

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 23, 2023

PENTECOST VIII

ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM • ST. LIBORIUS, BPC



## ¶ PENTECOST VIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses today. **Cars will be blessed** during all Masses, for the feast of St. Christopher. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ SUMMER NOVENA

Bring your intentions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony during the Summer Novena. The Novena prayers are recited after every Mass on **Tuesdays**.

## ¶ THIS WEEK

**Boys' Camp** begins on **Tuesday**, with the 9:00 AM High Mass. Pray with us that day to St. James the Greater, "the Moor Slayer," defender of Christendom against the Mohammedan invasion. St. Christopher is also commemorated. We need his help every day for safe travel. There are four Masses on Tuesday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (High), 11:25 AM, and 5:00 PM.

**Wednesday** is the feast of "God's Grandmother," the great St. Anne. Let us remember our own grandmothers with love and gratitude, and pray for them, whether living or deceased. Masses are at 7 and 8 AM and 5:10 PM. Boys' Camp concludes on **Thursday**, the feast of St. Pantaleon, at 3:00 PM.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IX

Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IX, second collect of Ss. Abdon & Sennen. Trinity Preface.



St. Liborius

Wedding  Banns

Second time: Joseph Vines &  
Gabrielle Swinney

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Josef Eldracher, Ken Gilliam, and Jules Vermet.

## Collection Report

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,419.00

## ¶ WORK OF HUMAN HANDS

Fr. Cekada's popular book, *Work of Human Hands*, is back in stock! You can find it in the bookstore, or at [sggresources.org](http://sggresources.org), for \$24.95.

## NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. ANNE TO OBTAIN SOME SPECIAL FAVOR

Glorious St. Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee, and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of many 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.

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 for all eternity. Amen.

Good St. Anne, mother of her who is our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope, pray to her for us, and obtain our request. (3 times)

## INVOCATION TO ST. CHRISTOPHER

Bearer of Jesus Christ! Pray for us, that by sanctifying grace and the virtuous example of our daily lives, we may, like thee, carry Christ through the way of this world and into the hearts of all with whom we come into contact. Amen.

ST. APOLLINARIS



The holy Liturgy devotes the following lines to the history of this brave apostle:

St. Apollinaris came to Rome from Antioch with the Prince of the Apostles (St. Peter), by whom he was consecrated Bishop, and sent to Ravenna to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He converted many to the Faith of Christ, for which reason he was seized by the priests of the idols and severely beaten. At his prayer, a nobleman named Boniface, who had long been dumb, recovered the power of speech, and his daughter was delivered from an unclean spirit; on this account a fresh sedition was raised against St. Apollinaris. He was beaten with rods, and made to walk barefoot over burning coals; but as the fire did him no injury, he was driven from the city.

He lay hidden some time in the house of certain Christians, and then went to Aemilia. Here he raised from the dead the daughter of Rufus, a patrician, whose whole family thereupon believed in Jesus Christ. The prefect was greatly angered by this conversion, and sending for St. Apollinaris he sternly commanded him to give up propagating the Faith of Christ in the city. But as St. Apollinaris paid no attention to his commands, he was tortured on the rack, boiling water was poured upon his wounds, and his mouth was bruised and broken with a stone; finally he was loaded with irons, and shut up in prison. Four days afterwards he was put on board ship and sent into exile; but the boat was wrecked, and St. Apollinaris arrived in Mysia, whence he passed to the banks of the Danube and into Thrace.

In the temple of Serapis the demon refused to utter his oracles so long as the disciple of the Apostle Peter remained there. Search was made for some time, and then St. Apollinaris was discovered and commanded to depart by sea. Thus he returned to Ravenna; but on the accusation of the same priests of the idols, he was placed in the custody of a centurion. As this man, however, worshipped Christ in secret, St. Apollinaris was allowed to escape by night. When this became known, he was pursued and overtaken by the guards, who loaded him with blows and left him, as they thought, dead. He was carried away by the Christians, and seven days after, while exhorting them to constancy in the Faith, he passed away from this life, to be crowned with the glory of martyrdom. His body was buried near the city walls.

*Pray, O St. Apollinaris, that both pastor and flocks throughout the Church may, now at least, profit by these apostolic and divine teachings, so that we may all one day have a place at the eternal banquet, where Our Lord invites His own to sit down with St. Peter and thee in His Kingdom. Amen.*



*Our Lady, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.*

THE TREE OF LIFE

“Does this mean naught to ye who pass  
me by?  
Have ye no tear to give from pity’s eye?  
That ye might ever live ’twas mine to  
die.  
That ye might joy, the Rood of Pain am  
I.

Where now the birds I welcomed in the  
spring  
Who taught the fledgling’s heart my  
praise to sing?  
Was autumn’s red but robe of shame  
men fling  
About the form of those they mock as  
King?”

Thus spake the Tree of Life to passer-by  
When weeping Mother Nature made  
reply.  
“Thy darkness is the arc in Eden’s sky.  
Without thy death all life was doomed  
to die.

“Thou art the answer to thy Victim’s  
prayer  
Who envied nests that shelter birds of  
air.  
To lay His head He had not anywhere  
Until He found for rest thy bosom bare.

“For Bread Immortal I dispense the  
wheat,  
And grapes for Blood of Him Whose  
flesh is meat.  
Thou art the Tree I offered at His feet  
To raise men up with Him to joy  
replete.”

VEILED

When mountains shrank from man in  
shame,  
When sun and moon recoiled from  
view  
Love’s Optimist prayed, blind to sin,  
“Forgive! They know not what they  
do!”

Not all the black of Golgotha  
Could dim the hope in His fair eyes  
Who saw the world, a Magdalen,  
A saint that walked in sin’s disguise.

The priestly retreat in Seattle is now over (it is Friday as I write this) and most of the visiting clergy have gone home. There is only one other priest remaining in Seattle besides myself, **Fathers Ercoli and Romero**, as all have returned to their respective chapels to care for their people this weekend. I will hopefully have made it back to Cincinnati by Saturday evening. I trust that the Holy Ghost and Our Lady made it a fruitful retreat for the priests.



Poor **Fr. McKenna** has been sick all week long but has taken care of all the Masses and devotions alone while everyone was away. I did not hear much from him so I expect no news is good news. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is back now and well rested, I hope.

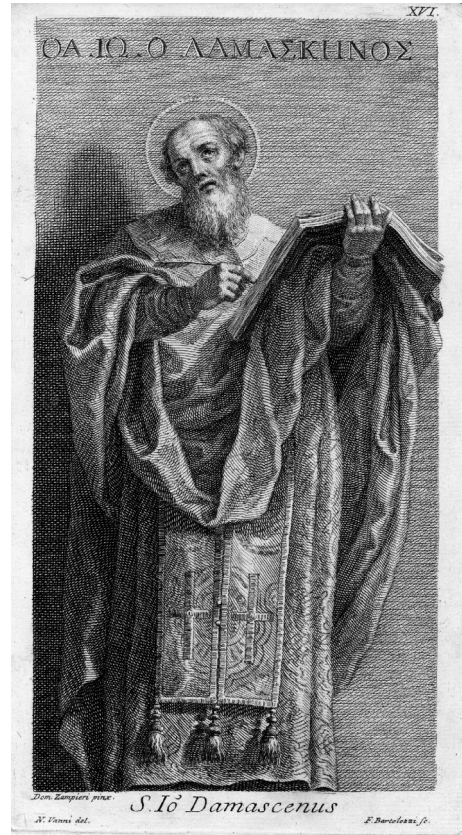
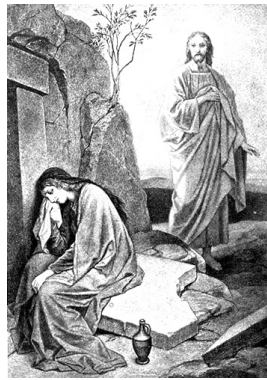
My trip to St. Hugh's was very short but a nice one. I noticed that a lot of changes occurred in one year. The bishop is always the last to know, Bishop Dolan used to always say. How right he was! We have lots of new people there, including young families; and Keith Kimpel, who has done such beautiful wood work for St. Hugh's over the years, has nearly finished the sacristy. He made some new cabinets, thurible hangers, and put in some shelves for our reliquaries and whatnot. We had about five confirmations on Sunday and enrolled some in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular.

I really have no other news to report on at this time since I have been in the world of priestly retreat. Pray for our priests and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I send you a blessing.

– **Bishop McGuire**

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN

In His public ministry, Our Lord is accompanied by “the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities,” among them “Mary, called Madgalene, from whom seven demons had gone out” (Lk 8:2). Following Our Lord brings Mary to Golgotha, where she witnesses His death and burial. Three days later, she meets the Risen Jesus outside the empty tomb. She hastens to tell the disciples: “I have seen the Lord!” Tradition names Mary Magdalene “the apostle of the Apostles”: “Just as a woman had announced the first words of death to the first man, so also a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life” (Saint Thomas Aquinas).



### A SAINT ON SAINTS

Some criticize us for honoring images of our Savior, our Lady and other saints. Let them remember that in the beginning God created us after His own image. On what grounds then do we show reverence to each other unless because we are made after God's image? For as St. Basil says, the honor given to the image passes over to the prototype. Now a prototype is the original from which the derivative is obtained. Didn't the people of Israel prostrate themselves before the tabernacle that bore the image of heavenly things? Didn't God Himself direct Moses to make those images exactly according to the pattern revealed to him on the mountain?

The use of images was not common in the Old Testament because it is foolish to try to give form to the invisible God. But when God became man for our salvation, many people saw the things that He did. He lived among us, worked miracles, suffered, was crucified, rose again and was taken back to heaven. These things were written down for the instruction of us who were not yet alive, so that by hearing and believing, we might still obtain the Lord's blessing. But for the sake of those who were illiterate, the Fathers permitted the depiction of these events in images as concise memorials. Thus when we see the crucifix, we remember Christ's saving passion. We fall down to worship not the piece of wood, but the One Who it images, Christ crucified.

– *St. John Damascene*

<b>MON</b>	<b>7/24/23</b>	<b>VIGIL OF ST. JAMES</b> ST. CHRISTINA, VM • ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt (MEG) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Our Holy Priests & Bishops, living & deceased (AMB)
<b>TUE</b>	<b>7/25/23</b>	<b>ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP</b> ST. CHRISTOPHER, M SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES OPENING OF ST. ANNE TRIDUUM <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special intentions (Arlinghaus family) <b>9:00 AM Opening of Boys' Camp: High Mass</b> Propagation of the Catholic Faith (Collin Smith) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention – F.H. (Kirby & Jean Bischel) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †Jean Bischel (Jason Murray)
<b>WED</b>	<b>7/26/23</b>	<b>ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention SV (K/V) <b>8:00 AM High Mass</b> Steve Roczen (Eva Nellenbach) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> Holy Souls (Kolenich family)
<b>THU</b>	<b>7/27/23</b>	<b>ST. PANTALEON, M</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Fr. Vallaincourt (Alter Christus Confraternity) <b>8:00 AM High Mass</b> Confirmation of Nate Hudson & Charlie McClorey (Nathan McClorey) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt (MEG)
<b>FRI</b>	<b>7/28/23</b>	<b>SS. NAZARIUS &amp; CELSUS, MM</b> ST. VICTOR I, PM • ST. INNOCENT I, PC <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special intentions (TRCS) <b>11:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Aunts & Uncles (K/V) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> My mother – †Jean Bischel (The Richesson Family) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7/29/23</b>	<b>ST. MARTHA, V • ST. FELIX II, PM</b> SS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM <b>7:15 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday †Emiliano Lucila (from 2/8) (Willia) <b>8:10 AM Salve, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM High Mass</b> †Marie Moulders (Collin Smith)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>7/30/23</b>	<b>PENTECOST IX • SS. ABDON &amp; SENNEN, MM</b> <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention (Rebecca Stump) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> St. Anthony – in thanksgiving & petition (Joe Druecker) <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Margaret Kinnett (St. Gertrude the Great School) <b>4:45 PM Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

**ST. LIBORIUS OF LE MANS – JULY 23**



While St. Apollinaris adorns Holy Mother Church with the bright purple of his martyrdom, another noble son crowns Her brow with the white wreath of a Confessor Bishop. St. Liborius, the heir of Julian, Thuribius, and Pvasius, was a brilliant link in the glorious chain connecting the church of Le Mans with St. Clement, the successor of St. Peter; he came to bring peace after the storm, and to restore to the earth a hundredfold fruitfulness after the ruin caused by the tempest. The fanatical disciples of Odin, invading the west of Gaul (France), committed more havoc in this part of Our Lord's vineyard than had the proconsuls with their cold legalism, or the ancient Druids with their fierce hatred. St. Liborius, defender of the earthly fatherland, and guide of souls to the heavenly one, brought the enemy to be citizen of both by making him Christian. As a bishop, he labored with purest zeal for the magnificence of divine worship, which renders homage to God, and gives health to the earth; as apostle, he took up again the work of evangelization begun by the first messengers of the Faith, driving idolatry from the strongholds it had reconquered, and from the country parts, where it had always reigned supreme: his friend St. Martin of Tours had not in this respect a more worthy rival. St. Liborius died in the arms of St. Martin, after having received the Last Sacraments from him—for this reason he is invoked as a patron for a good and holy death.

Five centuries after the close of his laborious life, his blessed body was removed from the sanctuary where it lay among his fellow-bishops, and scattering miracles all along the way, was carried to Paderborn; pagan barbarism once more fled at the approach of St. Liborius, and Westphalia was won to Christ. Le Mans and Paderborn, uniting in the veneration of their common apostle, had thus sealed a friendship which more than a thousand years did not destroy. A week-long festival is still held annually in Paderborn, after his feast.

**Servers**

<b>FRI 7/28</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> I. Smith, M. Simpson
<b>SAT 7/29</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> J. & L. Rabjohns <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> P. Omlor, Brueggemanns
<b>SUN 7/30</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemanns <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> C. Richesson, Seminarian <b>TH:</b> D. Simpson <b>ACs:</b> S. Richesson, T. England <b>TB:</b> B. & A. Constantino, I. Smith, J. Hudson, M. Caggese, D. Hudson <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, D. Simpson <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> B. Lotarski