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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 • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



## July 30, 2023 PENTECOST IX SS. ABDON & SENNEN, MM

### ¶ PENTECOST IX

Vespers & 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**.

### ¶ 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:** *The conversion of sinners by a true devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart.*

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions  
7:30 AM High Mass, Benediction  
8:30 AM Meditation  
8:40 AM Low Mass

**First Saturday Intention:** *In reparation for the offenses of those who outrage the Blessed Virgin directly in her holy image.*

### Lumen Christi

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

#### Special Intention

*(Jess Iglesias Aguila)*

#### Collection Report

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> .....\$6,672.00



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Second Collection will be taken up for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

**Set Your Missal:** The Transfiguration, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost X. Third collect of Ss. Xystus & Companions. Preface of the Nativity.

### ¶ GAME NIGHT WAS A SUCCESS

thanks to all of you! There was a great turnout and everyone had a lot of fun. We had a lot of different games and we even had a band during the beginning of the night. Leo Arlinghaus was the big winner of the Spin and Split game and won \$115! All in all, the Sodality brought in \$430 thanks to your generosity.

Ready for more? Or maybe you didn't make it? Come for our next/last game night on August 18th. Again, it is on a Friday after the 5:45pm Mass.

### Wedding Banns

*Third time: Joseph Vines & Gabrielle Swinney*

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Bishop da Silva, Brian Shears, and all the intentions that have been recommended to us.



"Which is better, that there should be thorns in our garden, that we may have roses on them, or that we should have no roses in order to have no thorns?" – *Practical Piety, St. Francis de Sales*



Reliquaries of Ss. Abdon & Sennen

**SS. ABDON & SENNEN**

The emperor Decius, enemy of Christians, had defeated the king of Persia and become master of several countries over which he reigned. He had already condemned to torture and death Saint Polychrome, with five members of his clergy. Saint Abdon and Saint Sennen, illustrious Persian dignitaries of the third century whom the king of Persia had highly honored, were secretly Christian; it was they who had taken up the body of the martyred bishop, which had been cast contemptuously before a temple of Saturn, to bury it at night, with honor. The two royal officials, now fallen under the domination of Rome, were grieved to witness the emperor's cruelty towards the faithful, and believed it their duty to make known their love for Jesus Christ; thus, without fear of their new sovereign, they undertook by all possible means to spread and fortify the faith, to encourage the confessors and bury the martyrs.

Decius, learning of their dedication, was extremely irritated. He sent for the two brothers to appear before his tribunal, and attempted to win them over to sacrifice to the gods, by appealing to his recent victory as a sign of their favor. The Saints replied, however, that this victory was not at all a proof of such power, since the unique true God, Creator of heaven and earth with His Son, Jesus Christ, gives victory to some and defeat to others, for reasons hidden in the designs of His providence. They said they could never adore any but

Him, and Decius imprisoned them. Soon afterwards, when he learned of the death of the viceroy he had left to govern in his place at Rome, he returned to Rome and took his two captives with him to serve as splendid trophies of his Persian victory. In effect, these magistrates were wearing jewels and rich fabrics under their chains.

He arraigned them before the Senate, in whose presence they again testified to the divinity of Christ, saying they could adore no other. The next day they were flogged in the amphitheater; then two lions and four bears were released to devour them. But the beasts lay down at their feet and became their guardians, and no one dared approach for a time. Finally the prefect sent out gladiators to slay them with the sword, which with the permission of God was done. Their bodies remained three days without burial, but a subdeacon, who afterwards wrote their history, took them up and buried them on his own terrain.

Under Constantine the Great, their tombs were discovered by divine revelation and their relics reburied in the Pontian cemetery, which afterwards was called by their names. We see them in a picture of the catacombs, crowned by Our Lord Himself. Their glorious martyrdom occurred in the year 254.

*“Les Petits Bollandistes: Vies des Saints,”  
by Msgr. Paul Guérin (Bloud et Barral:  
Paris, 1882), Vol. 9*



**A PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS**

O God of Life and Liberty  
And the Pursuit of Happiness,  
Of Faith and Hope and Charity,  
By which You quicken, nurse, and  
    bless,  
Look down and in Your mercy quell  
The rising storm—all is not well.

When *Faith* is failing, men deny  
That Life is Yours and but a loan  
    For us to use and profit by;  
But they now claim it as their own  
    To choke Life at its very source  
    Or stop it ere it runs its course.

When *Hope* of higher things is lost,  
They make of baser ones their need  
    To have and hold at any cost;  
    And so they sacrifice to greed,  
    With ritual of a tyrant's nod,  
The Freedom of the sons of God.

When *Love* is dead, they will pursue  
Their happiness in selfish gain,  
While to their kind they prove  
    untrue;  
Yet all their running is in vain  
When in this race they fail to find  
That Happiness was left behind.

O God of Life in Faith, and of  
The Liberty which Hope can know!  
O God of Happiness through Love,  
Have Mercy on us here below!  
Send down to earth again these  
    three:  
Firm Faith, strong Hope, sweet  
Charity!

– *Fray Angelico Chavez*

Who knew it!? Cats can get colds, too, apparently! Fat Cat has been sneezing and coughing lately, but he still has a healthy appetite. Still he does look rather pathetic. If he isn't better in a few days he will have to see his cat doctor. Black Cat is staying healthy but does not at all like his brother's constant sneezing. If cats could laugh I'm sure Black Cat would be laughing at Fat Cat. I've heard no reports of recent skunk sightings.

The Fathers said there were about forty-one boys at camp this past week. The second day of camp was certainly a hot one, but it was very windy, too. Naturally, many of the tents got blown over and still others were quite wet, so the boys slept in the social hall or the camper that second night. I wonder if the boys know that there are rent fees for sleeping in the camper, and service fees for washing sheets and cleaning up after. It sure seems that everyone enjoyed their time at camp. And, of course, Our Lord held back the rain for all three days, and then the heavens let it pour down rain only an hour after camp ended. The same thing happened for the girls' camp. Deo gratias et Mariae! I was quite sad that I was not able to be there with the boys. I had really been looking forward to it, but often it happens that things prevent that which we ourselves would prefer to do.

Sometime in mid-August, Dan Stanislawski and family will be moving to the area from Grand Forks, North Dakota. Dan has been a faithful member of our St. Teresa of Avila Mission since the beginning. He has a history in science and has a doctorate in biochemical engineering. For a short time, he went around explaining the true facts about "Covid" and the sinful Jab. He is very down to earth, well-spoken, and zealous for the Catholic education of youth.

As you might already know, Mark Lotarski has retired as school principal after many dedicated years. It is a well-deserved retirement. He has done many tasks behind the scenes to ensure the running of the school. He will continue helping around the church, but Mr. Stanislawski will replace him as school principal. We are looking forward to working with him.

**Bishop da Silva** came down with a case of pneumonia and is in a hospital in Mexico. He is improving, thanks be to God. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. I will try to keep you up to date on his condition.

**Fr. McKenna** has been out on the missions all week and says that there are plans to develop St. Teresa Mission in the near future.

Meanwhile, we are quickly outgrowing St. Anthony Mission in Dallas. Since the move to a better location during the last year, the numbers have grown and now we might have to think in terms of having a second Sunday Mass when one of our priests visits. However, before making any moves in that direction, we need to wait and see if this number remains the same. It is also necessary to weigh the need along with the extra strain this would put on the priests and the mission schedule as a whole.

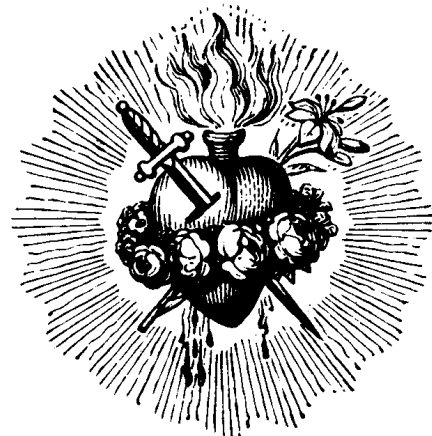
Plans for an addition onto the rectory are still being worked out. The first set of plans, while really nice, were not at all practical for our needs and were much too pricey. We only need three or four rooms and an extension onto the kitchen. This will give the priests plenty of room in the rectory and will enable us to finally be able to house the Oblates in the Convento. I hope we can really get things moving in the near future.

Our seminary year starts in mid-September and will be done in Seattle. **Fr. Ercoli** will watch over their studies in person, while **Frs. Lehtoranta, Romero, and Brueggemann** will do online classes with the seminarians. Fr. Brueggemann will fly out to Seattle once a month to teach and to relieve Fr. Ercoli of some of the load. Fr. Cekada would visit the seminary once a month, and we seminarians always looked forward to it. He always said that when he visited, "the circus was coming to town."

As you can see, there are many things going on right now, and this is only a portion of it. Please pray for us as we try our best in Our Lord's vineyard.

We begin the beautiful month of the Immaculate Heart. I commend you all to her maternal heart and place you under her protecting mantle.

– Bishop McGuire







SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24

HARVEST  
Festival



FALL FESTIVAL



There will be a pie contest again this year! Practice up and bring us your best tasting pie. One piece of that delicious pie will be put aside for our judges to decide who the winner will be. You could walk away with a handsome prize so bake, bake, bake!

Have too many recipes to choose from? You may enter up to three different

flavors of pie for the contest so don't let that stop you!

Not a baker? Come and taste the pies yourselves. The rest of the pies will be put for sale and you can decide which one you think is best!

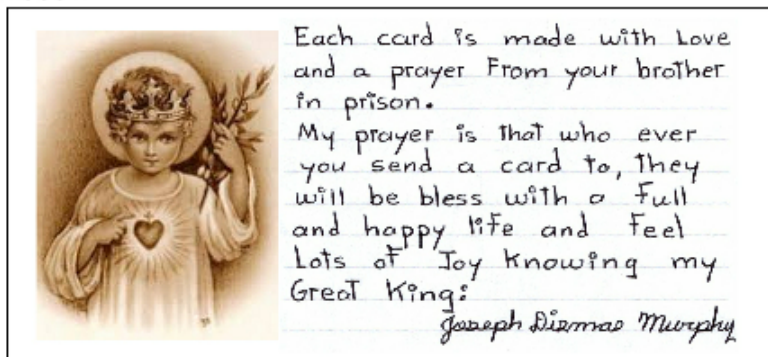


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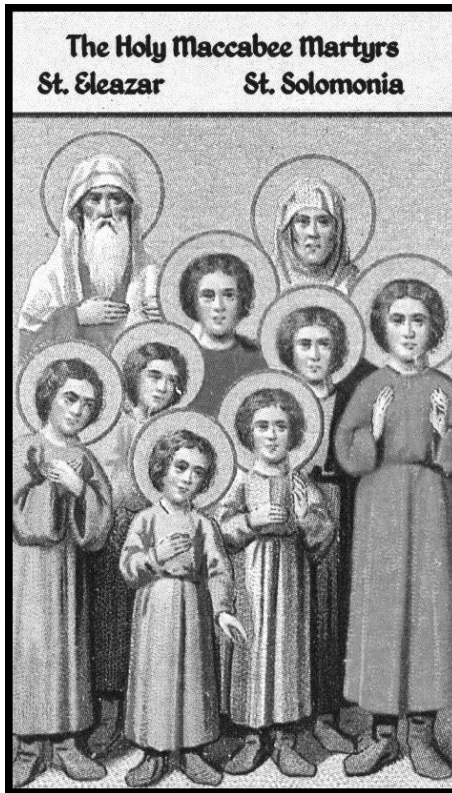
Sympathy  
Thank You



The history of the seven Machabees and their heroic mother is one of the most beautiful and instructive ever written, and is well worth reading more than once. Parents are taught by it how to instill into the hearts of their children obedience to God and avoidance of sin; and children how to live according to their parents' precepts; while Christians, in general, are instructed by it how to keep the laws of God.

The seven holy martyrs rather suffered the most terrible torments and cruel death, than touch the meats which God had forbidden them to use. This same God forbids you, on certain days, the use of certain food. Woe to you, if you allow yourself to be persuaded to partake of it through the bad example of others, or by their taunts and mockery, or from other frivolous excuses. The holy martyrs sustained themselves by the hope of the resurrection and of the recompense which they would one day receive in heaven. Your body will also rise again. You will receive again all your limbs either for eternal reward or eternal punishment, as you have used them in the service or to the displeasure of the Almighty. Woe to your tongue, your lips, your eyes, your hands and feet, if you do not use them better than you have done until now. Lastly, all should learn what their conduct should be, when they are tempted to sin. We must fight and say: "No, I will not do it. I obey, not him who tempts me, but the Lord, my God. I am ready to die rather than transgress the laws of God." And let those who tempt others to sin consider well what one of the martyrs said to Antiochus: "Thou shalt not escape the hand of the Lord;" and another: "Wait patiently, and thou shalt recognize, in thy punishment, the power of the Almighty."

— Fr. Francis Xavier Weninger (d. 1888),  
Austrian priest, professor, and author;  
joined the Jesuits as missionary preacher to  
the United States.



**"I know well that the saints** have spoken most encouragingly on the powerful protection of Mary, but enlightened and holy as they have been they are, after all, only men; only servitors of the Queen. Here it is the Queen Herself, who, in that celebrated revelation, reveals all the tenderness of Her Heart to St. Simon Stock! Those great saints have assured me that with Mary to protect my interests I need fear nothing. That does not suffice me. I wish to know if she does protect my interests. Yes! She gives me proof unequivocal. I have but to glance at my Scapular, **TANGIBLE PROOF BEFORE MY EYES**, and recall the Promise attached to its devout wearing: 'Whosoever dies clothed in this shall not suffer eternal fire.' " — Bl. Claude, S.J.



MORNING OFFERING FOR AUGUST

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*here kiss the scapular as a sign of your consecration*), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them, together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that she may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

*Pope Benedict XV, the celebrated World War I Pontiff, granted 500 days indulgence for devoutly kissing your scapular.*



**A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN, MOTHER OF PURE LOVE**

O Holy Virgin! Thou art my good Mother, and by excellence, the Mother of pure love. Thou hast obtained for me many graces during the course of my life; be pleased to obtain one favor more, which will crown all the rest—this is to love my God—to love Him purely, to love Him ardently, to love Him constantly as long as I shall remain on earth—that I may have the happiness of loving Him eternally with thee in heaven. Amen.

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>7/31/23</b>	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers ( <i>The Fathers</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt ( <i>M.E.G.</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>8/1/23</b>	<b>ST. PETER'S CHAINS • THE HOLY MACHABEES</b> <i>SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES</i> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Souls entrusted to my care ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> My mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng – rest in peace ( <i>H.Y.</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> For my family ( <i>Jason Murray</i> ) <b>5:45 PM High Mass</b> Special intention, cancer & conversion ( <i>Jason Murray</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>8/2/23</b>	<b>ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD</b> ST. STEPHEN I, PM • FIRST WEDNESDAY <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Fr. McKenna Anniversary ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) (from 2/12) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Intentions of Sr. Francis Marie ( <i>The Richesson Family</i> ) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> †Jean M. Bischel – month's mind ( <i>Gloria &amp; Richard Zbilicki</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>8/3/23</b>	<b>FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR</b> FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Gus Kurtz – 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary ( <i>S. Kurtz</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Fr. Contreras & his priests ( <i>ACC</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass &amp; Holy Hour for Priests</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8/4/23</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • ST. DOMINIC, C</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> My brother, Cheng Tong Yuaan – special intentions ( <i>H.Y.</i> ) <b>10:55 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †Richard Reed ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) <b>Benediction</b> <b>5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Jude Smith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>8/5/23</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS <b>7:10 AM Confessions, Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM High Mass</b> Special intention D.A. ( <i>Simpson kids</i> ) <b>8:15 AM Salve, Devotions</b> <b>8:20 AM Benediction</b> <b>8:30 AM Meditation for First Saturday</b> <b>8:40 AM Low Mass</b> Holy Souls ( <i>Kolenich family</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8/6/23</b>	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION • PENTECOST X</b> SS. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> For my Godparents Uncle Joe & Aunt Martie ( <i>Maria McConnell</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Matthew Giese</i> ) <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Bud Patton–Happy Birthday ( <i>Your sisters</i> ) <b>4:45 PM Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor August 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

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☞ *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.*



*“No one, unless the irrevocable sentence has been pronounced against him, is so cast off by God that he will not return, and enjoy His mercy, if he invokes my aid. I am called by all the Mother of Mercy, and truly has the mercy of my Son towards all men made me thus merciful towards them; and therefore, miserable will he be for all eternity who, in this life, having it in his power to invoke me, who am so compassionate to all, and so desirous to assist sinners, is miserable enough not to invoke me and so is damned.”*

– Our Lady to St. Bridget

### Servers

<b>FRI 8/4</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> T. Lawrence
<b>SAT 8/5</b>	<b>7:30 AM HIGH:</b> P. Omlor <b>8:40 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs
<b>SUN 8/6</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemanns <b>9:00 AM HIGH:</b> MCS: T. Lawrence, N. McClorey <b>TH:</b> A. McClorey <b>ACs:</b> F. Caggese, N. Kolenich <b>TB:</b> L. & J. Rabjohns, M. Kolenich, P. Caggese, N. Hudson, T. England <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Capetillos <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller, D. Simpson <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey