

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

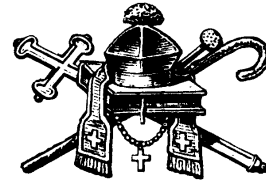
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July 24, 2016

PENTECOST X

ST. CHRISTINA, VM

ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C



¶ PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Cars takes place today during all Masses in honor the feast of St. Christopher. The First Vespers of St. James, with Benediction, are at 4:45 PM.



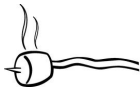
¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XI

There will be no Vespers next week.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XI, with a commemoration of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Trinity Preface.

¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is this week! Camp begins on Tuesday, the Feast of St. Anne, and concludes on Thursday.



Parents: waivers will be available in the vestibule. Please remember to sign one for your children, so that they may participate in all the activities.

¶ HIGH MASS

We're singing a *simple* High Mass (as we do during the school year) at 8:15 AM on Saturday during the summer, except on First Saturday. The simple High Mass is not much longer than a Low Mass. Fear not. Incense and more ceremony are used only on Sunday and for certain great (First and Second Class) feast days.



Lumen Christi

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

Special Intentions
(L.J. Kavanagh)



HE THAT HUMBLETH HIMSELF
SHALL BE EXALTED

¶ OUR SICK

Fr. Cekada is very weak after the latest chemo, and would appreciate your prayers. Joan Landry needs prayers to be able to return to church, and for her family. Please remember as well the repose of the soul of her son †William Landry. John Wiesman has been having leg problems, Fr. McGuire reports, and is not able to come to church. Dominic O'Donnell's dad, Charlie, has been diagnosed with a very serious cancer. Tammy O'Donnell's mother died recently. Please pray for all of these intentions as well as for our sick and shut-in.

¶ REMINDER:

The suggested Mass stipend is now \$25.00.

¶ THIS WEEK

Great St. James with St. Christopher come tomorrow, with Mass at 8 AM. Boys' Camp opens Tuesday with High Mass in honor of St. Anne at 8:10 AM. Please note the Summer Novena will be before Mass, at 8 AM. Low Mass is at 5 PM. Summer Camp continues with an 8 AM High Mass on Wednesday and Thursday.

¶ SUMMER NOVENA



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

¶ DRESS CODE

Men & Boys:

Don't wear: t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans, or sports logo jackets.
Do wear: dress pants, shirt, and tie, with suit coat, jacket, or sweater, and dress shoes.

Ladies:

Don't wear: sheer, tight-fitting, sleeveless or low-cut dresses and tops. Cap sleeves or other very short sleeves are forbidden. Skirts must not be short, sheer, tight-fitting, or slit. No shorts or pants. Do wear: a modest dress or skirt & top, with a head covering.

ST. BENEDICT

(Continued from last week)

Like those who came before him, Benedict urged something similar—but especially when we are in a church. In one of the most beautiful chapters of his Rule, Benedict begins by noting that we believe God is present everywhere and that nothing escapes His notice. He goes on to say that we should believe this to be especially true when we gather with others to pray. “All of us, then, should reflect seriously on how to appear before the majesty of God in the presence of His angels. That will lead us to make sure that, when we sing, there is complete harmony between the thoughts in our mind and the meaning of the words we sing.”

If anything, Benedict’s advice is even more important in our day than it was in sixth-century Italy. In a world as fast-paced and filled with distractions as ours—even when we are in church—it is very easy to lose our sense of joy and wonder in God’s love. Benedict knew that there is no simple, automatic remedy for controlling what we might call our “monkey mind” of wandering thoughts, yet he gives practical advice that encourages us to persevere. Benedict knew that the more we can remember God, the more deeply we will grasp the amazing truth that we are not orphans in this world but rather beloved sons and daughters of the Father. And this knowledge will lighten our hearts and sustain us, no matter what our situation.

(To be continued)

THE GOD OF THE LIVING

The spiritual life is not sad; it is not so austere or burdensome as it appeared at first sight. Many, even among Christians, believe the life of piety to be unbearable! They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead...but they are at peace. For those who do not understand the spiritual life, it is a certain kind of death; the saints, to them, seem to live in this world as if dead, as if without joy or consolation, as if oppressed under the weight of overwhelming abnegations. Thinking thus, such people deceive themselves. The just are dead in the eyes of the foolish, but they live in peace. They carry celestial treasures and joys in their hearts, for whoever lives the spiritual life in its fullness bears within him the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Let us repeat it: Jesus Christ did not want to suppress pain. It is so beautiful, so fruitful, so full of hidden delight. He performed a more prodigious work than if He had destroyed it. He enfolded it in divine sweetness and brought forth from its bosom both joy and consolation.

-Servant of God

*Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez
(† 1956; Archbishop of Mexico City)*

O Precious Blood, be my strength amid the trials and struggles of exile. Grant that at the hour of my death I may be able to bless Thee for having been the comfort and the sanctification of my soul, before becoming, in heaven, the everlasting object of my love and praise.

LOVE BEGETS LOVE

I look into the eyes of “Jesus
Scourged”
And see the love He cannot hide
The serenity with which He looks
at me
Shames me and makes me want
to run away and hide
Knowing well a lot of the damage
done to Him
I myself am responsible for
Makes me sick inside, and contrite
of heart,
Knowing it’s impossible for Him
to show His love for me more
As His suffering like that for the
likes of me
Shakes me to my very core
And makes me want to love Him
more and more

-John Seyfried 2-18-16

*Thank you sweet Jesus for loving us
so!*

*A meditation for July, before the
Jesus Scourged Statue.*



July, summertime, brings its customary and comforting traditions to us, enough to distract the devout from its hot and heavy weather: Summer Camp and Summer Novena, the blessing of cars, the Precious Blood, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the Scapular. All too soon August will slide into a warm September, and then perhaps a glorious Autumn will refresh us.

This week it is the boys' turn for camp, and all seems in readiness. They meet under St. Anne's patronage this year, God's Grandmother. We pray for good weather and a good time, for lasting good, for our boys and young men. Much will depend on them.

Thank you for your prayers for a good Mexican trip. I found "La Republica" to be pretty much unchanged, and not notoriously unsafe. Once there were some soldiers at a gas station, along with Mexican motorcyclists, and they told me things could get dicey, but we left quietly. The commandante greeted me respectfully, so I thought we'd be okay. Sixty souls were confirmed, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was solemnly crowned in a long, moving ceremony in Dos Rios, Vera Cruz state. They ushered me into town under a canopy, with Mariachi and the "Moors and Christians," costumed boys with machetes doing a kind of medieval two step from Spain. You would have to have seen it. I also visited a chapel I dedicated twenty years ago to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in nearby Cordoba. Of course I prayed for you all at Our Lady of Guadalupe and at the dear shrine of the "Baby Doctor" Jesus.

But the news was not uniformly good. Sad tales of scandalous ordinations, fallen away priests and worse filled my heart with sorrow. Please pray for the perseverance of priests and the conversion of "shepherds in the mist." I thank Judy Fradl of long ago Dayton for having begun the Alter Christus Confraternity here, which still collects money for Masses for priests, their spiritual and material support. This month we began, after so many years, a proper First Thursday Holy Hour for Priests. Our Benedictine Sisters are praying for this same intention. Thank you for adding your prayers to theirs.

Thank you for your prayers for **Fr. Cekada**. He was poorly last week, what with four sessions of poison pumped into him to kill the cancer in very strong doses. But I put out a request for prayers on Thursday, and he did seem better by Friday. His chemotherapy should now be concluded. But it's the prayers, most of all.

We had a nice visit last week from Keith and Linda Kimpel, dear friends and very active parishioners from St. Hugh in Milwaukee. We continue to hear encouraging words from our internet congregation:

"I am one of your internet followers. Don't know what I would do without being able to at least follow the Mass every Saturday and Sunday. Thank you."



The weather reports list "Extreme Mosquitos" among our other West Chester woes. But I must say I haven't seen any this summer, extremist or otherwise. What a relief. I think our lack of radicalized insects is due to the nice natural balance we have here of birds, especially robins, who gobble up the bugs before they go for the blood. Puccini brought in a bloodied baby bunny the other week, and deposited him in my bathroom for later. I was able to release the little "lapin" by the front door, wishing him well.

Summer attendance picked up a little last week, and the singing remains excellent. We always have lots of visitors in Summer, some from just across town. All are welcome.

Well, remember good St. Anne this week, and St. Christopher tomorrow. Your cars are all blessed today. May you be as well!

— Bishop Dolan



I SAT WITH SORROW

I sat with sorrow 'neath a blowing tree,
And watched a fountain endless sprays unfurl,

Full jeweled streamers twined with
braids of pearl,

That danced a wink upon a silver sea
And blew in rainbow mists on him and me.

The leaves above turned greener with each spray,
And I perceived a Truth but could not say

A word—then sorrow spoke the simile:

"O Cross, thou art the fountain never dry,
Thy sweet, sweet wood an altar, for 'twas laved
With Blood of Him who deigned on thee to die;

'Til to this day from that last dying sigh
God's faithful by thy cooling stream are saved
From thirsting Hell to Heaven's Feast on high."

—Fray Angelico Chavez

Heavenly Wine, giver of purity and strength, pour down upon my soul. Make of my heart a living chalice from which grace shall constantly flow on those that love Thee, and especially on poor sinners that offend Thee. Teach me to honor Thee and to make Thee honored by others. Give me power to draw to Thee cold and hardened hearts, that they may feel how infinitely Thy consolations surpass those of the world.

PRAYER FOR VIRTUE BY ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS

Grant me, O merciful God, to desire eagerly, to investigate prudently, to acknowledge sincerely, and to fulfill perfectly those things that are pleasing to Thee, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Do Thou, my God, order my life; and grant that I may know what Thou wilt have me do; and give me to fulfill it as is fitting and profitable to my soul.

Grant me, O Lord my God, the grace not to faint either in prosperity or adversity, that I be not unduly lifted up by the one, nor unduly cast down by the other. Let me neither rejoice nor grieve at anything, save what either leads to Thee or leads away from Thee. Let me not desire to please anyone, nor fear to displease anyone save only Thee.

Let all things that pass away seem vile in my eyes, and let all things that are eternal be dear to me. Let me tire of that joy which is without Thee, and permit me not to desire anything that is outside Thee. Let me find joy in the labor that is for Thee; and let all repose that is without Thee be tiresome to me.

Give me, my God, the grace to direct my heart towards Thee, and grieve continually at my failures, together with a firm purpose of amendment.

O Lord my God, make me obedient without gainsaying, poor without despondency, chaste without stain, patient without murmuring, humble without pretense, cheerful without dissipation, serious without undue heaviness, active without instability, fearful of Thee without abjectness, truthful without double-dealing, devoted to good works without presumption, ready to correct my neighbor without arrogance, and to edify him by word and example, without hypocrisy.

Give me, Lord God, a watchful

heart which shall be distracted from Thee by no vain thoughts; give me a generous heart which shall not be drawn downward by any unworthy affection; give me an upright heart which shall not be led astray by any perverse intention; give me a stout heart which shall not be crushed by any hardship; give me a free heart which shall not be claimed as its own by any unregulated affection.

Bestow upon me, O Lord my God, an understanding that knows Thee, diligence in seeking Thee, wisdom in finding Thee, a way of life that is pleasing to Thee, perseverance that faithfully waits for Thee, and confidence that I shall embrace Thee at the last. Grant that I may be chastised here by penance, that I may make good use of Thy gifts in this life by Thy grace, and that I may partake of Thy joys in the glory of heaven: Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.



St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Saint Margaret Mary, thou who wast made a partaker of the divine treasures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, obtain for us, we beseech thee, from this adorable Heart, the graces we need so sorely. We ask these favors of thee with unbounded confidence. May the divine Heart of Jesus be pleased to bestow them upon us through thy intercession, so that once again He may be loved and glorified through thee. Amen.

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Bearer of Jesus Christ! Pray for us that by sanctifying grace and the virtuous example of our daily lives, we may, like thee, carry Christ through the ways of this world and into the hearts of all with whom we come into contact. Amen.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit of God, love of God, silent, secret, all preserving, breathing where you list, expressing our longings. You are wisdom, You are love, You are strength and fidelity; I am none of these, I need them all, sincerely I want them, I do believe sincerely I want them. You are the Father of the poor; You do not fail. Will You fail me? That I may never fail You, I cannot trust myself; that I may never do wrong; that I may be wise according to my place in life; that I may love truly, not falsely; that I may be faithful to God, to men; that I may have strength sufficient for the task you give me and may use it.

-Archbishop Goodier

SUPPLICATION. O Lord, guard me from false prophets, heretics, and seducers, and grant me the grace, that according to St. Paul's instructions I may become fruitful in all good works. Inflammé my heart, that I may adorn my faith with them, thus do the will of the Heavenly Father, and render myself worthy of heaven. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst wondrously open the unsearchable riches of Thy Heart to blessed Margaret Mary, the Virgin: grant unto us, by her merits and our imitation of her, that we may love Thee in all things and above all things, and may be worthy to have our everlasting dwelling in the same Thy Sacred Heart: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

ACCOMPLISHING THE WORK GOD GIVES US TO DO



During the sixteen years I knew Father Damien, I never noticed anything to reproach him about regarding impurity or immorality. In these matters he was very rigorous with himself and with others. He tried his best to regularize the situation of people living in adultery. His relation with women was very cautious. Not only the population of Kalawao but also of my village Pelekunu considered him a man of exemplary morals.... I can in all truth say that nobody knew Father Damien better than I during the sixteen years prior to his death....

I used to accompany Father Damien during his apostolic work. I was taking food from Pelekunu to the settlement and there I met Father Damien.... Pelekunu was a small village...in a valley of Molokai island, about two miles from Kalawao. You could reach it only by boat.... I used to take Father Damien by boat to Pelekunu, where he stayed for two or three days. After that, I took him by the same boat to Wailau, distant one mile, and stayed there more or less one day or two; from there I took him to Halawa, another valley distant three miles. I left Father Damien in Halawa. From Halawa church he walked to

Kaluaaha, distant seven miles. Here he stayed one or two days. Then he walked from Kaluaaha to Kamelo, distant two and a half miles where he stayed one day. During these visits he celebrated holy Mass, catechized the population, and administered the sacraments. At the end of his ministry in Kamalo he returned, walking to Kalawao, seven miles distant. To do so he had to go down a steep hill, 2,000 feet high.

Sometimes in his missionary trips the sea became rough and dangerous, and I as his boatman, used to advise Father Damien not to embark until the sea would calm down. Father Damien answered me, "We leave anyway." He never went into the boat without praying....

He was poor but he never complained about it. Father Damien used to come to our house in Pelekunu. When we asked him if he wanted something special to eat, he answered: "Do not disturb yourself; I will eat what you have." He was satisfied with a bit of taro, a piece of fish, and a glass of water.

*-Joseph Manu
Joseph Manu († 1938) was Father Damien's close friend for sixteen years. His family lived in Pelekunu Valley, about two miles from Kalawao, Molokai, Hawaii.*

This reminds me of our missionary priests, and their travels. God love and protect them all. -Bp. Dolan



Fr. Damien in 1873

What must every Christian know and believe in order to be saved?

That there is but one God, Who has created and governs all things; that God is a just judge, Who rewards the good and punishes the wicked; that there are in the Deity three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; that the Son of God became man for love of us, taught us, and by His death on the cross redeemed us; that the Holy Ghost sanctifies us by His grace, without which we cannot become virtuous or be saved; that man's soul is immortal.

What does the Holy Ghost effect in man?

He enlightens him that he may know the truths of religion and salvation, and the beauty of virtue; He moves him to desire, to aim after and to love these things; He renews his heart by cleansing it from sin, and imparts to him the supernatural gifts and graces by which he can become sanctified, and He brings forth in him wonderful fruits of holiness.

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSIONS

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, thou who hast been rightly proclaimed the Patroness of Catholic missions throughout the world, remember the burning desire which thou didst manifest here on earth to plant the Cross of Christ on every shore and to preach the Gospel even to the consummation of the world; we implore thee, according to thy promise, to assist all priests and missionaries and the whole Church of God. Amen.

(Indulgence 300 days once a day.)



Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org.

MON	7/25/16	ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP ST. CHRISTOPHER, M 8:00 AM Low Mass St. Christopher – answered prayers (Rebecca Hinton)
TUE	7/26/16	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY 8:00 AM Summer Novena VII 8:10 AM High Mass Mrs. Rosemarie Zuccaro (Mr. & Mrs. David Marko) (from 7/24) 5:00 PM Low Mass Sue Kurtz – for a successful surgery 5:35 PM Summer Novena VII
WED	7/27/16	ST. PANTELEON, M 8:00 AM High Mass Rev. Fr. Anthony Cekada with thanksgiving (Miss Mary Rizzo) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Bettie Jane Filppula, R.I.P., & our intentions (Mr. & Mrs. Bellavia)
THU	7/28/16	STS. NAZARIUS & CELSUS, MM ST. VICTOR I, PM ST. INNOCENT I, PC 8:00 AM High Mass The Clergy of St. Gertrude's (Ken & Colleen Schroeffer) 5:00 PM Low Mass Samantha Current & Thomas Kunkel (Fred Stepanich)
FRI	7/29/16	ST. MARTHA, V ST. FELIX II, PM STS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving for the safe birth of Simeon Howard (Ken & Colleen Schroeffer) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass The Eldrachter Family (TRCS) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	7/30/16	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY STS. ABDON & SENNEN, MM 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Brian McMahon – Month's Mind (Joseph McMahon) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass Fr. Cekada (Puglielli family)
SUN	7/31/16	PENTECOST XI ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Anniversary to our Clergy (Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (Paul Puglielli) 5:45 PM Low Mass James Cooley (Doloris Ritze)

Saints of God, who owe your happiness to the Blood of Jesus; angelic spirits, who sing Its glory and power, august Virgin, who to It owest the privileges of Thy Immaculate Conception and the Divine Maternity, help me to pay to the Precious Blood of my Redeemer a perpetual homage of adoration, reparation and thanksgiving. Amen.

ST. SISOES

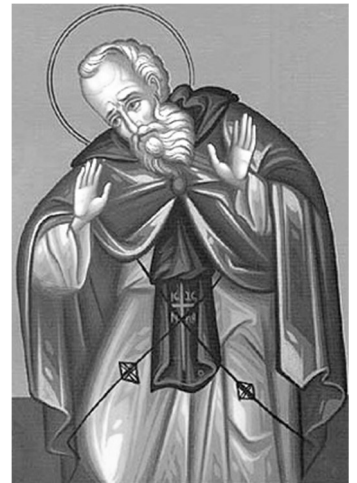
Desert Father (d. ca. 430)

St. Sisoës, a solitary monk in the Egyptian desert, settled into a cave previously occupied by the great St. Anthony, a towering figure among the early desert fathers. Sisoës remained there for over sixty years, becoming famous over time for his humility, his asceticism, and his charitable nature. When another hermit told him, "Father, I always place myself in the presence of God," he replied, "It would be much better for you if you put yourself below every creature, in order to be securely humble."

Three fellow monks came to him seeking instruction. One said, "Father, what shall I do to avoid hell-fire?" Another asked, "How shall I escape the gnashing of teeth and the worm that dieth not?" The third had a similar question about eternal punishment. Sisoës answered, "I confess that these are subjects which I never think about, and as I know that God is merciful, I trust He will have compassion on me."

The annals of the desert fathers consist largely of their short replies to questions put to them. In one case someone asked Sisoës the meaning of pilgrimage. He replied: "Keep silent; and wherever you go say, 'I am at peace with all men.' That is pilgrimage." Much of his counsel regarded the need to control one's speech: "How can we guard the heart if our tongue leaves the door of the fortress open?"

As he lay on his deathbed he cried out, "Behold! Abbot Anthony, the choir of prophets, and the angels are come to take my soul."



"I pray daily that my Lord Jesus may preserve me from saying an idle word and yet I am always relapsing."

– St. Sisoës

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5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller