



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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May 24, 2020

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

¶ ASCENSION SUNDAY

Adult Education and Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM. The Pentecost Novena follows the Masses today.

¶ THIS WEEK

Monday is **Memorial Day**, which serves as a kind of Spring All Souls Day. A **Rosary** for our beloved dead, with May Devotions, begins at **7:40 AM**, followed by Holy Mass at **8:00** and **9:00 AM**. All this week we sing the **Veni Creator** as we continue our Pentecost Novena. On **Tuesday** we honor St. Philip Neri, and on **Wednesday** the Venerable Bede. Our little future soldiers of Christ come on **Thursday** for their recollection. Please note there is **no evening Mass** on **Friday**, but you are more than welcome to the **11:25** Mass, followed by Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction.

Oh, and don't forget the last week of **May Devotions** Tuesday through Friday, with **Benediction** on Thursday afternoon. As usual, check the Calendar for all particulars.

¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

All of our **children** who are Confirmation candidates must attend an **obligatory Day of Recollection** on **Thursday, May 28th**. The day begins at **9:00 AM**. Please bring a lunch. Children should be in Sunday clothes and have a prayer book and rosary with them. The day concludes with Benediction at 2:50 PM.



The Memorare

By ST. BERNARD
(1090-1153)
MELLIFLOUS DOCTOR
REMEMBER,
O most gracious
Virgin Mary,
that never was it
known,
that anyone who fled
to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy
intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired by this
confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother,
to thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the
Word Incarnate,
despise not my
petitions
but in thy mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen

¶ VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 30th, the Vigil of Pentecost, is a day of *fast and partial abstinence*. You are invited to the beautiful Vigil of Pentecost Mass and **ceremonies of Confirmation**. The Vigil begins at 8:00 AM, the Mass closer to 9:30. After Mass, there will be the enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos. *Those who assist at the Vigil and Mass may consider themselves as dispensed from the Fast, but all may eat meat only once, at the principal meal.*

Collection Report

Sunday, May 17th\$4,413.00

¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, two weeks 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.* Pray and offer sacrifices these next two weeks for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost. *There will be no Sunday Classes.* Pentecost Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost, Preface of Pentecost.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Helen Gelis, Sandy Howard, and Kent Maki.



FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

St. Bridget saw in a vision how Satan complained to our Divine Lord that the greatest sinners were taken from him through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin. And Our Lord said to Satan: "Do you not know that My Mother can do all things in My Kingdom, and whatever she wishes is done?" Yes, Mary disposes as sovereign of all the treasures of her Son, and all Christians receive grace through her. The holy fathers, after speaking of Jesus Christ as Head and Chief of the Church, have added that Mary is constituted as the sacred channel through which this Divine Head wishes to dispense His graces to His members. The graces we receive come to us through Mary; all have passed through her hands. Mary has given in all ages the most signal proofs of her will and her power to help all who invoke her. There is not a country, we may even say there is not a Catholic province, which does not contain a place of pilgrimage, rendered celebrated by the singular benefits of this august Queen; and we may add, that the most unfortunate have not been cast away by this Mother of Mercy, but have obtained through her great spiritual favors. What may not those souls hope for, who have recourse to her on every occasion, and place unbounded confidence in her protection?

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily laden," said our Divine Savior during His mortal life. From the height of Heaven Mary addresses the same words to those who are tried by suffering, or exposed to any peril of soul or of body. Many souls will know only in eternity that to her they owe their conversion and salvation. Many obstinate sinners have escaped being eternally lost through her intercession. The example of all ages justifies the confidence which we place in her. If such is the

goodness of our Blessed Lady to all persons, even to those who outrage most her Divine Son—if they find in her maternal Heart an asylum and resource, provided they are sincerely desirous of being converted, why should not we place full trust in her, when we offer our prayers with entire confidence?



Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention
(Pablo Ignacio)

¶ VISIT THE BOOKSTORE

First Communion is right around the corner. If you are having difficulty finding items you need, check the Gift Shop. A parish seamstress has a couple size 8 First Communion Dresses on display. She will even take orders for dresses. This is new! Come in for more information.

Of course we have veils, gloves, missals, rosaries and ties. There is a pair of boys' leather dress shoes on display suitable for the big day; sale of this item even benefits our Sisters.

Statues, gift ideas as well as cards are ready to go. New missal covers are back in stock.

Catholic pictures or a crucifix make wonderful wedding gifts. If there is a new infant in the family find new ideas for Baptismal gifts.

A Good Memorial Day Prayer

Give us grace to cast off the shackles of earthly delights, and to set our hearts upon that heaven whence our redemption came. We acknowledge Thy heavenly kingship; let our petition mount up to Thy royal presence-chamber, and move Thee to heap Thy graces upon the living, Thy comfort upon the dead.

THE PILLAR OF THE CLOUD

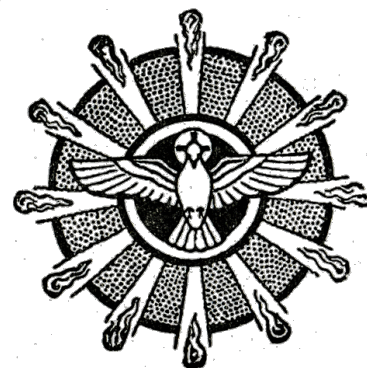
Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home—
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou
Shouldst lead me on.
I lov'd to choose and see my path;
but now
Lead Thou me on!
I lov'd the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride rul'd my will: remember not
past years.

So long Thy power hath bless'd me,
sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have lov'd long since, and
lost awhile.

—John Henry Newman

A fine, classic poem and prayer and hymn in honor of the Holy Ghost, God's "Kindly Light".



My Queen, Mother of God, most holy and full of grace, you are the treasure of the mysteries and never-failing ocean of divine grace.

The other week we were wondering at the shuffling seasons: Spring, Summer, Winter. Last week we wondered where May went altogether, for it seemed sunny March had more promise of Spring than dark damp May. But here's the thing. It's all about rain. That's why we're Ireland Green for Memorial Day Weekend. If it rains, things move along regardless. I have often noticed this with **Fr. Cekada's** stroke recovery. The body heals itself *regardless*. Setbacks, crises, dark dreary days; make no difference. There's an internal clock, like the seasons, he's following. Thanks be to God for your prayers. We'll soon be starting St. Anthony's 13 Tuesdays, and will be sure to remember Fr. Anthony Cekada to the Miracle Worker of Padua.

But Friday was St. Rita of Cascia, another one of our "Sanctuary Saints" who specializes in despaired of causes. Friday, too, we began our solemn Nine Day Prayer to the "Saint of Saints," *our* Sanctifier, who is always praying for us, Scripture says: the Holy Ghost Himself.

Pray we did this past week, and process as well, except on Tuesday when the blowing rain got too wild for the cloister, and some folks had flooding. We passed the cloister fountain in our pious peregrinations Wednesday, and I was delighted to see the miracle of the fountain which was knocked down in December and left for dead, and carted off. But, not so! Thank you, Gino, for this resurrection. We love our fountain and are so happy to see it serve another day.

That "miracle" reminds me of another. Years ago when we moved to West Chester some young workers charged with dismantling the confessional destroyed it instead, leaving a pile of firewood. Well, Mike Gough, who started with his dad Bob, as Covington faithful, is a most talented master woodworker, who also specializes in the odd miracle. And how fitting, I sometimes think, that "the box" which silently sees so many spiritual resurrections should itself have been raised from the dead. Again, I am forever grateful for these small graces of life.

Although these weeks of the anti God, anti Christ Government mandated Covid Lie have been difficult indeed, still even *this* deadly box sometimes shows a shining lining: new faithful, stronger attendance (the Holy Day was wonderful), so many Masses requested. And now, slowly, dear old faces, some hidden beneath the symbolic mask (symbolic because it does absolutely *nothing* to keep you healthy) are slowly creeping back. They are welcome! More cause for gratitude.

Remember the Poor Souls tomorrow, especially the veterans and victims of our wars, and our own dear family members. We are sponsoring an improbably early 7:40 Rosary for the Poor Souls, before the 8 o'clock. Pray with us?



– Bishop Dolan

SUGGESTED PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive Thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech Thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of Thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me. Thou in me, and I in Thee, in time and in eternity. Amen.



"Without prayer, one will not persevere long in spirituality; we must have recourse to this most powerful means of salvation every day."

– St. Philip Neri

"O good Mother, I pray you for the love with which you love your Son, that you might grant me to love Him truly as you truly love Him, and as you wish Him."

– St. Anselm of Canterbury

"We are like the penny because we have the image of the King stamped on us. The Divine King."

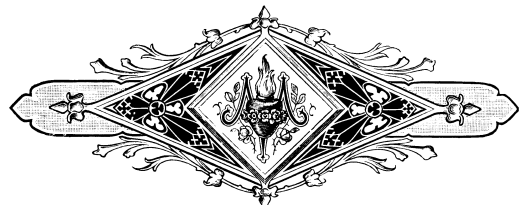
– Chesterton

"Just as we see that a mirror placed opposite to the rays of the sun receives those rays perfectly...so it was in the case of Our Lady. She was like a most pure mirror, receiving on a spotless surface the rays of the Sun of Justice, which poured into her souls all virtues in their perfection."

– St. Francis de Sales

"If God had a wallet, your picture would be in it."

– Chesterton



✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/25/20	MEMORIAL DAY • ST. GREGORY VII PC ST. URBAN I, PM • WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
		7:40 AM	Rosary for Faithful Departed & May Devotions
		8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Collin Smith</i>) Pentecost Novena
		9:00 AM	Low Mass For the Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Paul & Lisa McConnell</i>)
TUE	5/26/20	ST. PHILIP NERI, C ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM • WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
		8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>)
		11:25 AM	High Mass & Pentecost Novena Sarah Anderson – Happy Birthday (<i>Mary Black</i>)
		3:10 PM	May Devotions
		5:00 PM	Low Mass †Angela Appelhanz (<i>Mary Christensen</i>)
WED	5/27/20	ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD ST. JOHN I, PM • WITHIN THE OCTAVE	
		8:00 AM	Low Mass For healing, fast recovery & wellbeing for Fr. Cekada (<i>Dorian Pula</i>)
		11:25 AM	High Mass & Pentecost Novena Continual Recovery for Fr. Cekada (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>)
		3:10 PM	May Devotions
		☞ 5:10 PM	Low Mass My sister Cynthia (<i>Anny Reilly</i>)
THU	5/28/20	OCTAVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC	
		☞ 7:00 AM	Low Mass In honorem Sancti Ferdinand regis (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>) (from 5/30)
		8:00 AM	Low Mass †Anne Schriener (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
		9:00 AM	Opening of Day of Recollection
		11:25 AM	High Mass A Blessed Birthday for Bishop Dolan Pentecost Novena
		2:50 PM	May Devotions & Closing Benediction
FRI	5/29/20	ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V	
		☞ 7:00 AM	Low Mass †Anne McMahon
		8:00 AM	Low Mass †Anne McMahon
		10:55 AM	Confessions
		11:25 AM	Low Mass †David MacDonald–10 th Anniversary April 6 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) May Devotions, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	5/30/20	VIGIL OF PENTECOST • ST. FELIX, PM ST. JOAN OF ARC, V • ST. FERDINAND, KING	
		8:00 AM	May Devotions, Closing of Pentecost Novena, Pentecost Vigil
		9:30 AM	(approx.) High Mass For Our Confirmands followed by Confirmations
SUN	5/31/20	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
		7:05 AM	Rosary
		7:30 AM	Low Mass Faith, Freedom & Health of our Country
		9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
		11:05 AM	Rosary
		11:30 AM	Low Mass Brockman Children & Spouses
		4:45 PM	Pentecost Vespers & Benediction
		5:45 PM	Low Mass †Melissa Kunkel RIP (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James Kolenich & Family</i>)

Many will often naturally think that Catholics do not read the Bible frequently enough, since they may forget that it is for edification, not in order to originate his creed, that a Catholic reads it; and often do not know how large a portion of the Breviary, Missal, and most Catholic books of devotion, consists of Holy Scripture so arranged that the mere relative position of passage with passage diffuses over the sacred text a light such as proceeds from the countenance of her alone who ever looks on God. No doubt numerous Catholics would gain much if they read the Bible more. To such it might impart a manlier faith and an insight more keen, as their pastors often tell them; but the Rule of Faith, like the Faith itself, must remain always the same.

– Aubrey de Vere



“We do not really want a religion that is right where we are right. We want a religion that is right where we are wrong. We do not want, as the newspapers say, a church that will move with the world. We want a church that will move the world.”

– G.K. Chesterton

“Whenever heresy has arisen it has first attacked the worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Blessed Lady, wishing to begin its work of destruction by closing these two sources of divine grace.”

– St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

SERVERS

SAT 5/30 8:00 AM HIGH: MCs: J. Simpson, J. Lacy CROSS: C. Arlinghaus TH: P. Omlor
ACs: C. Richesson, A. McConnell BOOK: M. Simpson BUGIA: D. Simpson
TRAIN/GREMIALE: S. Richesson CROZIER: T. Lawrence MITRE: Na.
McClure TORCH: A. McClure, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, J. & N. Kolenich, Na. McClure

SUN 5/31 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: J. Lacy, P. Omlor CROSS: M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence
ACs: D. McConnell, A. McConnell BOOK: P. McClure BUGIA: Na. McClure
MITRE: D. Simpson CROZIER: C. Arlinghaus TRAIN/GREMIALE: S. Richesson
TORCH: J. Stewart, T. & D. England, A. McClure, M. & D. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller