

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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July 2, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL • PENTECOST V VISITATION OF OUR LADY • SS. PROCESSUS & MARTINIAN, MM

¶ VISITATION SUNDAY

The second collection for our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory today, and the **Blessing of Religious Articles** is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. The “Little Church” is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ INDEPENDENCE DAY

Let us pray to St. Anthony, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and Mary Immaculate this Tuesday as we observe with Holy Mass our National Holiday. Please note the special schedule for Independence Day. The 7 & 8 AM Low Masses are followed by the **Summer Novena** devotions. The 9 AM Mass features our **special holiday music**, concluding with the Summer Novena devotions at 9:40 AM. Come to pray and sing with us as we beg every grace and blessing, beginning with conversion, for our own dear native land.

¶ THIS WEEK

In addition to Independence Day, please note there's also **First Thursday**. A holy hour for priests begins with Mass at 8 AM, followed by Benediction. Don't forget First Friday and All Night Adoration.



Lumen Christi

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

The O'Donnell Family
(Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell)

*Our Lord shed His Blood for our ransom,
to buy us from the slavery of the devil
and of sin. Not one drop of Blood
did He reserve for Himself;
He shed it all most generously on our behalf.*

Collection Report

Sunday, June 25th.....\$8,149.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember
St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In honor of the Sacred Heart for the conversion of our country.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VI. Preface of the Holy Cross.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

YAG: July 7-9. The YAG schedule of events can be found on yagincincy.org.

Boys Camp: July 25-27



MARY'S HUMILITY AT THE VISITATION

Mary, in the exquisite delicacy of her charity, has such a profound sense of the needs of others, that as soon as she hears of them, she acts spontaneously and decisively to bring help. Having learned from the Angel Gabriel that her cousin was about to become a mother, she goes immediately to offer her humble services.

If we consider the difficulty of traveling in those days, when the poor, such as Mary, had to go on foot over difficult roads, or at best, by means of some rude conveyance, and also the fact that Mary remained three months with Elizabeth, we can readily understand that she had to face many hardships in performing this act of charity. However, she was in no way disturbed: charity urged her, making her wholly forgetful of herself, for as Saint Paul says: "Charity seeketh not her own" (1 Cor 13:5)....

Charity makes Mary forget not only her hardships but also her own dignity, which was greater than that given to any other creature. Elizabeth is advanced in years, but Mary is the Mother of God; Elizabeth is about to give birth to a man, but Mary will give birth to the Son of God. Nevertheless, before her cousin as before the Angel, Mary continues to look upon herself as the humble handmaid of the Lord, and nothing more. Precisely because she considers herself a handmaid, she comforts herself as such, even in respect to her neighbor.... Mary's dignity approaches the infinite, yet she considers herself and behaves as if she were the least of all creatures.

- Fr. Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.



FOR THE OCTAVE OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

To look on Peter and Paul with some honesty is to tune in to the play of God in human history.



Peter was an unlikely prospect for any serious endeavor: charming, generous, enthusiastic, but unsteady, fickle, and cowardly. To him were entrusted the keys. Paul was a proud bigot, self-righteous, vindictive, and prone to posturing. Yet he was chosen to be the apostle of the Gentiles. With such material the power of God made heroes. They were the very human foundation of a very human Church which is at once the presence and the power of Christ on earth.



If all you see is present reality, you do not see at all. If you are blind to the mystical dimension of the human scene, you might as well be physically blind for all the good it does you. We need and are nourished by the depths of faith. This feast of Peter and Paul is a call to that.

We all have hidden dimensions more real than the obvious and visible. Our very being here is witness to that. Peter and Paul are two ordinary men caught up in a net of God's providence to be involved in the most sublime engagement on earth—the Kingdom of God. Peter and Paul and what they were about will mean little to you unless you remember the reality of God's Providence even in your own life.

Peter and Paul were caught up in a glorious business. We are too. The stakes are no less. The rewards are real. Ss. Peter and Paul, pray for us!

- Fr. Matthew Kelty, OCSO

JUST ONE DAY

If I could live to God for just one day,
 One blessed day, from rosy dawn of
 light
 Till purple twilight deepened into night,
 A day of faith unfaltering, trust
 complete,
 Of love unfeigned and perfect charity,
 Of hope undimmed, of courage past
 dismay,
 Of heavenly peace, patient humility—
 No hint of duty to constrain my feet,
 No dream of ease to lull to listlessness,
 Within my heart no root of bitterness,
 No yielding to temptation's subtle sway,
 Methinks, in that one day would so
 expand
 That never, never more could hold me
 bound
 This shriveling husk of self that wraps
 me round.
 So might I henceforth live to God
 always.

- Susan E. Gammons



UPON THIS ROCK

"Simon Bar-Jona, lovest thou Me?"
 Three times the question, and three
 times I
 Made the Master the same reply—
 And that was true.

"Thou wast with Him, wast thou not?"
 Three times the question, and three
 times I
 Answered it with the selfsame lie—
 then the cock crew.

"Simon Bar-Jona, lovest thou Me?"
 This is the answer of Peter, the Rock:
 Out of my love I shall feed Thy flock—
 Each sheep and each lamb.

- James L. Duff

One of the men walked over to talk with me as we watched the music show put on by some of our parishioners at the St. John Bonfire last Monday night. It was a very pleasant conversation as I recall. As he left he said, "It must be nice to have charge of a parish like this one." That's been on my mind ever since. We are one big family here at St. Gertrude's and it really was apparent this past week what with the Bonfire and then the Girls' Camp. What good times they were!



We were praying for no rain for Monday's bonfire and the next three days of camp. Well, it rained hard for a few minutes just before the fire was lit, but it was one of those pleasant rains that even the children enjoyed playing in. Then it didn't rain again until just *after* the girls had gone home from camp. Just as Our Lady noticed when the wine had run out at the marriage feast, so Jesus and Mary notice our smallest needs even today. Deo gratias et Mariae!

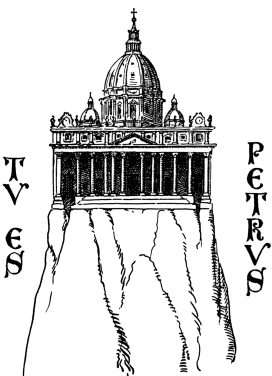
I think this year's camp was the best one to date. The girls really enjoyed the scavenger hunts, the neat little crafts (including the St. Therese Chaplets), the trip to the park, and of course the campfire with s'mores! **Fr. Lehtoranta** did all three sermons and the two spiritual conferences, and the Sisters led the girls in their daily "Rosary Procession." An occasional skunk sighting was mentioned, but no spraying was reported. The songs sung at the end of camp were beautifully done; the skit about the girl who couldn't stop lying was fantastic. Even **Fr. Brueggemann** played a part in the play. He was the priest who cured the girl of lying—and he did so with the most expert advice, even giving some of his own impromptu advice. Though everyone had a fun time, I wouldn't be surprised if we adults actually had more fun just by seeing the kids. A big thanks to the Sisters and the camp committee for putting it all together.

The beginning of this week is more of a "quiet" one, but don't forget to come to Mass and the St. Anthony Devotions on the Fourth to pray and make reparation for our country. Later, though, the YAGsters come into town for First Friday weekend.

I send you a blessing today, and continued prayers for you and your intentions.

– **Bishop McGuire**

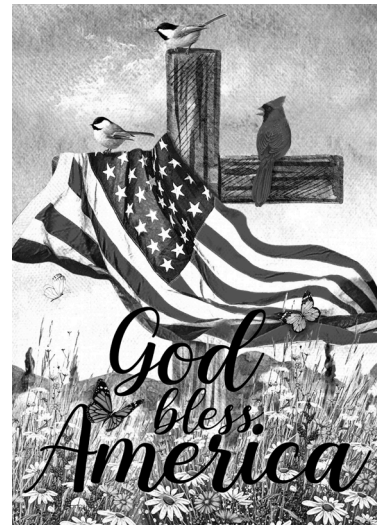
How precious are those drops of blood in the chalice on the altar at Mass, when the Sacred Blood of Christ is offered daily to God for our salvation!



A PIECE OF AMERICAN HISTORY

Pope Pius VII on the 19th of June, 1821, at the advice of Bishop Flaget, erected the see of Cincinnati, appointing as first bishop Father Edward Fenwick, who was consecrated in St. Rose's, Kentucky, January 13, 1822, by Bishop Flaget. Besides the state of Ohio, Michigan Territory, including what is now Wisconsin, was placed under his administration.

He took possession of his see, hired a house, and sent out for his first meal. He then began to see the extent of the calls upon him. He bought a lot, and erected a wooden chapel, thirty feet by fifty-five feet, for his Cathedral. The next year he set out for Rome to lay before the Holy



Father the wants of his diocese. From his personal examination, he estimated the Catholics of Ohio at eight thousand, and two thousand Indians on Seneca River; in Michigan he estimated the Catholics at ten or twelve thousand.

Already Ohio had four or five wooden churches built, and as many more in progress; converts were coming in, but he had no priests, no seminary, no means.

His appeal in Europe was successful—he returned with substantial aid, vestments, a rich tabernacle given by Pope Leo XII, paintings. He then began the erection of a Cathedral, which was dedicated the first Sunday of Advent, 1826. After this he made a visitation of his diocese, preceded by some priests, who gave a kind of mission in preparation; the result was nearly a thousand communions, the reclaiming of many sinners, and the conversion of many to the faith. Sectarians took alarm. They cried out that the three Catholic families in Ohio in 1810, had increased to 14,000 souls in 1830.

– *Trials and Triumphs of the Catholic Church in America*

"[In this land,] the purest sacrifice now is offered to the Almighty One, the teachings and glories and honors of the true Godhead are solemnly proposed, and the path of truth lies open to all. Would that the kingdom of God be extended far and wide in the vast region..."

– *Bishop Edward Dominic Fenwick*

Bishop Fenwick († 1832) was an American Dominican priest and missionary and the first Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio. This text is from a letter to Cardinal Mauro Cappellari, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith from 1826 to 1831.

✠ CALENDAR

✠ THE BAPTIST AND THE VISITATION

MON	7/3/23	ST. LEO II, PC 8:00 AM Low Mass †John Dombrowski (<i>Francis Caggese</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
TUE	7/4/23	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • INDEPENDENCE DAY SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass Christina Casanova – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Dad</i>) (from 7/3) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Maurice Galarneau – 9 th anniversary 2/27 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 9:00 AM Low Mass with music †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
WED	7/5/23	ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C WITHIN THE OCTAVE FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH 7:00 AM Low Mass †Jean Pomerville, birthday (<i>Son – Les Pomerville</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass My godchildren and all my benefactors (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
THU	7/6/23	OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER & PAUL FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass & Holy Hour For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
FRI	7/7/23	FIRST FRIDAY • SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS, BPPCC <i>ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, C</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass My Children, Godchildren & Grandchildren (<i>A.M.B.</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass My brother, Cheng Tong Yuaan – special intentions (<i>H.Y.</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
SAT	7/8/23	ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W 7:10 AM Rosary, Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass 3 rd Death Anniversary of †Peter J. Gebel, Jr. (<i>Willa</i>) 8:15 AM Salve, Devotions 8:30 AM Benediction 8:40 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
SUN	7/9/23	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST VI • <i>OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE</i> <i>SS. JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass My son Jay – special intentions (<i>H.Y.</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Steven Christensen (<i>Keith & Mary Christensen</i>) (from 7/8) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



Why does [Jesus] not call the Precursor to Him? Is it not the duty of the servant to go to his master, of the sick man to seek his physician, of the poor man to go to the rich whose alms he begs? But love reverses all these rules; the King of Kings, the heavenly Physician, the Author of grace

anticipates the advances of His creatures. Not yet in condition to move of Himself, He wishes to be carried. “Behold,” says St. Ambrose, “the inferior has need of succor, and his superior goes to his aid—Mary goes to Elizabeth, Christ to John.”

JULY MORNING OFFERING

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of holy Church. Blessed be the Precious Blood of Jesus, which renders bearable the thorns of earth, redeems our souls, purifies them from their iniquities, and prepares for them an eternal crown. Amen.

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

July 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Nick McClorey, Alfonso Capetillo
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

SERVERS

FRI 7/7 5:45 PM LOW: Simpsons
SAT 7/8 7:30 AM HIGH: P. Omlor, Seminarian
8:40 AM LOW: Kolenichs
SUN 7/9 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, Na. McClorey TH: D. Simpson
ACs: J. Rabjohns, A. McClorey TB: P. & F. Caggese, I. Smith, L. Rabjohns, C. Vander Putten, N. Hudson
11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, D. Simpson
5:45 PM LOW: B. Lotarski