick in the missions, and our virtual parishioners.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 12th.....\$3,421.00

PRAYER FOR FATHER & MOTHER

O almighty God, Who hast given unto me my father and mother, and made them to be an image of Thy authority and tender watchfulness, and hast commanded me to love, honor, and obey them in all things; give me grace cheerfully and with my whole heart to keep this law. Help me to love them fervently, to honor them truly, to yield a ready obedience to all their wishes, to study their happiness in everything, and to bear with patience the humiliation of their rebukes. Deliver me, O God, from pride, rebellion, and stubbornness.

May I ever deny myself in all lawful things to please my parents, and obey them in whatever they can justly require or expect from me. Let me never contradict them, nor so dispute against their proposals as to make them uneasy. May I always consult them in all that concerns them or myself. May I ever be deaf to those who suggest the despising or neglecting of my parents' advice. May I never afflict them by following bad counsel, wicked company or any evil ways. May I always study to be their comfort, in recompense for all the care, trouble and love they have had for me. May I never show impatience at their infirmities, much less mock at any weakness to which they are subject.

Direct me, O my God, in everything relating to my duty, and suffer no chance of circumstances to withdraw me from it. May I, in every lawful concern, always avoid whatever may offend my parents on earth, or displease Thee, my Father, Who art in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

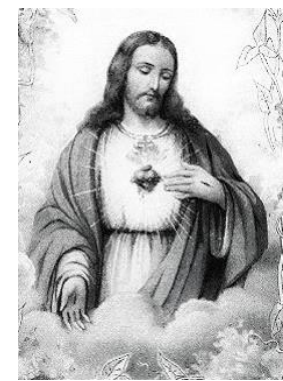
A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A French priest who was thoroughly conversant with his mother tongue, but spoke and understood English imperfectly, was preaching a retreat to nuns. He spoke with unmistakable piety and irresistible unction. The Sisters were rapt by the beauty of his thoughts and the idealism of his conceptions.

In the closing lecture, in which the good Father reviewed what had been said in the entire course of the retreat, he said with fatherly exhortation: "What you have to attend to mainly in your religious life, dear Sisters, is your heart. See to it, then, that you have a humble heart, a docile and obedient heart, a pure and devout heart: but above all see to it that you have a *sweet heart*." When he said this he wondered why the Sisters tittered more or less audibly. In French to have a sweet heart means to have suave, kindly, and friendly sentiments towards others.

The Sisters laughed merely because of the holy simplicity of the Father who did not know the meaning of sweetheart in English. On the other hand they knew, too, that, even as they were said, the words of the priest contained a beautiful meaning. All good Sisters, and all God-loving Christians,

have one grand Sweet-heart. In no month of the year do they cherish this the sweetest and grandest and most loving



of all hearts as in this month of June.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Sweetheart par excellence, has this predominant quality that it sweetens the hearts of all those that love, cherish, adore and imitate it. If

a heart is soured by despondency, pessimism, or misanthropy; or if it is embittered with rancor, hatred and revengefulness; if it is inflamed with greed or avarice; if it is poisoned with impurity and lechery; in all these and similar cases the Sacred Heart of Jesus, if properly and consistently invoked and worshipped; will in a short time fill with divine sweetness every heart that cries unto Him. With considerable profit we can all plead with the Heart of Jesus in the words of the Psalmist: "Create a clean heart in me, O God.... Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation." (Ps. 50, 12, 14.)

The clearest image of the all-embracing fullness of God is the Heart of Christ Jesus itself.



Our Lord keeps in His Heart, locked as it were in a most precious shrine, the unlimited treasures of His merits.

O God! Who out of Thy immense love hast given to the faithful the most Sacred Heart of Thy Son, our Lord, as the object of Thy tender affection; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so love and honor this pledge of Thy love on earth, as by it to merit to love both Thee and Thy gift, and be eternally loved by Thee and this most blessed Heart in heaven. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE MAN OF THE HOUSE
(For Father's Day)

Joseph, honored from sea to sea,
This is your name that pleases me,
"Man of the House."

I see you rise at the dawn and light
The fire and blow till the flame is
bright.

I see you take the pitcher and carry
The deep well-water for Jesus and
Mary.

You knead the corn for the bread so
fine,
Gather them grapes from the hanging
vine.

There are little feet that are soft and
slow,
Follow you whithersoever you go.

There's a little face at your workshop
door,
A little one sits down on your floor:

Holds His hands for the shavings
curled,
The soft little hands that have made
the world.

Mary calls you: the meal is ready:
You swing the Child to your shoulder
steady.

I see your quiet smile as you sit
And watch the little Son thrive and
eat.

The vine curls by the window space,
The wings of angels cover the face.

Up in the rafters, polished and olden,
There's a Dove that broods and His
wings are golden.

You who kept Them through shine
and storm,
A staff, a shelter kindly and warm,

Father of Jesus, husband of Mary,
Hold us your lilies for sanctuary!

Joseph, honored from sea to sea,
Guard me mine and my own roof-tree,
"Man of the House"!

-Katharine Tynan

Happy Father's Day. This is one of the great feasts of the American summer, preferably celebrated by a cookout, and a few modest gifts for dad. But it is a wonderful occasion to think and thank and pray, as we did this morning at Mass, for all of our fathers.

Monday last was a busy day indeed. We celebrated St. Anthony with Masses and the blessing of lilies. In the afternoon **Fr. Oswalt** stopped by for a visit. Seven years ago he visited us as he took the first steps to leave the Novus Ordo. Since then he did and was re-ordained, and now pastors St. Benedict's chapel in Huntsville, AL, established to serve the souls salvaged from the shipwreck of Abbot Leonard Giardina's Christ the King Abbey. Fr. Oswalt has a little Mass circuit through the deep south and up to Frankfort, KY and is careful to give his faithful a good doctrinal formation. He travels with a Lab, whose *dogma* is excellent. It was good to see this zealous priest again.

Monday evening was mild and breezy, heaven sent weather for "the 51 beautiful souls" who turned out to pray the Rosary for peace, one more than the number of those who died at that satanic event staged early Sunday morning. The Rosary is our rampart and defense, our sanity and security. Cling to it.

Many came back on Tuesday for Mass and the first of our Summer Novena services, praying especially for **Fr. Cekada**. In fact, our weekday Mass attendance has been excellent this Sacred Heart Month. A good group is taking advantage of the cool morning Masses, but the Tuesday afternoon "crowd" was great, too. Oremus. We even had a good turnout for the Friday evening before last.

Fr. Cekada seems fit as a fiddle to me, as he was given an extra recovery week to build up his white blood cells before the next chemo session. He does, however, need to be especially wary of crowds and infection, which is why you probably won't see him today.

All systems are go for Girls' Camp '16! Wednesday we have our first, and very full day. Thursday we get started later, because we will have an "evening session" for all the parish, with Mass, cookout, St. John's Eve bonfire and entertainment. The camp concludes Friday, which is the great feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Thanks very much to our volunteer grounds workers who assembled after Mass on Friday morning—very much appreciated indeed! Our Lord has blessed us with a beautiful park in which He placed our church, whose green grounds invite to prayer and peaceful recollection. But, of course, it is work... Take a walk, why don't you,

sometime, visit the grotto or make the Stations. Enjoy!

Speaking of work, I originally got cats when we moved out to West Chester, due to the inundation of field mice we faced the first years. Everybody knows cats go after mice, right? Wrong! My two *bring them in* instead of chase the out. The other day Puccini pranced in with a live one, played with it for a bit, and then wandered away. The mouse is now living in the kitchen, growing fat on the cats' dinner leavings. That's probably kitty karma or poetic justice. Maybe one of these days they'll resume the hunt. Somebody told me that males aren't good mousers. In that case, these two cats are all boy.

Be sure to circle Thursday evening on your calendar, and come to the feast, as we sanctify together and celebrate "the longest night of the year." Be sure to welcome the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas as well. We are grateful for their help again this year for Girls' Camp.

A blessing to all of our fathers, who are a blessing to us.

—Bishop Dolan

P.S. Friday morning I had the kitchen door open as I made breakfast. The mouse, considerably fattened after a week of feline hospitality, emerged from under the stove and made a beeline for the door. Fr. Cekada says he was on his way to the fat farm.



COME TO THE FEAST!



The Vigil of St. John the Baptist

THIS THURSDAY,
JUNE 23,
BEGINNING AT 5:45
PM WITH HOLY
MASS.

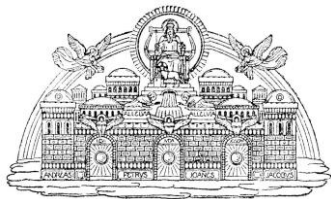
COOKOUT, BONFIRE,
& ENTERTAINMENT
FOLLOWING!

Please bring a salad, dessert, or beverages to share

PRAYER TO THE
ETERNAL FATHER

O eternal Father, let me offer up unto Thy mercy the Sacred Heart of Thy well-beloved Son, even as He offered Himself up a sacrifice to Thy justice.

Accept, on my behalf, all the thoughts, sentiments, affections, motions, and all the actions of this Sacred Heart; they are mine, because it was immolated for me; they are mine, because for the future I am resolved to admit nothing into my heart but what hath place in Thine. Receive, then, O God, the merits of this Sacred Heart in satisfaction for my sins, and in thanksgiving for all the benefits conferred upon me. Receive them, O Lord, as so many motives for granting that which I now offer to Thy divine majesty. This Sacred Heart, this Heart alone, can love, honor, and glorify Thee as Thou deserves. Amen.



Almighty Father! We are Thy children, whom Thy divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, purchased with the price of His most precious Blood, and whom Thy Holy Spirit sanctified: mercifully grant Thy grace to my father and mother, brothers and sisters, and all my relatives, that we, being united according to Thy will on earth, may praise Thee together in Thy glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, in the Name of Jesus, and for the love of Jesus, I beg for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and for the twelve fruits thereof; that enlightened and directed by the Holy Spirit, I may attain that degree of perfection to which You have called me. Amen.

LATIN WORDS
HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

5. MINOR

The earliest *minor* in English was a Franciscan monk. St. Francis dubbed his order *Fratres Minores*, the "Lesser Brothers," to hood themselves with humility. It's been used to signify "less than" and someone "less than full age" since the mid 1500s.

6. MAJOR

Major is major to minor: It's Latin for "greater." It also could mean an "adult" or "elder" in that language, which additionally explains minor's meaning of "younger than the age of the majority." We've been referring to academic majors in U.S. universities since the 1890s via a student's "greater" focus of study.

7. VIA

Via, an English preposition "by way of," is the Latin ablative case of *via*, a "way" or a "road." Attested in reference to routes by the 1770s, *via* extended to a broader instrumentality, "by means of," come the 1930s. It's less obvious in obvious: This is from the Latin *obvius*, as something "in the way" is hard to miss.

8. FLATUS

You don't want to be in the way of *flatus*: This term for flatulence literally means "a blowing" in Latin.

9. STAT

If your *flatus* is particularly bad, you should see a doctor *stat*, or "immediately." Shortened from the Latin adverb *statim*, this "immediately" was first used in 19th-century medicine for a drug or procedure to be administered right away.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls for our devotion more than all the other symbols of His love. It is not only the symbol of His love, it is the very source of that love and mercy. The whole month of June is set aside to honor this gift from God. Below are the twelve promises Jesus made to those souls devoted to His Sacred Heart. Read them and you will be impressed with God's immense love for you!

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in My Heart, and it shall never be effaced.
12. I promise thee in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful Love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

"HOLY MARTYRS, PERPETUA AND FELICITY, PRAY FOR US." Though I often have heard Perpetua and Felicity mentioned in litanies of saints and in prayers of the Church, I never used to give them much thought. I did have a vague sense that they must have been important to be singled out. But they seemed distant and exalted, far removed from my ordinary life as a wife and mother.



Then I came across the description of their martyrdom and the events that led up to it. Dating from the early third century, this Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity is not just a pious legend; it contains Perpetua's prison diary, followed by an eyewitness account of how she and her companions were executed. Their heroic story left me shaking my head in wonder. Were these heroic women for real?

A Heroic Duo. Perpetua and Felicity lived in the early third century in Carthage, in North Africa, then part of the Roman Empire. Though this was not the era of the most vicious persecutions, the emperor had just issued a law forbidding his subjects to become Christians, under pain of death. Undeterred, Perpetua and Felicity prepared for baptism anyway.

In 203, the two young women were arrested and imprisoned along with three other catechumens. Felicity, a slave, was eight months pregnant. Perpetua, a married noblewoman, had an infant son. Her husband is not mentioned, but the story tells how her father made repeated visits to the prison, attempting to persuade her to deny her faith. Though unlike one another in many ways, these two women were united in their determination to bear witness to Jesus, even at the cost of their lives.



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cost of their lives.

The five catechumens were baptized while in prison, and—though it may seem hard to believe—they

forward to martyrdom. In fact, Felicity worried that she might not give birth in time to be killed with the others! But the group prayed, and two days before the scheduled execution, Felicity delivered a girl who was then adopted by a Christian woman.

The anonymous eyewitness account of the martyrs' deaths may strike you as somewhat pious and overdone. If they tremble at all as they walk into the arena, it is "for joy, not for fear." Perpetua sings psalms. Felicity rejoices that she is about to be thrown to wild animals. The two women are attacked by a "savage cow," which tosses them on its horns. Even when wounded, they appear serene and composed. Perpetua pins up her disheveled hair and modestly pulls her torn garment together, then helps Felicity to her feet. They give one another the "kiss of peace" before dying under the executioner's sword.

Human, like us. Could I even hope to imitate these two women? With death looming, they prayed, received visitors, witnessed to jailers, and modeled steadfast faith. Yet looking more carefully at their story, I came to see that Perpetua and Felicity were not superwomen, oblivious to pain. The experienced fear, temptation, and the very human inclination to avoid painful challenges.

Perpetua, for instance, confessed that she was "very much afraid" on entering the prison: "I had never felt such darkness. O terrible day! O the fierce heat." She had to wrestle with her terror so as to keep her eyes on Jesus.

She was also anxious about her baby boy, who had been taken away from her while still breast-feeding.



"Such solitude I suffered for many days," she wrote.

She finally worked out a deal to keep her son in prison with her, but it was short-lived. He was taken by her father, who refused to return him unless Perpetua renounced her faith. Being asked to sacrifice her child could have been a crippling blow, but Perpetua saw God's faithfulness in the situation: though the weaning was abrupt, neither she nor her son suffered any physical discomfort from it.

Perpetua's main torment probably came from seeing her father's anguish. Again and again, he begged her not to throw her life away but to have pity on him who loved her so much. "I was grieved for his unhappy old age," wrote Perpetua. But she had to insist that she could not call herself anything other than what she was: "a Christian."

(To be continued)

The 8 AM Mass is webcast at www.sgg.org, Monday – Thursday, as well as the 5:54 PM on Friday, the morning Masses on Saturday, and all Sunday Masses

MON	6/20/16	ST. SILVERIUS, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Sr. Jeanne Marie (JCS)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (Samantha) (from 6/18)
TUE	6/21/16	ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, CO
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada's Recovery (Mr. & Mrs. David Marko)
	8:35 AM	Summer Novena II
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of St. David for Beckie Mattingly (Bishop Dolan)
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WED	6/22/16	ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Papa Current – Happy Birthday, Father's Day, & Name Day (Samantha)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Joseph Patrick Schroepfer (The Ken Schroepfer Family)
	9:00 AM	Opening of Girls' Camp: Low Mass & Sermon For Paulina, Blessed Name Day (The Fathers)
THU	6/23/16	VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass St. Jude – thank you for answered prayers
	5:45 PM	High Mass Poor Souls for the intentions of Anny Reilly (Bishop Dolan) followed by Potluck cookout, Blessing of the Bonfire, Entertainment, Marshmallow Roast & Rosary
FRI	6/24/16	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
	9:00 AM	High Mass Fr. Cekada (C. Simpson family)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Intentions of Bishop Dolan (C. Simpson family)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena Please Note: No Benediction
SAT	6/25/16	ST. WILLIAM, AB
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Thomas & Samantha (Samantha)
	8:05 AM	Sermon & Triduum to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	8:15 AM	High Mass Samantha & Tom (C. Simpson family)
SUN	6/26/16	PENTECOST VI
		STS. JOHN & PAUL, MM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Doris Ritze (Joe & Mary Kunkel)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada (Puglielli family)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Intercession of Poor Souls for Fr. Cekada's recovery (S. & C. Niehaus)

NO EXCUSE

For what can be more gentle than these words? "Interrupt the service you are offering Me," He says, "so that your love may continue. To be reconciled with your brother is to offer sacrifice to Me." Yes, this is the reason Jesus did not say "after the offering" or "before the offering." Rather, precisely while the very gift is lying there, when the sacrifice is already beginning, He sends you at that precise time to be reconciled to your brother. Neither after removing nor before presenting the gift, but precisely while it lies before you, you are to run to your brother.

What is His motivation in making such an immediate command? It seems to me He has two ends in mind toward which He is hinting and preparing. First, as I have previously said, He desires to show how highly He values love and considers it to be the greatest sacrifice. So He does not even receive the sacrifice of worship without the sacrifice of love. Next, He is imposing such a necessity for reconciliation that it admits no excuse. The person who has been commanded not to offer sacrifice to God before one is reconciled will hurry to the one who has



been grieved and eradicate the enmity between the two. He does so that his sacrifice may not lie unconsecrated.

-St. John Chrysostom

St. John Chrysostom (ca. 347-

407) was one of the early Church Fathers. As a priest he gained a reputation for his eloquent preaching on Sacred Scripture—"Chrysostom" means "golden-mouth." He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

Servers

THU 6/23	5:45 PM HIGH: MC: B. Lotarski TH: P. Omlor ACs: Nathan McClorey, M. Simpson CROSS: P. McClorey TORCH: Nathan & Peter McClorey
FRI 6/24	9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Simpson TH: B. Lotarski ACs: J. Simpson, P. Omlor TORCH: M. & D. Simpson
SUN 6/26	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, J. Simpson TH: P. Omlor ACs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TORCH: D. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, Jessy Stewart 11:30 AM LOW: Peter & Nicholas McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller