



# 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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

## Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018



### Prayer to the Holy Ghost for the Church

*O Holy Ghost, Creator, be propitious to the Catholic Church; by Thy heavenly power make it strong and secure against the attacks of its enemies, and renew, in charity and grace, the spirit of Thy servants, whom Thou hast anointed, that they may glorify Thee and the Father and His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### Our Newest Soldiers of Christ

Oona *Maria* Amelio  
Solène *Marie* Amelio  
Anastasia *Theresa* Brueggemann  
Maria *Joan* Dust  
Abigail *Anne* Fulton  
Anna *Elizabeth* Gardner  
Hailey *Philomena* Kamphaus  
Audrey *Jane* Mann  
Mirabelle *Gertrude Helena* Manzardo  
Isabella *Bernadette* Mourer  
Eva *Theresa* Nellenbach  
Elena *Gemma* Schneider  
Susan *Therese* Shelko  
Albert *Christopher* Dust  
Brandon *Michael* Elliott  
David *Tarcisius* England  
Jude *Peter* Gardner  
Thomas *Louis* Gardner  
Matthew *Michael* Giese  
Levi *Olaf* Giese  
Andrew *George* McKnight  
Caleb *Joseph* Mourer  
Joshua *Michael* Mourer  
Matthew *Michael* Schenider  
Oliver *Michael* Uhlenbrock

## ¶ PENTECOST

Today is Pentecost Sunday, after Easter the greatest feast of the year, for it marks the completion of the liturgical cycle with the Descent of the Holy Ghost. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ PENTECOST MONDAY &amp; TUESDAY

Monday and Tuesday are feasts of devotion, formerly holy days. Try especially to assist at Mass on those days.

## ¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the summer Ember Days. All Catholics age seven and older must observe partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday. All those between the ages 21 and 59 inclusive are obliged to follow the church laws of fast—one full meal a day. The Ember Days were instituted to beg God's blessings upon those to be ordained and for the new season of the year.

## ¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY

The final Sunday Classes of the season are at 10:40 AM next Sunday. Vespers of the Trinity with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Trinity Sunday, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ OFFICE CLOSED

Please note, the church office will be closed from Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ¶ LOOKING AHEAD

Memorial Day: Requiem High Mass at 9:00 AM

Corpus Christi: All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Solemn Mass at 11:25 AM

First Friday: June 1. All Night Adoration



*It would be impossible to estimate rightly, much more to express in words, the good that Christianity owes the work of the Holy Spirit. He is the divine charity and mercy, and is ever occupied in conciliating divine justice, and saving sinners from perdition. The Holy Ghost formed the sacred humanity of Jesus Christ of the substance of the Virgin Mary; He created His human soul, and united it to the Divinity in one person in an incomprehensible manner. He it was who brought the work of man's redemption to a happy consummation on the day of Pentecost, when He descended upon the faithful in the form of fire, kindling them with divine love, and converting by His grace hardened sinners, who were untouched by Our Lord's miracles and by His passion. He dwells ever with the true believer; and although by many He is dishonored and offended, yet He does not altogether abandon them, but knocks at the door of their heart, and asks for readmission there.*

## ¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Don't miss the May Devotions at 3:06 PM—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady. Join us on school days.

*You are invited to attend the  
Homeschool Students'  
Graduation Ceremony  
on May 26, 2018  
High Mass at 8:20 AM*

## Collection Report

Ascension, May 10<sup>th</sup>.....\$1,620.00

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.....\$3,826.00

Thank you for your generosity.

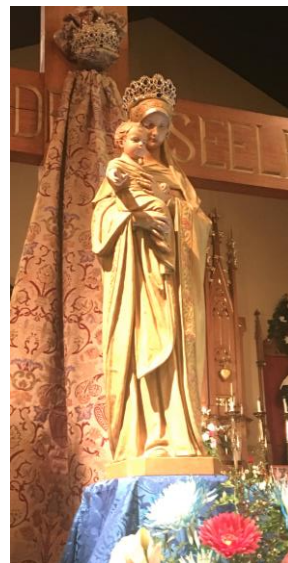
THE BLESSED VIRGIN ON  
PENTECOST MORNING

Maid and Mother, pure and kind,  
'Tis the Whitsun morning;  
May hath wearied sun and wind  
For the world's adorning,—  
Earth is blossomed like a bride  
For the blessed Whitsuntide.

Thrice the mighty Spirit wrought  
For thy soul's completing:  
First, thy stainless self He brought  
To the world's entreating;  
Next, to work thy "Fiat" came;  
Last, He crowns thy brow with flame.

'Tis Elijah's olden rite,  
Slow in sign preparing:  
First, God built thee, altar bright,—  
Christ, the Victim, bearing;  
Last, from Heaven, at thy desire  
Flashed the Lord's consuming fire.

- Edward F. Garesche, S.J.



*Mary is the stem of that beautiful flower on which the Holy Spirit rests with all His gifts; therefore, he who wishes to obtain the Seven Gifts of this Holy Spirit should seek the flower of the Holy Spirit on its stem. We go to Jesus by Mary, and by Jesus we find the grace of the Holy Spirit.*

- St. Bonaventure

## ¶ PLEASE PRAY...

...For the repose of the soul of †Bishop Frank Slupski; and for Les Pomerville, surgery and recovery.

Blessed Pentecost! God the Holy Ghost is everywhere in the Church, in the Church year, the Mass and Sacraments in our soul, in our life. But once a year comes the great feast of the Descent of the Holy Ghost on the Fiftieth Day, which enables us to recognize, to remember Our Lord's own Spirit, and to rejoice in His presence among us. He is the Sanctifier, who prepares and blesses and consecrates our offering.

How fitting, then, to keep His feast as we do each year, offering to Him especially our "first fruits," the innocent little ones who will soon receive the Son of God in Holy Communion. Joining them yesterday were a good number of older candidates whose youth was restored at the altar of God by this "Sacrament of Christian maturity." Congratulations to our twenty-seven new Soldiers of Christ.

But this is the Season of Sacraments. In addition to Confirmations, First Confession and First Communions, I'm happy to announce Holy Orders, which makes the Mass and the Sacraments available to the faithful. **Bishop Sanborn** will ordain a French seminarian, **Abbé Damian Dutertre**, to the Holy Priesthood this Saturday at a seminary chapel near Turin, Italy. **Bishop Selway** and some seminarians will also be in attendance. Please keep this fervent young Levite in your prayers this week, as well as our newly confirmed. God the Holy Ghost it is who gives the growth, and watches over the maturity of the fruit. Let us thank Him for this season of graces.

Please remember in your prayers **Bishop Frank Slupski**, who was buried near Chicago this past Thursday. Bishop Slupski was ordained a Redemptorist priest in Poland in 1962, and came over to this country after the changes. For years he travelled a grueling circuit to serve mostly private chapels and little groups in the Midwest. I knew him as a humble, hardworking, quiet and meek priest. Unfortunately in later years he got himself consecrated a bishop, and as some of these holy but supremely imprudent men did, caused great damage to the Church. God will judge. Let us commend his soul in grateful prayer, mindful of how many souls he once served so faithfully, and with so much sacrifice. Requiescat in pace.

Bishop Sanborn's Australian mission has run into a spot of trouble with the Immigration authorities. Young **Fr. Eldracher** returns stateside this week until things get sorted out, with **Fr. Palma** replacing him for ninety days on a tourist visa. Please pray for a good solution. But Fr. Eldracher must leave on the very feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, May 24, Australia's patroness. Surely this is a good sign.

On that same day an Argentinean priest who had been assisting **Fr. Ercoli** in Seattle, **Fr. Romero**, must also leave

for the same reason. "Don't governments have anything better to do than deport dedicated priests?" you might ask. "Indeed," as the Australians might say. But governments have a long history of going after good priests. So we pray for some relief. Our Lady Help of Christians is also venerated in Argentina, due to the influence of the Salesian Fathers. I'm sure she's watching over her priests.

The government is also making it increasingly burdensome, complicated and time consuming for **Fr. Cekada** to send money to **Fr. Nkamuke** in Nigeria, or to priests in foreign lands in general. I recall reading once that the Nazis used to tie the priests up with form after form to be filled out and filed, a weight of bureaucratic rules and regulations. Where's the AntiFa when you need it?

Our Lady Help of Christians, help us! Her statue adorns the Blessed Mother altar. But isn't the May altar beautiful and stately this year? Our Lady's crown reminds one of La Salette, or the crown of the Vietnamese Madonna. It was only one week ago that we crowned Our Lady of Fatima with flowers on Mother's Day, after a simply beautiful May procession. I needn't have worried for the evening Fatima Rosary Procession. Our Lady sent cool breezes to refresh the 35 some souls who publicly prayed her Rosary for peace.

Oh, there were the Lesser Litanies last week, too. Much marching, much praying. These are some of the holiest days of the year. Pentecost continues all week, but Monday and Tuesday are great days still, Feasts of Devotion. Remember your Ember Day fast and abstinence, and pray for those who must make their Easter Duty yet.

It was a pleasure spending Thursday's Day of Recollection with our young people as we prepared for Confirmation. I thank the Sisters for their assistance. I was happy to see so many Michiganders who came to Joseph and Jacinta Young's wedding last week, and stayed for Sunday. It was good to visit with them. There are some differences among our groups, of course, but these occasions remind us that we are all Catholic. May the Holy Ghost bring those who stray in error's way back from the jaws of the new religion, and save us all from growing too cultish in our isolation.

I saw a Monarch butterfly the other day, right where the Butterfly Bush used to be. I wonder if they remember? A killdeer showed up recently, and perched on a shrine as if he owned the place, but robins still rule the roost around here. Fr. Cekada gave me some tuna seconds for the cats, and they're loving it. Maybe they've had enough bunny for awhile.

May your every breath be a prayer to the Holy Ghost, the Breath of God!

- Bishop Dolan





## ✠ CALENDAR

**MON 5/21/18 PENTECOST MONDAY**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Rich VandeRyt*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Fr. Hugh Wish, †Lavina Wish, †Fr. Roy Randolph (*Keith & Linda Kimpel & family*)  
**3:06 PM May Devotions**  
**4:30 PM Vespers**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** In thanksgiving to St. Gerard Majella and Our Lady of the Milk & of Happy Delivery (*Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Gunsher*)

**TUE 5/22/18 PENTECOST TUESDAY**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Mary Eldracher – Happy Mother's Day! (*Colleen Eldracher*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Jane B. Donadio (*Mary P. Kassenbrock*)  
**3:06 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** My special intentions (*Rich VandeRyt*)  
**5:50 PM Vespers**

**WED 5/23/18 EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**  
**ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI, C**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** St. Joseph – thank you for prayers answered  
**3:06 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Lauren – Bishop Dolan's grand-niece (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)

**THU 5/24/18 PENTECOST THURSDAY**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Special intentions (*Theresa Simpson*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †H.O. Hinton (*Rebecca Hinton*)  
**3:06 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** For the Joshua Gunsher Family (*Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Gunsher*)

**FRI 5/25/18 ST. GREGORY VII, PC FAST**  
**ST. URBAN I, PM • EMBER FRIDAY**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †John & †Freda Gaskins (*Patsy McConnell*)  
**11:06 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Poor Souls Most in Need (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)  
**3:06 PM May Devotions**  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & St. Anthony (*Jacinta Simpson*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**

**SAT 5/26/18 ST. PHILIP NERI, C FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**  
**ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM • EMBER SATURDAY**  
**7:15 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Dolores MacDonald – 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary 5/27 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**8:05 AM May Devotions**  
**8:20 AM High Mass** Our Graduates (*Mike Briggs Family, Paul Arlinghaus Family*)  
**Homeschoolers High School Graduation**

**SUN 5/27/18 TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**PENTECOST I**  
**ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD • ST. JOHN I, PM**  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Thank you, Rose & Mike (*Bishop Dolan*)

## Girls' Camp is Coming Soon!



June 27-29



Fun – Games – Crafts

*Don't forget to call the office  
to let us know if your girls are coming.*

(513) 645-4212



*Kindling wood...for the altar*

The Mass is a grouping together around Christ—God and Man—the “Main Link” that nothing can break; eternally “welding” God to mankind.... Am I a link in this chain?... Does mortal sin separate me from Christ and hence from God?... Then let me re-form the chain by a sincere and perfect Contrition.



*The Holy Ghost dispenses His choicest graces to those who have a tender love and devotion to Mary, His Immaculate Spouse. Mary on her part obtains the richest blessings for souls who honor and invoke her as the*

*Spouse of the Holy Ghost.*

### † UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 2018 YAG: June 22-24. For more information and to register, please visit [yagincincy.org](http://yagincincy.org).  
 Girls' Camp: June 27-29  
 Boys' Camp: July 24-26

### Servers

SUN 5/27 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy TH: T. Lawrence CROSS: M. Simpson ACS: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: M. Simpson, J. Stewart, J. & N. Koenich  
 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. McClorey  
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

**9:00 AM High Mass** Abbé Damian Dutertre on his ordination (*C. Simpson family*)  
**10:40 AM Sunday Classes**  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock – Happy Anniversary (*Joan Fey*)  
**4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great