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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

October 7, 2018 ROSARY SUNDAY

PENTECOST XX

ST. MARK, PC & COMPANIONS, MM



ROSARY SUNDAY



Today is **Rosary Sunday**. Roses to be blessed and carried in the procession will be available in the vestibule before the 9:00 AM Mass. The Rosary Confraternity will lead the outdoor procession after Mass.

All Rosary Confraternity members are invited to wear their rosary medals and sit together during the High Mass. The **Annual Rosary Confraternity Breakfast** will be held after the High Mass and Procession. Don't forget your tickets! Join us for a delightful breakfast, as well as to hear the talk prepared for us by **Fr. Damien Dutertre**.

The **Blessing of Religious Articles** will be available at the Communion Rail after the *Low Masses*. The second collection will be taken up for the support of our seminary.

There are **no Sunday Classes**, due to the Procession and Rosary Confraternity Breakfast. Vespers will be at 4:30 PM, followed by Exposition, October Devotions and Benediction.



ALTER CHRISTUS

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for priests. Please be generous!

YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Chuck Briggs, Les Pomerville, Michael Cain, and all those who have asked for our prayers, especially for the sick and shut in.




THIS WEEK

No school tomorrow (**Monday**). Enjoy the Columbus Day holiday; remember you can make it a holy day by assisting at the 4:30 PM Rosary and 5 PM Mass. Continue to honor **Our Lady** on the great feast of her **Maternity** on **Thursday**, the devotional feast of **Nuestra Señora del Pilar** on **Friday**, and by attending the **Candlelight Rosary Procession** on **Saturday**, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

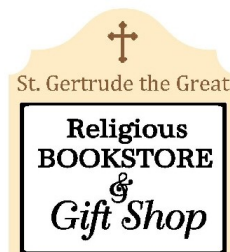
NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XXI

Sunday classes will be at 10:40 AM. The **Autumn Bake Sale** will take place in Helfta Hall. Vespers with October Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:30 PM.

 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXI, with Collect of St. Callistus I. Trinity Preface.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited every school day at 3:10 PM. Every Wednesday the Rosary is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 3:00 PM with Benediction and Holy Communion at 3:20 PM. Join our children in prayer!



The Bookstore has new items! Visit and see all gifts and Catholic staples. We have a new selection of missal covers as well as the books to fill them.

There are more classic DVDs, patron saint medals, mini statues, and icons available. Get your Christmas ideas now. New things coming in all the time. You will be surprised at the selection of Catholic notions. See us after Sunday morning Masses and on the Holy Days, November 1st and December 8th.

Fall Concert

October 21, 2018 | 3:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
Cathedral Concert Series, 43rd Season

Johann Sebastian Bach
Alle Menschen müssen sterben
Greg Schaffer, Organist

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Requiem
Ave Verum Corpus
Together with Musica Sacra Alumni

Collection Report

Sunday, September 30th\$4,107.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

ROSARY MIRACLES

Many writers tell the story of Alexandre, a girl of noble station, "Who had been miraculously converted and enrolled by St. Dominic in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. After her death she appeared to him and said that she had been condemned to seven hundred years in Purgatory because of her own sins and those she made others commit by her worldly ways. So she implored him to ease her pains by his prayers and to ask the confraternity members to pray for the same end. St. Dominic did as she asked. Two weeks later she appeared to him, more radiant than the sun, having been quickly delivered from Purgatory through the prayers that the confraternity members had said for her. She also told him that the Holy Souls in Purgatory had given her a message to beg him to go on preaching the Holy Rosary and to beg their relatives to offer their Rosaries for them, and that they would reward them abundantly when they came into glory."

Several nations, recently, have proven the great and miraculous powers of Our Lady's Rosary. Ten percent of the Catholics in Austria drove out the Russians by praying the Rosary.

Innumerable miracles have been wrought by Mary's Sacramentals—Rosary and Scapular. Oh, if only mankind were aware of this!



the life and passion of Jesus Christ, he obtains full and entire remission of all sins."

In 1481 Our Lady appeared to Venerable Dominic, the Carthusian, and said, "Wherever one who is in the state of grace says the Rosary while meditating on the mysteries of

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Forty Hours, October 26-28.

Opening services begin on Friday evening and will be followed by the Chili Supper. Adoration continues on Saturday, and the Devotion closes on Sunday evening with Procession and Benediction.

All Saints Sunday, November 4.

Prepare a costume and presentation about a saint with your child for the All Saint's Party after the High Mass!

Bishop Dolan's 25th Anniversary, Friday, November 30. Pontifical High Mass at 10 AM, followed by a reception in Helfta Hall.

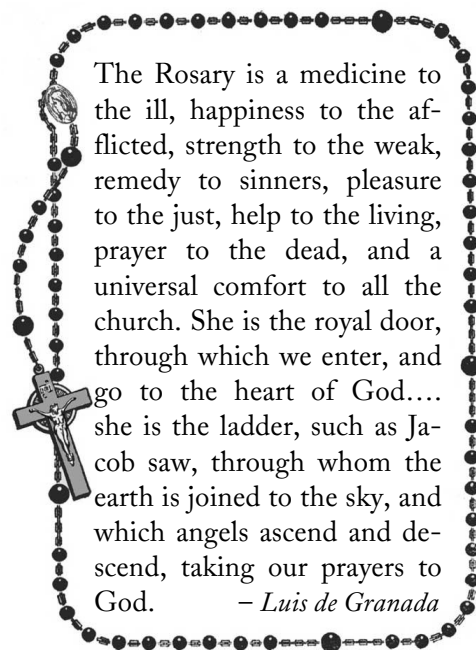
**JESUS ANXIOUS TO PROPAGATE ROSARY**

One day in 1460 Blessed Alan de la Roche was saying Mass. Our Lord, Who wished to spur him on to preach the Rosary, spoke to him from the Sacred Host: "How can you crucify Me again so soon?" Jesus said. "What did you say, Lord?" asked Blessed Alan, horrified. "You crucified Me once before by your sins," answered Jesus, "and I would willingly be crucified again rather than have my Father offended by the sins you used to commit. You are crucifying Me again now because you have all the learning and understanding that you need to preach My Mother's Rosary and you are not doing so. If you only did this you could teach many souls the right path and lead them away from sin—but you are not doing it and so you, yourself, are guilty of the sins that they commit."

THE FIRST ROSARY

"Ave!" spake the love-winged Angel,
And the heart of nature stirred,
And the music hushed in Eden—
Song of blossom, brook and bird—
Pulsed again in happy cadence,
Echoing that tender word.

From the sea and from the mountain,
From the cloud-wreaths overhead,
From the limpid lakes far inland,
Rose a chorus, angel led,
Singing, "Ave, gratia plena!"
And the Rosary first was said.



I write this to you on yet another overcast autumn day. We seem to have a lot of them anymore, don't we?! God's holy Will be done. Last Sunday in Milwaukee it was one of those mornings when the clouds were so gray and so thick and low that it seemed even the sun forgot to wake up. It was, as I recollect, a bit rainy at times and the temperature was only in the mid to upper fifties. What I found quite amazing though, is that the jet stream often falls between Milwaukee and somewhere in Illinois. On that Sunday it must have fallen right between Milwaukee and Chicago because the difference in weather was significant! By the time I got to Chicago on my way to a mission in Effingham (Chicago is only an hour and twenty minutes drive from Milwaukee) the sun had decided to come out and it was eighty degrees! God is wonderful in His works, as Scripture tells us.

Fr. McKenna, who is in the northern missions now, said that Autumn must have missed North Dakota. In Powers Lake, where he was saying holy Mass, it was 33° and snowing! To make matters worse, he had a flat tire. We jokingly attributed it to "Little Sis" St. Therese. This playful saint loves her priest-brothers and often, so it seems, likes to play little "pranks" on us. Perhaps she is just sending us opportunities to imitate her by offering *little* sacrifices to the divine Infant. It's the little things that count!

Today is Rosary Sunday. This great feast is a great reminder that we Catholics need to be faithful to our Rosary—especially the family Rosary. No matter how busy we get there's always time to do part of it at least! St. Alphonsus, even towards the end of his life when he was quite ill, was frequently seen praying his beads. Once, an assistant of his said that he would not be obliged to do so many prayers as weak as the saint's health was. St. Alphonsus' response was to the point: "My friend, I fear for my salvation if I should miss even one single Rosary." The saints show us how important and helpful the Rosary is toward our sanctification. Oh! Don't worry if you get distracted easily. Even St. Therese found the Rosary difficult to say. Despite the hardship, she persevered in this devotion. So should we. A high degree of glory in heaven will be given to those who show true devotion to the Rosary.

Fr. Damien Dutertre is with us today to offer the Solemn High Mass and tell us about his path to the priesthood. I'm sure you'll find his talk very interesting.

God bless you and Mary keep you,

Fr. McGuire

A NOTE ON MY HEALTH

A number of you have very kindly expressed worries about my health recently, so I decided to put something in the bulletin to set your fears to rest.

First, as **Bishop Dolan** mentioned some time back, the last tests from the oncologist, two years out from my 2016 operation, came up completely negative and showed no evidence that the cancer returned. The oncologist was delighted and said this means there is a 95% chance that the cancer will not return.

Second, most of you have seen me totter through Mass at the High Altar, and engage in hacking fits as I tried to do so.

Not to worry, though! The chemotherapy produced some neuropathy (nerve damage) in my extremities. Thus, trembling hands, difficulties turning pages, problems ascending or descending steps, major difficulties with genuflecting and kneeling. Some of this may eventually get a little better, though. The chemo also diminished my hearing, which is why you see me cupping my ears sometimes in the vestibule.

But none of it puts me at death's door yet.

The black lung-like cough is merely the result of annoying seasonal allergies that I've had for decades. They kick in especially during morning Mass (even though I take three medicines for them), not only because early morning is prime allergy time, but also because I'm speaking Latin, where the vowels have to be produced in the back of the throat.

So despite occasional appearances to the contrary, I am feeling quite well and am mostly back to my old energy levels—or mischief-making capacity, if you prefer.

Thank you for all your prayers for my health, both during my cancer adventures and afterwards. God bless you!

– **Fr. Cekada**

St. Louis de Montfort said, "It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the Holy Rosary and of how she vastly prefers it to all other devotions. Neither can I sufficiently express how highly she rewards those who work to preach the devotion, to establish it and spread it, nor on the other hand how firmly she punishes those who work against it." He also said, "Nor have I any better secret of knowing whether a person is for God than to examine if he likes to say the Hail Mary and the Rosary."

✠ CALENDAR

✠ MY CREED

MON	10/8/18	COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL ST. BRIDGET, W 8:00 AM High Mass Repose of the Soul of †Bonnie Otten (<i>Joan Fey</i>) 4:30 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Molly & Mason Wagner (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>)
TUE	10/9/18	ST. JOHN LEONARD, C SS. DENIS, BP & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Bee Lutkehaus (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>)
WED	10/10/18	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA, C 8:00 AM Low Mass †Connie & †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Steve & Becky Hammon</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Francis Morris – Birthday (<i>S. Kurtz</i>) 3:00 PM Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction, Holy Communion 5:00 PM Low Mass St. Joseph – prayers answered (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>)
THU	10/11/18	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY 11:25 AM High Mass †Connie Kamphaus (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (CB) (<i>Volz/Kuebler</i>)
FRI	10/12/18	FERIAL DAY <i>OUR LADY OF EL PILAR</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Poor Souls (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:10 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass †Sharon Patton 5:15 PM Exposition, October Devotions 5:45 PM Novena, Benediction 6:00 PM Sermon, Low Mass Our Children & Godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mike Briggs</i>)
SAT	10/13/18	ST. EDWARD, KING C <i>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</i> 7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Regina Schumaker (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:35 AM Votive High Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Happy Anniversary, Mom & Dad (<i>Simpson kids</i>) ☞ 7:15 PM Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace in West Chester
SUN	10/14/18	PENTECOST XXI ST. CALLISTUS I, PM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Patsy McConnell & family (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Lorraine Gates (<i>her month's mind was 7/27</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass 4:30 PM Vespers, Exposition, October Devotions & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Factorum cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. God made heaven and earth, all things visible and invisible. The Gnostics were loath to attribute to God the creation of matter and of visible beings; this decision of the Council of Nicæa condemns them, formulating with precision, that all things visible and invisible, *visibilium et invisibilium*, were the work of God. Homage is hereby paid to the God Eternal, as being the Almighty, and as having, by this His Omnipotence, created all things visible and invisible. Hereby also is made a profession of faith in the creation of the Angels.



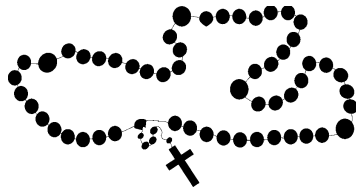
GOD'S ESTIMATION OF HIS MOTHER AND OURS

In apparitions to Ven. Mary of Agreda (1602-1665), a Franciscan nun and a mystical writer in Spain, the Holy Trinity revealed the privileges that Our Blessed Mother should enjoy in virtue of Her participation in His majesty. The three Divine Persons placed upon the head of Mary a crown of unmatched splendor while saying: "My Beloved. Thou shalt be the Lady and Sovereign of the seraphim, of all ministering spirits, the angels and of the entire universe of creatures... In thy hands... We place the influences... of the heavens... and... do thou distribute (them) according to thy will and Our own will shall be at thy disposal for the execution of thy wishes... We make thee... the Treasurer of Our goods;... of Our grace for distribution; nothing do We wish to be given... which does not pass through thy hands; and nothing do We deny which thou wishest to concede to men."

Servers

SUN 10/14	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: T. Lawrence ACs: C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson TORCH: C. & J. Mourer, T. England, J. Stewart 11:30 AM Low: P. & Na. McClorey 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller
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Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

7:15 PM IN WEST CHESTER



TODAY IS



ROSARY SUNDAY

Roses are available with a donation.

One rose for \$3, two roses for \$5, five roses for \$10.

They will then be blessed and carried in the Rosary Procession,
and taken home and dried as a precious sacramental.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST

follows the High Mass.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: REV. DAMIEN DUTERTRE

“MY PATH TO THE PRIESTHOOD”

Tickets are still on sale: \$25 for families or \$7 for an individual.

Be sure to bring your ticket to the breakfast and add it to the drawing box.

