

# 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

**July 26, 2020**

**ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY  
PENTECOST VIII**



## ¶ FEAST OF ST. ANNE

Cars will be blessed during all Masses today, in honor of St. Christopher. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ BOYS' CAMP

**Boys' Camp** is this week, **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. The camp begins with Mass at 9 AM on Tuesday, and concludes at 3 PM on Thursday. Boys who are planning to camp out each night should make sure to bring their tents, and anything else they might need.

## ¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena, the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this **Tuesday**. **Don't forget** to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena!

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Rosary & Confessions

**7:30 AM** Low Mass

**8:10 AM** Salve, Devotions,  
Meditation

**8:40 AM** High Mass

*First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's Perpetual Virginity.*

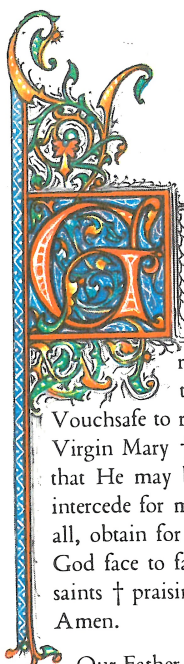
## Collection Report

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.....\$3,944.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

NOVENA TO

*Saint Anne*



**G**LORIOUS Saint Anne † filled with compassion for those who invoke thee † with love for those who suffer † heavily laden with the weight of my troubles † I cast myself at thy feet † and humbly beg of thee to take the present affair which I recommend to thee † under thy special protection. [Here mention your intentions.] † Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy daughter † the Blessed Virgin Mary † and lay it before the throne of Jesus † so that He may bring it to a happy issue. † Cease not to intercede for me † until my request is granted. † Above all, obtain for me the grace † of one day beholding my God face to face † and with thee and Mary and all the saints † praising and blessing Him † through all eternity. Amen.

Our Father ✽ Hail Mary ✽ Glory Be To The Father



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IX

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. The second collection will be taken up for our seminary. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IX. Second collect of St. Alphonsus Liguori, third of St. Peter, fourth of St. Paul, and fifth of St. Stephen I. Trinity Preface.

*In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course. – St. Boniface*

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Joseph Kunkel, and the repose of the soul of †Fred Stepanich (†Fr. Martin's brother) who died in April.

*The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as disobedience is the mark of those who are not His. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. – St. Cyril of Alexandria*

*"A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves." – Edward R. Murrow*

*"Mass badly celebrated is an enormous evil. Ah! it is not a matter of indifference how it is said! ...I have had a great vision on the mystery of Holy Mass and I have seen that whatever good has existed since creation is owing to it." – Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich*

## A PARENT'S PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

St. Anne, my dear mother and most compassionate protectress, deign to receive graciously my poor efforts to do thee honor. May I ever be devoted to thee with a heart full of childlike humility and submission! May thy example encourage me, thy goodness console me! Permit me with all my heart to commend to thee my children. As thou didst consecrate Mary, thy child of grace, entirely to God, I beg thee to obtain for me the grace to train my children for Him, and with them to labor perseveringly for heaven. As thou didst live in holy harmony and peace with St. Joachim, so may love, union, devotion, and zeal for virtue reign in my household, that we may belong to that host of blessed spouses who with you will love, praise, and glorify the Most High for ever and ever. Amen.



Secret: *"Be appeased by these sacrifices, and consider them, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that by the intercession of blessed Anne, who was mother of her that brought forth Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, they may advance both our piety and our health."*

There is a close connection between St. Anne and the sacrifice of the cross; because that human nature and that blood which Jesus offered up on the cross and which He received from the most pure womb of Mary was, in her turn, derived from her own holy mother St. Anne, in whose womb she was conceived without original sin.

**The Communion** comes from Psalm xlv: "Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore God blessed thee for ever, and for ages and ages."

The grace which St. Anne brought into the world is the blessed Virgin Mary. Grace is also poured abroad in her lips because, as mother and grandmother, she must have imprinted so any kisses upon the face of Mary and the infant Jesus. It is in order to bring forward this specially intimate relationship of St. Joachim and St. Anne with the Savior that the Greeks give them the glorious title of "grandparents of God."

## WHY THE HAIL MARY BEFORE THE SERMON?

Blessed Alan says: "All priests say a Hail Mary with the faithful before preaching, to ask for God's grace. They do this because of a revelation that St. Dominic had from Our Lady. 'My son,' she said one day, 'do not be surprised that your sermons fail to bear the results you had hoped for. You are trying to cultivate a piece of ground which has not had any rain. Now when Almighty God planned to renew the face of the earth He started by sending down rain from heaven—and this was the Angelic Salutation. In this way God made over the world.'"

The Hail Mary is a sharp and flaming shaft which, joined to the Word of God, gives the preacher the strength to pierce, move and convert the most hardened hearts even if he has little or no natural gift for preaching.

As I have already said, this was the great secret that Our Lady taught Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan so that they might convert heretics and sinners.

Saint Antoninus tells us that this is why many priests got into the habit of saying a Hail Mary at the beginning of their sermons.

## WE ARE THE SIGN

The Word is lost  
And cannot be retrieved  
Like a prophet tossed  
Into a warning sea  
Then swallowed whole  
By an enormous fish  
That swims away  
And leaves no trace.

The Keystone gone,  
We're crushed and caught.  
We breathe the dust  
The absence brings.  
No other way  
To know the cost.

How can we live  
If God's cast off?  
Yet we're alive  
And so remain  
This sign He gives  
To an evil age.

— Rita A. Simmonds

## A MISTAKE PRIESTS MAKE

Blessed Alan said that Our Lady revealed to him that after she had appeared to St. Dominic, her Blessed Son appeared to him and said:

"Dominic, I rejoice to see that you are not relying upon your own wisdom and that, rather than seek the empty praise of men, you are working with great humility for the salvation of souls.

"But many priests want to preach thunderously against the worst kinds of sin at the very outset, failing to realize that before a sick person is given bitter medicine he needs to be prepared by being put in the right frame of mind to really benefit by it."

"This is why, before doing anything else, priests should try to kindle a love of prayer in people's hearts and especially a love of my Angelic Psalter. If only they would all start saying it and would really persevere, God, in His mercy, could hardly refuse to give them His grace. So I want you to preach my Rosary."

A heavy week, and not only for the humidity and the rains, served as background for the cheery & enjoyable Girls' Camp, as well as the providential hospitalization of **Fr. Cekada**. As I write this on Friday morning I'm waiting *hopefully* (N.B.: correct use of this adverb) for confirmation that he is healing and thus will be able to return home.

As it turns out, and quite unbeknown to us, Fr. Cekada was actually going toxic, which is why he looked so weak. But so many of you here (and around the world, really), have prayed so perseveringly these days, that we are looking forward to hearing of his healing and return home. It's been quite a week. Father has suffered very much.

But in the meantime, Miss Mikesell and the good Sisters have been happily "camping" with 31 girls, aged 6 to 17. Mostly they stayed inside, occupied with games and crafts. But a special shout out to Mike Volz for two days' worth of archery for the girls, dodging the raindrops all the while.

I had forgotten how talented the Sisters are at working out little skits with the children. Thursday's finale entertained us with a well choreographed marching band, complete with caps and music, for these Soldiers of Christ. Afterwards an old fashioned—and generous—Ice Cream Social completed the camp on a delicious note. Thanks so much to **Fr. Lehtoranta** as well, and to all who helped this reassuring bit of normalcy here in our little island of refuge at St. Gertrude the Great.

It's the boys' turn this week, and we are so pleased to have all four of our seminarians joining our **McFathers** for the festivities. Boys, don't miss it!

We've been happy to have our seminarians home this month. Already they must return to hot Florida next week for Summer work assignments, but one has been kindly permitted to stay with us to assist us through the Assumption. The seminarians seem to be making rapid progress towards the altar. A year ago they received the first step of Tonsure, and now they have received what is called the Four Minor Orders. Keep them in your prayers, and the seminary in your charitable support. Our seminary trains young men not for some one particular group, but to be Catholic priests to serve souls everywhere and anywhere. Thus we should all sacrifice to see the number of truly Catholic priests increase.

There's always room for another statue at St. Gertrude the Great. A fine tall evergreen on the berm behind the rectory died, and one of our industrious

seminarians made short work of it one impossibly hot afternoon, using only a hand axe. But the trunk remained standing in a now cleared opening. I thought "statue." Sure enough, one remained in storage, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Several seminarians helped to make a fine shrine. When I see it now, I think of Our Lady of Banneux appearing in the backyard of the Beco family. Our Lady of the Poor, pray for us!



The month of the Precious Blood which has brought its favors as well as its crosses, closes Friday, and First Saturday ushers in August for Mary's Immaculate Heart and her Son, the Father's Eternal Wisdom. Make your First Saturday faithfully that we may be spared further tyranny of government-imposed revolution.

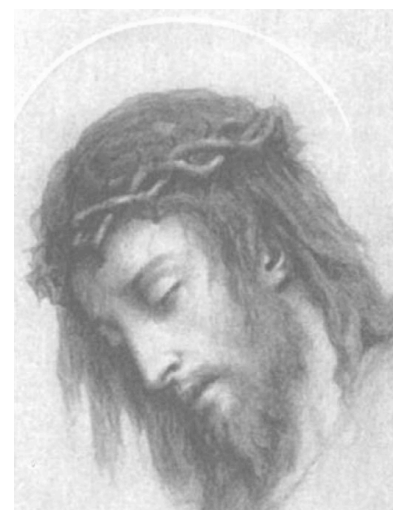
Thank you for your presence, your prayers and frequent Mass attendance, and your continuing support in these so difficult days.

Oh, and blessed feast day of God's Grandmother, good St. Anne.

— Bishop Dolan

#### PRAYER OF ST. THERESE TO THE HOLY FACE

O Jesus, who in Thy bitter Passion didst become "the most abject of men, a man of sorrows," I venerate Thy Sacred Face whereon there once did shine the beauty and sweetness of the Godhead; but now it has become for me as if it were the face of a leper! Nevertheless, under those disfigured features, I recognize



Thy infinite Love and I am consumed with the desire to love Thee and make Thee loved by all men. The tears which well up abundantly in Thy sacred eyes appear to me as so many precious pearls that I love to gather up, in order to purchase the souls of poor sinners by means of their infinite value. O Jesus, whose adorable Face ravishes my heart, I implore Thee to fix deep within me Thy divine image and to set me on fire with Thy Love, that I may be found worthy to come to the contemplation of Thy glorious Face in Heaven. Amen.

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## MAN INVOKES 'RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION' TO REFUSE MASK AT KROGER

This is a very good video. (You can access it at <https://nofacemask.blogspot.com/2020/07/man-invokes-religious-exemption-to.html>)

[This man] successfully invokes a 'religious exemption' for face masks and refers to the 1964 civil rights act (a federal law). This gentleman serves as a very good example for others on how to deal effectively with store management. He successfully asserted his rights confidently, yet calmly, without getting into a volatile confrontation.

In the video description he links these two printable documents:

Religious Immunity for Customer

Religious Immunity for Employee

Notice how the female store clerk touches, rubs and adjusts the front of her mask countless times during their conversation before the manager arrives. A study proves that the outside of the face mask has the most germs on it. As Dr. David Lang of Wisconsin points out, a **face mask is "basically a giant Petri dish you have strapped to your face."**

"Respiratory pathogens on the outer surface of the used medical masks may result in self-contamination. The risk is higher with longer duration of mask use... Respiratory pathogens may be present on used masks layers and lead to infection of the wearer... While using masks, or during long periods of time of re-using them, these pathogens may cause infection through hand or skin contamination, ingestion, or mucus membrane contact."

As one YouTube commenter so aptly points out, "As she touches her mask 10-15 times during the conversation, her hands on her face/mask, then she's handing out masks to others her germs on the masks contaminating them! Pure insanity. She's hot and fanning her face because she can't breathe!"

### LOOK AT THE HOLY FACE

*"Christ, who is your life, is hanging before you, so that you may look at the Cross, as in a mirror. There you will be able to know, how mortal were your wounds, that no medicine other than the Blood of the Son of God could heal. If you look closely, you will be able to realize how great your human dignity and your value are... Nowhere other than looking at himself, in the mirror of the Cross, can man better understand how much he is worth."*

— St. Anthony of Padua

## SAINT ANNE

Smile, then, dear mother, upon our chants and bless our prayers. Today and always be propitious to the supplications which our land of sorrows sends up to thee. Be gracious to wives and mothers who confide to thee their holy desires and the secret of their sorrows. Keep up, where they still exist, the traditions of the Christian home. Over how many families has the baneful breath of this age passed, blighting all that is serious in life, weakening faith, leaving nothing but languor, weariness, frivolity, if not even worse. How truly might the Wise Man say at the present day: *Who shall find a valiant woman?* She alone by her influence could counteract all these evils; but on condition of recognizing wherein her true strength lies: in humble household works done with her own hands; in hidden, self-sacrificing devotedness; in watchings by night; in hourly foresight; working in wool and flax, and with the spindle; all those *strong things* which win for her the confidence and praise of her husband; authority over all, abundance in the house, blessings from the poor whom she has helped, honor from strangers, reverence from her children; and for herself in the fear of the Lord, nobility and dignity, beauty and strength, wisdom, sweetness and content, and calm assurance in the latter day.

O blessed Anne, rescue society, which is perishing for want of virtues like thine. The motherly kindnesses thou art ever more frequently bestowing upon us have increased the Church's confidence; deign to respond to the hopes she places in thee. As for us, who have long known thy power and experienced thy goodness, let us ever seek in thee, O mother, our rest, security, strength in every trial; for he who leans on thee has nothing to fear on earth, and he who rests in thy arms is safely carried.

— *The Liturgical Year*



### A GRANDMOTHER'S PRAYER

Amidst a world ravaged by revolution and utter destruction, poverty of spirit and material needs; we are sustained by Thy peace, O God, through prayer and Mass and Sacraments, and the love of family and friends, children and grandchildren. Give us peace of heart, joy, and a simple satisfaction with what we have achieved, be it ever so humble. Bless and protect our grandchildren. Grant them perseverance in the days to come.





# LEGAL NOTICE



This is a legal notice of my **religious immunity** for a mandatory face mask/covering policy/mandate attempting to be imposed upon me at your place of public accommodation.

Per Title II of H.R. 7152, aka the Civil Rights Act of 1964, passed on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four:

“Sec. 202. All persons shall be entitled to be free, at any establishment or place, from discrimination or segregation of any kind on the ground of race, color, **religion**, or national origin, if such discrimination or segregation is or purports to be required by any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, or order of a State or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Sec. 203. No person shall (a) withhold, deny or attempt to withhold or deny, or deprive or attempt to deprive, any person of any right or privilege secured by section 201 or 202, or (b) intimidate, threaten, or coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce any person with the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by section 201 or 202, or (c) punish or attempt to punish any person for exercising or attempting to exercise any right or privilege secured by section 201 or 202.”

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## Incident Report: Religious Discrimination

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Discriminator(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) Discriminated Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

### ATTENTION: GOVERNMENT AGENTS

PLEASE PROVIDE LAWFUL AND NECESSARY CONSIDERATION TO AID THE BEARER  
IN THE UNIMPEDED EXERCISE OF CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RIGHTS.

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## ✠ CALENDAR

MON	7/27/20	<b>RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY</b> ST. PANTALEON, M <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> God bless you on your First Anniversary, Levi & Jacinta ( <i>Theresa Simpson</i> )
TUE	7/28/20	<b>SS. NAZARIUS &amp; CELSUS, MM</b> ST. VICTOR I, PM ST. INNOCENT I, PC <i>Summer Novena follows all Masses</i> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Antonio De Salazar, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> For my mother Dianne Robbins ( <i>Angela Robbins</i> ) <b>9:00 AM Opening of Boys' Camp: High Mass</b> Bishop Dolan & SGG Clergy ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
WED	7/29/20	<b>ST. MARTHA, V</b> ST. FELIX II, PM SS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Mr. Bob Gregory ( <i>Clare Lotarski</i> ) <b>8:00 AM High Mass</b> Joan Fey – Happy Birthday ☞ <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> For Fr. Nkamuke – for his safety & health ( <i>Nathalie Andreotta</i> )
THU	7/30/20	<b>SS. ABDON &amp; SENNEN, MM</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Anne McMahon <b>8:00 AM Requiem Mass</b> Purgatorial Society
FRI	7/31/20	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> My sister Cecilia Rossi – lung & brain cancer ( <i>Nathalie Andreotta</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Fr. Cekada, Janet Clementi, †Joan Landry, Henry Sieverding, & all those shut in ( <i>Simpson family</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
SAT	8/1/20	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> ST. PETER'S CHAINS THE HOLY MACHABEES <b>7:10 AM Rosary &amp; Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> My father ( <i>T. Bayer</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions, Meditation</b> <b>8:40 AM High Mass</b> Doris Ritze ( <i>Jeanne Hille</i> )
SUN	8/2/20	<b>PENTECOST IX</b> ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD ST. STEPHEN I, PM <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> For the health of our Fr. Cekada ( <i>J. &amp; N. Andreotta</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation – Thank You ( <i>Dave &amp; MaryAnn Marko</i> ) <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Rob Brockman ( <i>Becky &amp; Bob</i> ) <b>4:45 PM Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## ✠ ST. ANTHONY'S CORNER

### FOLLOW ME

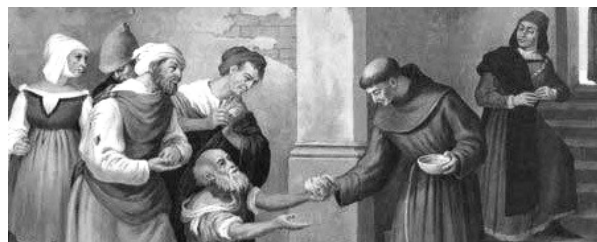
*And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed Him...Mark 1:17-18*

"Follow Me!" Jesus says these words (...) to every Christian. Follow Me, naked as I am naked, free from every hindrance as I Myself am. Jeremiah said: "You will call Me 'My Father' and never turn away from Me" (Jer 3:19). So follow Me and put down the burdens you are bearing. For, laden as you are, you cannot follow Me who am running ahead. "I ran in thirst" says the psalmist about Me (Ps 61:5 LXX), the thirst to save humanity. And where is He running? To the Cross. You too, run after Him. As He bore His cross for you, take up your own for your good. From whence these words of Saint Luke's gospel: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself" by renouncing his own will, "take up his cross" by mortifying his passions, "daily", that is all the time, "and follow Me." (Lk 9:23) (...)

Jesus speaks to us like a mother who, wanting to teach her child to walk, shows him a piece of bread or an apple and says to him: "Come with me and I'll give it to you." And when the child is so close that he can almost catch hold of it, she draws away a little, showing the thing to him and repeating: "Follow me if you want it." Some kinds of birds lead their little ones out of their nest and, by flying, teach them to fly and to follow them. Jesus does the same. He shows Himself as an example and promises us His reward in the kingdom so that we might follow Him.

So "follow Me" for I know the right way and will guide you. We read in the book of Proverbs: "I will show you the way of wisdom; I will lead you by the ways of equity. When you have entered, your steps will not be constrained and when you run you shall not meet a stumbling block" (cf. Prv 4:11-12 LXX). (...) Therefore, "follow Me."

– St. Anthony of Padua



### Servers

SAT 8/1	<b>8:40 AM HIGH: MC:</b> M. Simpson <b>TH:</b> D. Simpson <b>ACs:</b> Mr. Thomas A., Mr. John O.
SUN 8/2	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS:</b> P. Omlor, Mr. John O. <b>TH:</b> Na. McClorey <b>ACs:</b> M. & D. Simpson <b>TORCH:</b> A. McClorey, T. & D. England, J. Stewart <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> Seminarians <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Seminarians