

# 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

## August 19, 2018

### PENTECOST XIII

#### ST. JOHN EUDES

#### WITHIN THE OCTAVE



#### ¶ PENTECOST XIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion rail after all Masses today. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ THIS WEEK

Tuesday we continue our Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony with a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please note there is no evening Mass. Devotions and Holy Communion will be at 5 PM. Wednesday is the Octave of Our Lady's Assumption, the reparatory feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Masses at 8 AM and 5 PM). Among the saints we honor this week are St. Bernard, a Doctor of the Church, on Monday; St. Jane de Chantal, true figure of the "valiant woman" on Tuesday; and St. Bartholomew the Apostle on Friday (Sacred Heart devotions and Benediction follow the 5:45 PM Mass as usual). On Saturday the monthly Requiem is sung at 8:15 AM. Refer to the Calendar for a full schedule of the many Masses available. Will this be *your* week to make that extra Mass?

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XIV

Vespers will resume September 9<sup>th</sup>.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XIV. Second collect of St. Zephyrinus, third of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

#### Collection Report

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> .....\$4,955.00

#### *Lumen Christi*

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

Special Intentions  
(Edward Peschi)



#### MARY IS OUR ALL

Sometimes we ask ourselves, "How can you ever find the courage to become a saint, you who are so weak?" But the weaker we are, the better. The Immaculata is as it were the "incarnation" of divine mercy. Is there a soul for whom there seems to be no more hope, and if we ask ourselves what is going to happen to it, Mary can lift it to a degree of holiness far beyond that to which it could have ever aspired. Even the weakest, the ones who have strayed the farthest, can be rescued by her. You should tell her: "If I am lost and go to hell, others will follow me. But if you stretch out your hand, I could become a great saint and draw many others to heaven."

Sometimes we doubt; often enough we have failed to be faithful to grace; and so we think ourselves unworthy to receive God's help. But that is precisely why God has given us our heavenly Mother, to whom He turned over the whole order of His mercy, as though He wished to protect us from His justice. A way has been pointed out to us; and so long as we walk therein we can always obtain God's grace. Never must we say that henceforth grace is beyond our reach.

Even if we have serious sins on our conscience, we can rise again. All we need is to turn to the Immaculata. So, let the sinner who has fallen come to her in full confidence. Don't concentrate your thoughts only on yourself. Saint Paul said: *I can do all things in Him Who strengthens me*, and in the same way we can say, "I can do all things, thanks to her who gives me strength."

- Fr. Maximilian Kolbe

*Everyone should clip and keep this meditation, and prayerfully read it over from time to time. Share it with others. Hail, thou our hope!*

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Joan Landry, who is in the hospital; Joanne Franklin, to receive the sacraments; Fred Woods, Connie Kamphaus, and a special intention for the Sisters.

## GRADUAL

The priest, remaining in the same position as at the Epistle, now reads the "Gradual."

The Gradual formerly consisted of an entire psalm or psalms and was sung with great solemnity. It is so called because it used to be sung from the steps (gradus) of a pulpit, called the ambo. Pope Gregory the Great (died 604) reduced the length of the psalm to the present few verses which epitomize the Epistle. These few verses are so appropriately selected that they are little masterpieces, both from a literary and a spiritual standpoint. Like a golden thread the spirit of the Mass is woven through the Collect, Epistle and Gradual, showing the completeness and the exceedingly beautiful arrangement of the liturgy. The Gradual expresses the sentiments and dispositions which the Epistle should produce in our souls.



MVNDA COR

*The priest bows profoundly and says the Munda cor while the server carries the Missal over to the Gospel side. In union with the priest, let us pray for our souls to be*

*cleansed that the light of the Gospel may enter therein. Then we stand and listen with respect to the word of God.*

Isaias saw in a vision the Son of God in all the splendor of His majesty, before Whom the Seraphim sang their *Sanctus*. The Prophet, overcome by the sight of this glory, realized that he was too lowly and unclean to be the spokesman of so great a God. But an angel purified him with a

burning coal taken from the altar, and thenceforward Isaias was fitted to speak as a Prophet before the people of God.



The priest, immediately before he reads aloud the Gospel, which is the very word of the Son of God and the radiation of His glory, is conscious of this same unworthiness and prays to God:

*Munda cor... Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, Who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias with a burning coal: vouchsafe through Thy gracious mercy so to cleanse me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Kindling wood...for the Altar

The Mass is the meeting-place of too many youths who mistakenly think they have lost all religious sense, because they no longer pray with the same spontaneity and affection they once knew.... No, a young man reasons more than a child and lacks a young girl's sentimentality. His life, moreover, is often a field of battle, of temptation, and also of defeat.... For him the Mass is often a more arid, more cerebral contact with Christ, who understands his inner turmoil.... Even if he comes simply out of obedience to his parents, he is winning a battle, and practicing virtue.

## NISI HIC ALIENIGENA

A stranger in Thy Church am I; my days  
Dawned elsewhere; until my life is spent  
I shall not speak Thy language, learn Thy ways,  
Or draw one breath without bewilderment.  
Yet would I kneel before Thee with that man  
Of Thy ten lepers cured the only one  
Who hastened back—Thy poor Samaritan—  
To thank and bless Thee when the rest were gone.

- Helen Parry Eden



*An angel takes a burning coal and symbolically cleanses the lips of Isaias: this symbolizes that so purified he is fitted to announce the Prophecies of the Lord. The priest prays for this grace before the Gospel.*

An Excerpt from  
THANKS GIVEN

I thank Thee, O Thou Crucified,  
That I have known the pain  
Of giving what I longed to keep,  
That theirs might be the gain.

I thank Thee, Lord, that I have loved,  
With all my poor heart's best,  
And never once the trust betrayed  
Each dear love strangely blest.

I thank Thee, Lord, oh most of all,  
For this sweet sense of Thee,  
This blessed sense that fills me through,  
With singing ecstasy.

- Eleanor M. Leary

Our Lady gave us a *perfect* Summer's evening this past Monday, and sent fifty souls, Kirby counts, to pray her Rosary for our August Fatima Procession for Peace. The next morning dawned beautiful and bright for her Summer Novena, shared with St. Anthony. That afternoon many helped prepare for the Assumption. The devil was active, too, as his pride cannot bear Our Lady's triumph. But with her help, we triumphed over the adversity and went to celebrate a glorious feast, starting with the Blessing of Herbs and First Fruits under a hot, bright sun.

**Fr. McGuire** remarked that he had never seen a more beautiful Assumption altar. The restored fountain gurgled in Marian blue. Fragrant basil and mint and sage awaited blessing, and the Sisters loaned their lovely statue of Our Lady. The little angels of the procession led us into the Pontifical Mass, bearing flowers for Mary's tomb. All was duly sung and with soaring voices and sonorous chants. Many servers assisted the expert Pontifical ceremony.

Still, Assumption is a difficult, a challenging Holy Day, and this year's rush hour rain didn't help. It's still Summer after all, and some were away vacationing. Also, it's a weekday, a workday, and school has just started for many. Some just stayed home, as though it were nothing more. Maybe they forgot. But Our Lady of LaSalette complained of just such "forgetting," which is punished by God. Let's try to remember to *pray* for a good, well-attended Holy Day. It's always something....

But we are grateful, even for the heavy weather, the rains, the dark and humid days, which will keep us green and in bloom. We are also grateful for excellent, homegrown tomatoes, one of August's delights. Our Mexican visitors had a great time, and send their thanks. Gracias to all of you who helped. God has blessed us with a great, generous church.

**Fr. McKenna** has been a bit under the weather since Boys Camp, and now of course we've all got the Cincinnati allergies. Still, he was up to barbecuing a fine dinner for visiting **Fr. Eldracher**, down from Detroit for the night. It was good to see him, and get his news. Father is managing his growing Australian missions from Michigan. This is a challenge, as the Antipodes are fourteen hours ahead of us. But they have a chapel set up again, and our youngest missionary is anxiously awaiting his visa, and his return.

Newly ordained **Fr. Damien Dutertre** has been mostly ministering in French speaking Quebec, where he is a big hit. **Bishop Sanborn** reports a full house for

the seminary this year. His health is good, as is that of visiting seminary professor **Fr. Cekada**. Deo Gratias et Mariae!

Traditionalists in Brazil are waking up, and leaving the traitorous Pius X Society, or their curious branch-off, the Resistance, to publicly proclaim that Bergoglio is simply no pope. Another newly ordained priest has joined us, as have two Franciscan groups. I hope to meet with many of them when I visit Argentina in early October.

The Sisters kindly drove departing Sr. Jeanne Marie, Sheila Anderson, to her hometown in Illinois on the Assumption. The convent is no more, and they have been offered temporary housing nearby. Please pray for a house for them, and God's blessings upon the two remaining Sisters. They are busy, among other things, with planning a good Catechism year, as well as just trying to survive. Give them a hand.

I enclose you all in Mary's Immaculate Heart,

– Bishop Dolan



#### ¶ CATECHISM CLASSES

Online registration for the Sunday Catechism Classes is now open:

<https://fs2.formsite.com/AEMF02/form1/index.html>

Classes begin on September 9, at the usual time of 10:40 AM. Say a prayer for our Catechism Sisters, and their helpers.



#### Y OF GOOD HELP

Our Lady of Good Help, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven, with confidence in Thy tender mercy we place our petitions before Thee... *(Here mention your petition.)* ...hoping in Thy Immaculate Heart to obtain for us that which will give glory to Thine only-begotten Son. O Queen of Heaven, as Thou didst ask Sister Adele to teach the chil-

dren the catechism, so also teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in Thee. Reign over us, dearest Queen, that we may be Thine in prosperity and in adversity; in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death. Amen.

*Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.*

MON	8/20/18	ST. BERNARD, ABCD WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell
TUE	8/21/18	ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W WITHIN THE OCTAVE OUR LADY OF KNOCK SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES W 8:00 AM Low Mass Claire Gardner – Congratulations! ( <i>Jacinta Simpson</i> ) W 11:25 AM Low Mass †Bonnie Otten ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) 5:00 PM Devotions with Holy Communion, followed by Novena
WED	8/22/18	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SS. TIMOTHY & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Joseph McMahon ( <i>Colleen Greenwell</i> ) W 5:00 PM High Mass Intentions of Bishop Dolan ( <i>With gratitude – Rich VanderRyt</i> )
THU	8/23/18	ST. PHILIP BENIZI, C VIGIL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW 8:00 AM Low Mass “Special Intention” ( <i>Emma O'Donnell</i> ) 5:00 PM Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls ( <i>The Kolenich Family</i> )
FRI	8/24/18	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP 8:00 AM Low Mass †Sharon Patton 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary W 5:45 PM Low Mass All those for whom I have promised to pray ( <i>Theresa Simpson</i> ) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	8/25/18	ST. LOUIS, KING, C OUR LADY HEALTH OF THE SICK 7:10 AM Confessions W 7:30 AM Low Mass Steve Reen ( <i>Simpson family</i> ) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon W 8:15 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
SUN	8/26/18	PENTECOST XIV ST. ZEPHYRINUS, PM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Nathalie Andreotta ( <i>Doloris Ritze</i> ) 9:00 AM High Mass †Ann Marko ( <i>Dave &amp; MaryAnn Marko</i> ) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Mrs. Bonnie Otten ( <i>Dennis &amp; Jeanne Hille</i> ) 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

*Vespers with Benediction will resume on September 9th.*

#### Servers

SUN 8/26 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM High: MC: J. Lacy TH: P. McClorey ACs: N. McClorey, C.  
Richesson TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, B. Kamphaus, N. Kolenich  
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

#### A CARD OF THANKS

Last Tuesday, as we were reciting the novena to St. Anthony, Fr. Anthony Cekada received word from his oncologist that his cancer has not reappeared, and that the odds are, two years after his initial treatment, 90% that he will remain cancer free. Thank you to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony, and thank you to all who prayed for him.

The following thanksgiving prayer is from the St. Anthony Pious Union:

#### Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God for all graces, blessings and favors, spiritual and temporal, conferred on us through the intercession of St. Anthony (especially...).

*P.* Blest be the holy and undivided Trinity  
*C.* Now and forevermore.

Most holy and ever-blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, humbly prostrate in Thy presence, we thank Thee for that wondrous love which from all eternity did choose Saint Anthony to be our model and our patron, that through him the hearts of men should be inspired to honor Thee, and all our wants should find in him a potent advocate.

*P.* Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost:  
*C.* Let us praise and exalt Him above all forever.  
*P.* Glory be to the Father, *etc.*  
*C.* As it was in the beginning, *etc.*



GRATITUDE, a beautiful virtue proper only to angels and to men, is rare. The pages of literature are filled with laments caused by ingratitude, a marble-hearted fiend whose sting is sharper than a serpent's tooth. Grandparents complain sadly that the more they have done for their children, the less thanks they get. It is not really that the children mean to be ungrateful, they *do* appreciate the gifts and will *never* forget their parents' sacrifices, but they are so busy; thanks is put off until tomorrow, because life is too pressing a matter for courtesy. Or is it that we are too self-centered to think of others?