

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 8, 2021
PENTECOST XI • OCTAVE DAY OF ST. PETER'S CHAINS
SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM • FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS

¶ PENTECOST XI

Welcome! Visit our gift shop. Come back to Helfta Hall for refreshments. (Please note: no Vespers today.)

¶ THIS WEEK

Tomorrow we honor the patron saint of parish priests, the Curé of Ars, and Tuesday we combine St. Lawrence, one of Rome's Patron Saints, with beloved St. Anthony's Novena. St. Philomena claims Wednesday, and should claim our devotion as well. Ask this great Miracle Worker to work for you. St. Clare (Thursday) is in the little corner facing St. Francis. She is a protection saint against invaders. Friday honors an antipope made good, St. Hippolytus; St. John Berchmans, as humble as Hippolytus was proud, patron of servers, and Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners. If you're a sinner, come to take refuge with her on Friday, especially her Rosary Procession for Peace at 7:15 PM, Union Center Boulevard and Floer Drive. On Saturday we keep the Vigil of the Assumption.

¶ SUMMER NOVENA

Bring your intentions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony this Tuesday for their novena. Devotions after all Masses.

¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Friday, August 13, is the fourth of our Fatima Rosary Processions. Following the evening Mass, at approximately 7:15, all parishioners are asked to drive or carpool to the parking lot at Union Center Boulevard and Floer Drive. Please make a sacrifice to pray this public Rosary with us. *Your* witness and prayers are sorely needed for our Church, our country, and our families.



All Te Fourteen Boly Delpers

All ye Fourteen Holy Helpers, We salute you on your day. Patrons of life's every interest, Guard and guide us on our way.

Barbara, Giles, Pantaleon Margaret, Denis, Christopher, Catherine, Blase, Guy, Cyriacus, Eustace, Elmo, George, Achatius.

Mary is found with Jesus at Bethlehem, in Egypt, in Nazareth, in Jerusalem, and, above all, on Calvary. – Saint Ignatius of Loyola

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE ASSUMPTION

Next Sunday is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. The Blessing of First Fruits and Flowers will take place in church before the High Mass, at approximately 8:50 AM, followed by the Procession. Please plan to bring a basket of first fruits and flowers to be blessed, and place them at the Assumption shrine in church. Children are invited to lead the procession and present their flowers at Our Lady's tomb. Please have your children in the Vestibule at 8:55. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. Set Your Missal: The Assumption of Our Lady, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XII. Preface of Our Lady.

¶ SUMMER MODESTY

Summer has been on us with a vengeance. But, please remember, there can

be no compromise of Catholic modesty, as sometimes seen. Dresses that are sleeveless, tight, sheer, low cut or do not reach **below** the knee are just out of place for a lady *anywhere* at any time, much less while on the premises. "Cap" sleeves should not be worn either. As you know, the church is kept quite cool so that you can dress properly. The idea of modesty is to cover, not reveal.

Modesty and decorum are for men and boys as well. Do not wear jeans to Sunday Mass. Wear trousers, jacket or suit coat with tie!

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Chazal, Therese Condit, Stasia Stout, Brooke O'Donnell, Anthony Guidice, and the repose of the soul of †Richard Green. **№ PENTECOST XI № THE POETRY CORNER**

OFFERING OUR BURDENS TO GOD

We don't always want our suffering; we are tight-fisted about it, haggle over it, often botch the job. There is suffering that has been done well just as there is work that has been done well. From the moment we get up in the morning we have our suffering to do just as have our work to do. And just as the details of our work are willed by God, so are the details of our suffering.

When we do the will of God, when we get up, when we prepare the meal, when we go out, when we run an errand, when we catch our train, we deepen our union with the Lord by accepting and willing His will. When we suffer our daily allowances of suffering, when we get up with our legs still heavy and tired, when it takes us ten times as long and ten times as many steps to prepare the simplest meal and our nerves are ten times as frayed. When we leave our warm room to go out onto the street to skate on the black ice; when, stumbling in driving snow, we go round the town to bring back-or fail to bring back—the simplest things. When we wait on a cold platform for a train that won't come. Over and above the harmonizing of our own will with the will of God, we become through our suffering the very bearers and donors of His grace.

We can quickly recognize a saint in all these small occasions of suffering. He does it with an ease, a naturalness and a grace—in both sense of the word—a good grace that makes of this small suffering a massive work of love.

- Madeleine Debrêl



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS Sodality of Charity Meeting: Saturday, August 21

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 12

There's nothing more precious, no gift more beautiful than handing the Catholic Faith down to your children and your children's children...



While the masses focus on the Delta variant, Blackrock is going to start buying up neighborhoods across the country on Monday. The 'Great Reset' is upon us. "You will own nothing, and be happy." We must stop it!

Vaxed people:

Can still get covid.
Can still spread covid.
Can still die from covid.
Can potentially die from the vaccine.

Unvaxed people:
Can still get covid.
Can still spread covid.
Can still die from covid.
Cannot die from the vaccine.

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"I can nourish myself on nothing but truth." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Collection Report

Sunday, August 1st	\$5,980.00
Second Collection	\$1,753.00
Alter Christus	\$138.00
Thank you for your generosity.	Remember St.
Gertrude the Great in your will.	

THE UNKNOWN FRIENDS

We cannot count our friends, nor say
How many praise us day by day.
Each one of us has friends that he
Has yet to meet and really know,
Who guard him, wheresoe'er they be,
From harm and slander's cruel blow.
They help to light our path with
cheer,

Although they pass as strangers here.

These friends, unseen, unheard, unknown,

Our lasting gratitude should own.
They serve us in a thousand ways
Where we perhaps should friendless
be;

They tell our worth and speak our praise

And for their service ask no fee; They choose to be our friends, although

We have not learned to call them so.

We cannot guess how large the debt
We owe to friends we have not met.
We only know, from day to day,
That we discover here and there
How one has tried to smooth our way,
And ease our heavy load of care,
Then passed along and left behind
His friendly gift for us to find.

– The Path to Home When Day is Done by Edgar A. Guest

This makes me think of Guardian Angels. The Fourteen Holy Helpers are our Unknown Friends as well. Are you a mechanic, architect, physician, philosopher, builder, a woman about to give birth? Do you suffer from throat ailments, backache, bites from animals, and various and sundry other problems and situations? Regardless of who you are, what your occupation or your problem your Unknown Friends are always waiting for you to call, and are always anxious to assist. Call on them any time. "They tell our worth...and ease our heavy load of care." Edgar Guest is a classic American poet. I remember him from growing up in Michigan.

– Bishop Dolan

★ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ★

Wet July this year merited the "Monsoon" moniker given to rainy weather in New Mexico. It always surprised me, as I associated Monsoon with exotic continents. In any case, dry August has arrived. Rain now is like a politician's promises. You get everything but the actual rain itself.

But August also brings welcome garden produce. A kind family dropped off basil and the precious "real" tomatoes of the season recently. We are grateful for any and all offerings, as we have more mouths to feed. Thanks, too, to the Cucina Clerical cooks, who are taking such good care of seminarians and priests this Summer. It's such a practical charitable help, and relief.

Did you know there is a connection between the "Dog Days" of August, and dogs? Last Wednesday's St. Dominic is symbolized by a dog with a torch in its mouth, as seen by his pregnant mother, Blessed Jane, in a dream. Later in a Latin pun on his name, his Friars Preachers or Dominicans were called "the hounds of the Lord," Domini Canes. August 4th is also the feast of St. Swithney, patron of mad dogs. Water from his well in Wales was used to cure rabies in dogs.

It's unpleasantly hot around much of the Northern Hemisphere at this time of the year. The Romans have a saying that only "cane e Americani," dogs and Americans, move about in August, and they leave the Eternal City to the tourists. The French all go on vacation at the same time, the month of August. Nevertheless, sacred vacation or no, they have continued to demonstrate, in the millions, even, against the "vax pass," pure Chinese communism. But they face a formidable foe; all of the united forces of One World, with Bergoglio himself as their chaplain. Are we as determined as they? We shall see.

Air, oxygen, is a necessity, and therefore a right of man. Keep that in mind as they bring back the masks. Oxygen for the mind is truth. They have stolen that, too. We live in a world of lies. Take hope, though. Oxygen for the soul is prayer, and neither state nor Satan can take that away. Pray. Pray more than you used to. Pray quietly. Pray to quiet the soul, and establish order in your world. That is peace. And don't forget to pray with us come Friday evening, for the peace that God alone can give, as we process together for the Rosary.

Even accounting for seasonal travel, attendance has been very good almost all Summer. I'm sure part of it comes thanks to Bergoglio's attack on the true Mass. 'Tis an ill wind blows no one well. But welcome our guests and new members. We've printed up a "Little Missal" for the ushers to distribute to those without one. Always bring a prayer book to church. These new

"missalettes" are also available for sale in the gift shop.

I'm in Milwaukee today, where a record twenty Confirmations are scheduled. Little St. Hugh is growing too! It's started to rain, so it's time for the ark, which is ready and open. Don't wait around to drown in the flood.

Big doings for next Sunday, the Assumption. Bring your flowers, herbs and produce to be blessed at 8:50, right in church at the shrine. Bring the children to the vestibule to process in with us, and like angels lay their flowers in Our Lady's empty tomb. Assumption is Summer's high point. Surely Mary Immaculate will hear "little children's lisping prayer," and "spare us over 'till another day."

God bless you!

- Bishop Dolan

"The prophecies of the Apocalypse show that Satan will imitate the Church of Christ to deceive mankind; he will set up a church of Satan in opposition to the Church of Christ. Antichrist will assume the role of Messias; his prophet will act the part of Pope, and there will be imitations of the Sacraments of the Church. There will also be lying wonders in imitation of the miracles wrought in the Church." (p. 119) And, "there seems to be no reason why a false Church might not become universal, even more universal than the true one, at least for a time." (p. 155)

- Rev. E. Sylvester Berry, D.D

The Church of Christ, An Apologetic and Dogmatic Treatise



Before you consider another lockdown...

- 150 million people worldwide will go into poverty.
- 15,000 scientists signed the Barrington Declaration stating lockdowns are the greatest threat to human health.
- 1 out of 4 contemplated suicide in the US.
- Anti-depressant medication is up 600% in the US.
- 40% of US adults reported struggling with mental health in 2020, up from 5.2% in 2019.
- US Army suicides have increased 30% during pandemic compared to 2019
- Yelp says 60% of the restaurants on their app will never reopen.
- Meanwhile, Jeff Bezos is richer than he has ever been.
- The wealthy and elite have accomplished crushing the middle class and everyday Americans by implementing policies that grow their wealth.
- Remember, the same people trying to mandate lockdowns and tell you to close your business, never missed a paycheck.

▼ CALENDAR ▼ ST. PHILOMENA'S CORNER

Mon 8/9/21 St. John Vianney

ST. ROMANUS, M Vigil of St. Lawrence St. Emigdius, BPM

8:00 AM Low Mass All who cook for us and for our devoted

drivers (The Fathers)

TUE 8/10/21 St. LAWRENCE, M

SUMMER NOVENA IX AFTER ALL MASSES

7:00 AM Low Mass Alyssa Smith (Collin Smith)

8:00 AM Low Mass †Ronald Lotarski (Mr. & Mrs. Mark

Lotarski & family)

5:00 PM Low Mass Kirby & Jean Bischel (Dean & Carolyn

McClorey)

WED 8/11/21 Ss. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM

ST. PHILOMENA, VM

7:00 AM Low Mass Bill & Terri Young (Annie Fischer)

8:00 AM Low Mass St. Philomena–thank you (Regina Schneider)

© 5:15 PM Low Mass Bishop Dolan-Ordination Anniversary

(Christopher Browne)

THU 8/12/21 ST. CLARE, V

7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (Linda Maki)

8:00 AM Low Mass †Deceased Family Members (Jim Soli)

* 11:25 AM Low Mass Claire McConnell (Fr. McGuire)

FRI 8/13/21 Ss. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS

8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Clement Procopio, OFM (Paul

Aitken)

5:15 PM Confessions (no Rosary)

5:45 PM Low Mass Simpson Family (Ball Family)

6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction

7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

SAT 8/14/21 VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

ST. EUSEBIUS, C

7:15 AM Confessions

7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (Anne Marie Omlor)

8:05 AM Salve & Sermon

8:15 AM High Mass Doris Ritze (Joe & Mary Kunkel)

SUN 8/15/21 THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

PENTECOST XII

7:05 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Low Mass †Anne McMahon

8:50 AM Blessing of Herbs & Flowers

9:00 AM Procession into church

Children present their flowers to Our Lady

High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

11:05 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Low Mass Dale Moore (Fr. McGuire)

4:45 PM Assumption Vespers, Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass Dennis A. Ackerman (Dennis Ackerman)

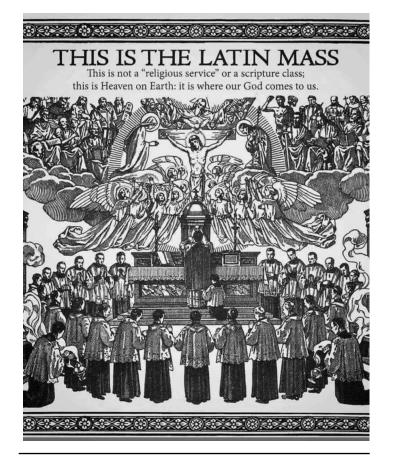


TO HONOR ST. PHILOMENA

When Mother Mary Louisa of Jesus asked St. Philomena to teach her some devotion that would be acceptable to her, she heard an interior voice saying: "Recite the *Creed* three times: once for the perseverance of the just, once for the conversion of sinners, and a third time for the return of heretics and infidels to the Faith."

Or Recite the *Gloria Patri* three times in thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity for the graces given to her during the time of her martyrdom, by which the Lord made Himself her strong shield and caused her to be rapt in ecstasy for three hours so that she did not know what torments the tyrants sought to inflict upon her until the clamor of the people brought her back to her senses and she was forthwith beheaded.

Those who spread devotion to the saint have found this an excellent means to win her favor. This can easily be done by acquainting others with these devotions, also by distributing leaflets and pictures.



Servers

SUN 8/15 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

8:50 AM BLESSING & CHILDREN'S PROCESSION: MC

9:00 AM PONTIFICAL: MCS: 1. J. Lacy, 2. P. Omlor, 3. C. Richesson CROSS: J. McGinnis BANNER: B. McGinnis TH: M. Simpson ACS: D. Simpson, T. Lawrence MITRE: S. Richesson CROZIER: C. Arlinghaus BUGIA: A. McClorey MISSAL: Na. McClorey TRAIN: M.

Kolenich **Torch:** C. VanderPutten, J. & N. Kolenich, J. & B.

McGinnis, J. Stewart

11:30 AM Low: B. & T. Capetillo

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: Seminarians

5:45 PM LOW: Seminarians