

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. Vili Lehtoranta, *Chap. to Oblates & School* • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

May 14, 2023

EASTER V • ST. BONIFACE, M • MOTHER'S DAY



¶ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



Our mothers are remembered at all of the Masses today, especially at the High Mass, which is offered for them. Don't miss your Blessed Mother's **May Crowning** after the High Mass. Catechism classes are canceled today. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son.

¶ THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday is the feast of the **Ascension**, a *holy day of obligation*. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass under pain of mortal sin. Masses are at 7:00 (workers' Mass) and 9:00 AM, and 5:45 PM. Vespers and May Devotions are at 4:45 PM.

¶ PENTECOST NOVENA

On **Friday** we open our annual and most ancient Novena for Pentecost with the chanting of the **Veni Creator**.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ASCENSION SUNDAY

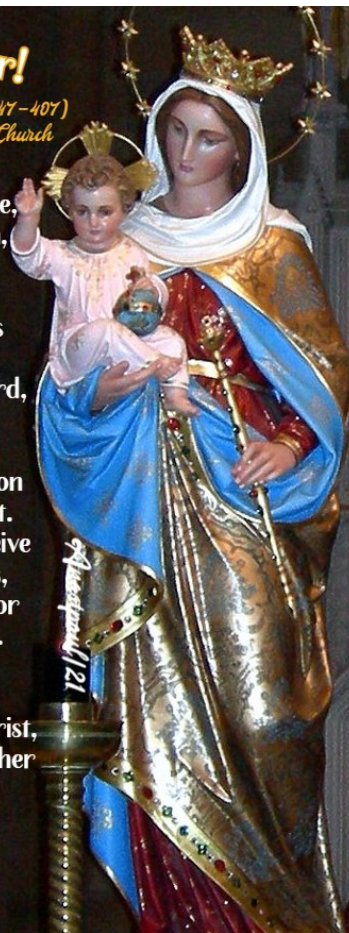
The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism classes are canceled due to the Parenting Talk given after the High Mass. For parents interested in attending, you have the option of leaving your children with the Oblates.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

Hail, O Mother!

By St. John Chrysostom (347-407)
Father and Doctor of the Church

Hail, O Mother!
Virgin, heaven, throne,
glory of our Church,
its foundation
and ornament.
Earnestly pray for us
to Jesus,
your Son and Our Lord,
that through your
intercession,
we may have mercy, on
the day of judgement.
Pray that we may receive
all those good things,
which are reserved for
those who love God.
Through the grace
and favour
of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
to Whom, with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
be power, honour
and glory,
now and forever.
Amen



OUR LADY'S COURT

We congratulate the following children who received an "A" from Fr. Lehtoranta for their First Communion test:

St. Catherine Award:
Sylvia Rabjohns, who crowns our Lady.
Attendant: Lily Ball.

St. Thomas Aquinas Award:
John Gregory, who is crown bearer.
Attendant: Francisco McConnell.

¶ ROGATION DAYS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we observe the **Rogation Days**. Each year the Church gathers up all of her needs and petitions and solemnly presents them to Our Lord so that He Himself will take them to the Father when He goes home to heaven on Ascension Thursday. This is the idea of the Rogation, or Asking Days. The Rogation Days Processions are a beautiful part of the Church's liturgy and draw down much needed grace upon ourselves, our Church and our country. Join us at 11:00 AM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

DID YOU KNOW? The faithful who on the **Rogation Days** devoutly assist at the sacred ceremony proper to those days in churches or public oratories are granted an indulgence of 10 years. A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Church.

The faithful who *during the month of May* take part in public exercises in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary may gain an indulgence of 7 years on any day of the month or a plenary indulgence if they assist at the exercises on at least ten days, and moreover go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Church.

¶ ONE MORE REMINDER...

...to check for dishes and plasticware in the cabinet if you have cooked a meal for or given food to the clergy. Thank you for providing delicious meals for our priests.

A MOTHER'S DAY THOUGHT

The Royal Prophet says, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Is not this sentence the abridgment of a woman's life? She sows in pain, in grief, and in labor; and often cold, frost and snow, the rigors of winter and the burning heat of summer follow on her sowing. But how rich is her autumn! How sweet the season when she reaps what she has sown, when she gathers in a harvest all the more abundant because of her sufferings! Yes, such is life! We come and go, casting the seed of kind thoughts, words, acts, and benefits; casting into the ground all the best treasures of our soul, and watering them with our tears. "Going they went and wept, casting their seeds. But coming, they shall come with joyfulness, carrying their sheaves." Flow on, ye tears of life, sad drops from the heart, flow abundantly, and sink into that earth which you are to fertilize. Flow on, though she who sheds you suffers bitterly, drawn as you are from the inmost fountains of her heart. Such true tears, saints tell us, are the life-blood of the soul, the drops of anguish wrung from the heart. No matter, flow on, however you be named—the life-blood of the heart, the anguish of the bosom, or the overflow of a soul overwhelmed by grief and painful labors; flow on still, for you alone can yield a real harvest, the harvest of souls; you alone can prepare a treasure of virtue, wisdom, and prosperity.

Let it be thus with you, my children. May you, too, after much suffering, share one day in those spiritual harvests, in the bosom of your own families; may the hearts of husband and children, like clusters of ripe grapes, be seen to hang around your path inviting you to gather them, while husband and children bend around you like those sheaves of wheat of which the youthful Joseph dreamed, and offer you the homage of their respect, love, and gratitude. "And your sheaves standing about, bowed down before my sheaf."

— Monsigneur Landriot
The Valiant Woman: Conferences for Women



Not even mothers themselves know all the charms contained in their maternity. Their love is the richest of all love after that of God's love, because it is the most fruitful.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Children's Day of Recollection:** Thursday, May 25
- **Confirmations:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 27
- **First Communion:** Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11
- **Girls Camp:** June 27-29
- **YAG:** July 7-9
- **Boys Camp:** July 25-27

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Charles Beck, Mary Fields, and all of the special intentions that have been recommended to us.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 7th.....\$7,926.37
 Second Collection.....\$2,383.00
 Alter Christus.....\$193.00
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



A mother craves from each of her children the joy of loving them. Her maternal love is pre-eminently outpouring. She would die of self-poisoning unless she could love.

To give Mary the opportunity of loving us, as we do when we please her Divine Son, is to confer a most excellent favor upon her, one which she greatly appreciates.

OUR LADY OF THE MAY

O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!
 Breathe from God's garden of eternal flowers
 Blessing, when we thy little children pray:
 Let thy soul's grace steal gently over ours.
 Send on us dew and rain,
 That we may bloom again,
 Nor wither in the dry and parching dust.
 Lift up our hearts, till with adoring eyes,
 O Morning Star! we hail thee in the skies,
 Star of our hope and trust!
 Sweet Star, Sweet Flower, there bid thy beauty stay:
 O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!

O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!
 Thou leftest lilies rising from the tomb:
 They shone in stately and serene array,
 Immaculate amid Death's house of gloom.
 Ah, let thy graces be
 Sown in our dark hearts! We
 Would make our hearts gardens for thy dear care;
 Watered from wells of Paradise, and sweet
 With balm winds flowing from the Mercy-seat,
 And full of heavenly air:
 While music ever in thy praise should play,
 O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!

O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!
 Not only for ourselves we plead, God's Flower!
 Look on thy blinded children, who still stray,
 Lost in this pleasant land, thy chosen Dower!
 Send us a perfect spring:
 Let faith arise and sing,
 And 'Merica from her long, cold winter wake.
 Mother of Mercy! turn upon her need
 Thine eyes of mercy: be there spring in-deed:
 So shall thine Angels make
 A starrier music than our hearts can say,
 O Flower of Flowers, our Lady of the May!

— Lionel Johnson

Last Sunday's Offertory piece, *Terra Tremuit*, was sung so magnificently by our choir that I could not help smiling as they did so. Even nature took part in it. If you remember, it was a gloomy, rainy morning. When towards the end the words "*cum resurgere in judicio*" were sung the thunder rumbled outside, thus adding to the affect of those words. "Bless the Lord, ye thunder and lightning."

I am thankful to **Fr. Lehtoranta** and **Bishop Nkamuke** for preaching the last two Sundays. Both sermons were quite edifying and provided much food for thought. I must admit, though, I felt as if I had too much time on my hands on those days and am very much looking forward to getting back into the pulpit.

A funny little animal tale (or tail, as you wish) to tell you! Last Monday morning I had hoped to have a quiet Rosary walk on my way down to church to offer Holy Mass, but the Lord (and the little black cat) had other plans. So instead of praying the Rosary, the time was spent rescuing a baby rabbit from the clutches of Black Cat. After chasing them around the shed and through trees and bushes I finally managed to distract the cat enough so the tiny bunny could run away into the tall grass. Just another subtle reminder of a priest's job to keep his flock out of the clutches of the devil "who goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour."

Bishop Nkamuke is in Seattle paying a visit to **Fr. Ercoli** and the Faithful there. Besides this trip and learning the different things that a bishop needs to know how to do, he has continued teaching seminarians. This time, however, he is teaching Poncho in person and the Nigerian seminarians online instead of the other way around. I hope His Excellency has been getting some well-earned rest. He returns to Nigeria next Monday, May 22nd.

Fr. Brueggemann spent this week doing sacristy work while Sister Eulalia was out. It isn't easy fitting in sacristy work amidst all the other duties. Father teaches in the seminary and visits the sick as well. It's a good thing he likes doing sacristy work though! Just to keep him humble, I must say the flowers were in a bad state by Wednesday. We priests are not so good at working with flowers and the church flower girl, Regina, wasn't scheduled to do flowers for another day or two. So, thankfully, Theresa came to the rescue and ensured that there were flowers for the main altar and the May Altar! We don't worry about anything here at St. Gertrude's. God always works things out for us!

Fr. Lehtoranta enrolled a number of girls in the

Sodality of Charity last Saturday, including some from out of state. These girls do seem to enjoy their meetings and it is always edifying to see what acts of charity they do. In their last meeting they presented a Spiritual Bouquet to our new bishop and cleaned up the flowerbeds around the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

I wish a happy Mother's Day to all mothers and promise my prayers for you and your intentions. May our heavenly Mother wrap her mantle around you and lead you to her Son.

– **Bishop McGuire**



CATECHISM CORNER: THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Marriage is a Sacrament made by Our Lord Jesus Christ to make the lawful union of a Christian man and woman holy. Marriage was always a sacred union, but not always a Sacrament. It was raised to the dignity of a Sacrament by Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Marriage makes grace grow in the soul, like the other Sacraments. It gives husband and wife special helps, special graces, to perform their duties as married people and to overcome the difficulties of their married life.

Only baptized persons can receive this Sacrament. To receive it worthily, you must have no mortal sin on your soul. To receive Matrimony in the state of mortal sin is another mortal sin, a sacrilege. (The sacrilege does not make the marriage invalid.)

A Catholic *must* be married in the presence of a Catholic priest and two Catholic witnesses. A Catholic must be married in this way no matter whom he is marrying—Protestant, Jew, or Moslem. A marriage before anyone but a priest is no marriage at all—it is a *mortal sin!* It sets up a *state* of mortal sin. The couple is *not married*; they are not husband and wife, they have no right to live together, and, they are living in sin. The children born of such a union are illegitimate.

A marriage ceremony by a Catholic before a Protestant minister is not only a mortal sin, but *excommunication* from the Church is incurred. ...Catholic parents should insist that their children get married by the priest. Catholics should have nothing to do with a marriage outside the Church.

Catholics are never allowed to take part in an invalid wedding, either as members of the wedding party or as spectators. You are never allowed to be bridesmaid or best man at a Protestant wedding even if bride and groom are both Protestant. You may be a spectator if both are Protestants and no scandal is given by your presence.

– *Lessons in the Catholic Faith*

✠ CALENDAR

MON 5/15/23 ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C
 ROGATION DAY • *ST. DYMPHNA, VM*
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*M.E.G.*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession, High Mass The Joseph Young Family – Merry Christmas! (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Fr. Barnes (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

TUE 5/16/23 ST. UBALDUS, BPC • ROGATION DAY
ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M • ST. BRENDAN, C
7:00 AM Low Mass Relief of all Faithful Departed (*Patrick Omlor*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Brother Michael
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession, High Mass Robert Uhlenbrock, Happy Birthday! (*Capetillo family*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (*MEG*)

WED 5/17/23 VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION • ROGATION DAY
 ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C
7:00 AM Low Mass Andy Masteller (*Collin Smith*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Shila Murray (*Jason Murray*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession, High Mass †Bishop Dolan (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:10 PM Low Mass The Steven Kustra Family – Merry Christmas! (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)

THU 5/18/23 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOLY DAY
7:00 AM Worker's Mass Sr. Mary Veronica, CMRI (*Abigail Lawrence*)
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass †Bishop Dolan (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction & May Devotions
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

FRI 5/19/23 ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC
 ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM • PENTECOST NOVENA I
8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. DeSaye (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
11:05 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Thanksgiving – Holy Child Jesus Doctor of the Sick (*Collin Smith*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Propagation of the Faith (*Collin Smith*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 5/20/23 ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C • NOVENA II
OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Souls entrusted to my care (*Collin Smith*)
8:10 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions
8:20 AM Sermon, High Mass Repose of the soul of †Margaret Kinnett (*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell*)

SUN 5/21/23 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION • NOVENA III
7:05 AM Rosary

Want To Win Some MONEY!?

The Sodality of Charity is hosting



There will be pizza and drinks for sale!

On Friday, June 9th, July 21st, and August 11th.

After the 5:45 pm Masses.

Here's how to play:

Buy one or more bingo cards (\$2 each)

If you win and yell BINGO first, you split the money with the sodality!

BLESSED MOTHER

What will be the joy of the loving servant of Mary when he sees for the first time and experiences the celestial tenderness of her maternal love.

Mary is the unusual mother in this: that God filled her heart with love enough to pour it out upon the whole world.

He would not have given her the privilege of being our mother, without giving her corresponding love to perfectly fulfill that office. Can anyone imagine a mother without love for her children?

SERVERS

HOLY DAY SERVERS POSTED IN SACRISTY.

FRI 5/19 5:45 PM **Low:** Capetillos
SAT 5/20 7:30 AM **Low:** P. Omlor
 8:20 AM **High:** Seminarian, Caggesos
SUN 5/21 7:30 AM **Low:** Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM **High:** MCS: Seminarian, D. Simpson **TH:** C. Richesson
ACs: D. Hudson, N. Kolenich **TORCH:** M. Kolenich, I. Smith, C. VanderPutten, P. & F. Caggeso, L. Rabjohns
 11:30 AM **Low:** Capetillos
 4:45 PM **VEPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller, Seminarian
 5:45 PM **Low:** G. Miller

7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention RBH (*K/V*)
9:00 AM High Mass In honor of St. Therese – special intentions (*TRCS*)
10:40 AM Parenting Talk (no Catechism Classes)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Christina Bruns*)
4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great