

# 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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September 10, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

PENTECOST XV • ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C

## ¶ PENTECOST XV

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary. Catechism Classes resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ GREAT FEASTS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** is the feast of the Holy Name of Mary itself. The Oblates of the Holy Face will make their Final Oblation after the High Mass. All are invited to this joyous occasion. On **Thursday** we keep the great feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On **Friday** we honor the Seven Sorrows of Mary, the second great devotion of September.

## ¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

**Wednesday's** 7:15 PM Rosary Procession could easily be overlooked, as it is a school night in September, and the nights are now longer and cooler. Please remember! Bring the children after supper to our Union Centre Blvd. meeting place at First Watch parking lot and pray with us. Better yet, come for the Mass at 5:45, and drive over to Union Centre. See you there.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Victor Ritze, Theresa Couch, Helen Herz, Kay Marie Fitzgerald's intentions, and the repose of the soul of †Richard Rentschler.

### Collection Report

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.....\$7,809.00  
Second Collection.....\$3,640.54  
Alter Christus Confraternity.....\$281.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



*St. Nicholas of Tolentino, pray for us!*

## Lumen Christi

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

**To console the Sacred Heart in all those churches where He is least adored and most neglected in the Blessed Sacrament.**

*(Joyce Disher)*

*O Mary, may thy children persevere in loving thee!*

*300 days indulgence*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail next Sunday. Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers due to the **Parish Picnic** at Sharon Woods Park. Everyone is invited! Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the Council Bluff Shelter. We're providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like.

📖 **Set Your Missal: Low Masses:** Pentecost XVI, second collect of the Stigmata of St. Francis. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVI. Third collect of the Stigmata of St. Francis. Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## ¶ LOOK AHEAD

**Fall Festival:** Sunday, September 24

**Rosary Sunday:** October 1

**Altar Boys Day:** Saturday, October 14

*O Mary, our hope, have pity on us.*  
*300 days indulgence*

## ¶ CHECKS – PLEASE NOTE!

Please note that checks should always be made out to **St. Gertrude the Great**, and not to "SGG." The bank has been giving us trouble about this, so do please remember to use the full name on your checks so they may be deposited. Thank you!

**STAKING EVERYTHING ON HIS WORD**

How could you explain such faith in a country where atheism and fear were the order of the day? There was no explanation except the traditional one: such faith was a gift from God, as faith always is. God was a reality for these people, a reality they clung to and placed ahead of all other personal considerations. Their faith was to them, quite literally, a matter of life and death. They were willing to sacrifice everything else for it. It was not a matter of doctrines or rules or practices for these people; it was a matter of belief and deep conviction. To them, God was as real as their own father, or brother, or best friend. They turned to Him in difficulties, trusted in Him, feared His judgment of their failings, and stood ready to lose everything in the world rather than offend Him.

No, they weren't perfect, either as people or as Christians; they weren't saints, but their faith was a matter of principle and of practice in their lives each day. They didn't talk about it, but you could observe it in the way they approached the problems of daily living, in the way they talked about things, in the way they thought and reacted on various occasions. It was a simple faith, direct and childlike, the sort of faith our Lord praised so explicitly in the Gospels whenever He encountered it. *I have not found so great a faith in Israel*, He said of the centurion, for example. That was how I felt here in the parish church of Krasnoyarsk.

Perhaps it was an old-fashioned faith. It centered for these people in the Church and the sacraments, in devotions and novenas and prayers. Perhaps it wasn't too sophisticated.... But it was a faith that had been tested and purified in the fire of constant low-keyed persecution, had been attacked and ridiculed by atheist propagandists on all sides and at

every level—and it had survived. It was too precious a thing to these simple people to be traded away in exchange for social advancement, a better job, or even in exchange for the best education for their children, whom they dearly loved. For them, faith was a way of life; it was at the center of their life, of their day, and of all their actions. They probably could not have explained their beliefs very well if they tried, but it was there at the heart of their being; they believed in God and His Church. They trusted in Him, turned to Him in difficulties, gave thanks to Him in moments of happiness, and fully expected to be with Him for all eternity.

— *Servant of God Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.*

*Fr. Ciszek († 1984) was an American Jesuit priest convicted of being a "Vatican spy" in World War II. He spent 23 years in Soviet prisons.*



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**1-5 PM in Sharon Woods Park, Council Bluff Shelter.**

*We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like, but most of all, bring yourself!*



**THE NAME OF MARY**

*Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array?*

Mary, our sweet loving Mother,  
Can my tongue her beauty tell?  
All the splendor of her glory,  
Raised on high with God to dwell.  
There is naught on earth to mirror  
Our great Queen so chaste and fair,  
Yet, the silent voice of nature  
Whispers sweetly everywhere  
*The Name of Mary.*

She, Judea's fairest lily,  
Purer than the mountain's snow,  
Brighter than the rays of sunshine,  
Than the diamond's lustrous glow.  
Hence I love earth's fragrant lilies,  
Emblems of her purity,  
For their rare translucent whiteness,  
Breathes so sweetly unto me  
*The Name of Mary.*

She, that modest, fragrant lily,  
Crystal chalice e'er unstained,  
To receive the Blood of Jesus,  
From eternity ordained.  
Hence, I love the hidden valleys,  
Where the whitest lilies blow,  
And their magic silent voices  
Whisper all my heart would know,  
*The Name of Mary.*

Then the "Mystic Rose" we call her,  
From the ardor of her love,  
Which delights the King of Heaven,  
And the angel hosts above.  
Hence I love to gaze in silence  
On the blushing rose so sweet,  
For its soft and crimsoned petals,  
Ever to my heart repeat  
*The Name of Mary.*

If on earth it is so soothing,  
To repeat that name in prayer,  
What will be my joyous rapture  
When my Mother's bliss I'll share  
Then near her bright throne in glory,  
All her beauty I will see,  
There to praise with angel voices  
Through a long eternity,  
*The Name of Mary.*

The cats. Fluffy is good company, but gets a little bit cranky sometimes and starts scratching and biting. **Fr. Lehtoranta** has a different experience with her as he always says how sweet she is and talks about how she doesn't bite. Fat Cat, on the other hand, is such a loyal cat. He follows me everywhere, from room to room; he even follows me outside when I go to sit on the porch. Fat Cat and Black Cat take a long time to warm up to people, but once they do they are very nice little creatures. They really liked **Fr. Thielen** and would often visit him in the front room of the rectory. In fact, they have been looking for Father since he left.

**Fr. Thielen** departed for home on Wednesday after a two or three month stay with us. When he first arrived he could hardly walk and had very little energy after several trips to the hospital. It was truly amazing to watch his recovery which is due, I believe, to all the prayers which souls all over the world had been offering up for him. He plans to ease back into his apostolate, which includes a good amount of traveling. Continue your prayers for this zealous priest.

**Fr. Simpson** reports that there are new parishioners at a couple of the Texas missions, some of whom only speak Spanish. Bishop Dolan always wanted us to learn Spanish and now we see why. **Fr. McKenna** is still in the northern missions but should be back later today. He always likes to get back as late as he can for some reason. I half seriously tease him about it all the time.

School has started back up. **Fr. Lehtoranta** has a very full teaching schedule this year. I hope it isn't going to be too much along with all of his other duties. He teaches both High School and Middle School. We have a total of 28 students, I believe, as well as a very young teaching staff and new principal. Miss Mikesell has taken on the role of choir director for school Masses and is doing a nice job. **Sr. Eulalia** and Theresa, our secretary, have been helping her and the children with the singing. Meanwhile, Mrs. Swinney and **Sr. Ulrica** have their hands full keeping the smaller kids from chewing on the pews. No, seriously! Don't you remember being that small and having the pew at the height of your mouth. At that age, who could resist the temptation?! Admit it, you probably did it, too. Well, it is all part of the training of children.

Since school started, we have been quite busy with the liturgy. Already we have had the Votive Mass to the Holy Ghost, a Requiem Mass, a Solemn High Mass, and will have a busy week ahead. Monday is the

third anniversary of **Fr. Cekada's** death. Tuesday is the feast of the Holy Name of Mary and the Sisters will be making their Oblation, offering themselves to Our blessed Lord to serve His Church and to lead a more perfect life. Remember them in your prayers and do plan to come to this ceremony! Wednesday evening is the 13th of the month, which means there is a Fatima Procession. Thursday is the feast of the Holy Cross, with the veneration of its relic after all the Masses. Finally, on Friday we honor Our Lady of Sorrows with a High Mass in the evening.



**Bishop Nkamuke** will be ordaining two of his seminarians to the subdiaconate later this month and I will be ordaining a priest in Argentina. Many things are happening in Bishop Nkamuke's section of Our Lord's vineyard. Poncho Capetillo, our seminarian, leaves this week for the start of his second year of seminary studies. All this news reminds me that I still need to get out the national newsletter so that I can update you on this and all the missions in a more detailed manner.

I place you all under the mantle of Our Lady. May she always be your guide, your counselor, and your sure refuge.

– **Bishop McGuire**

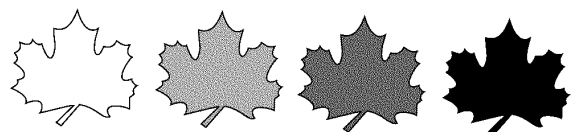
**EXCITED FOR FALL!?** Come join us for the **Fall Festival** on September 24<sup>th</sup>! There will be lots of activities, including games, crafts, dancing, and a pie contest. Anyone who bakes a pie for the contest has a chance of winning \$50 for first place, a rolling pin and pie dish for second place, or a \$10 gift card for third place. Share your unique or family pies and win a prize!

Crafters, please let us know by September 18<sup>th</sup> if you would like to purchase a craft booth for \$25. You can email [17penguinfun@gmail.com](mailto:17penguinfun@gmail.com) or text/call 859-655-5533. You gain the profit from any craft items sold, and if there are any left you can take them home.

We highly encourage parents to bring their kids to the second or third Mass so the young ones can get in on some of the fun. There will be many games to play and fun to be had!



## Fall Festival



<b>MON</b>	<b>9/11/23</b>	<b>SS. PROTUS &amp; HYACINTH, MM</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Rebecca Ellis – successful surgery & recovery ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph M. Prell</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Requiem Low Mass</b> †Fr. Anthony Cekada – rest in peace ( <i>Tim Hopkins</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/12/23</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Hanna Grieco – cancer ( <i>Jason Murray</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Solemn High Mass</b> Sr. Ulrica & Sr. Eulalia ( <i>The Fathers</i> ) <b>Final Oblation</b> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> All of our deceased relatives ( <i>The Omlor Family</i> ) (rescheduled from 9/7)
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/13/23</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> My uncle, Steve Roczen ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt ( <i>M.E.G.</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> †Edward J. Marko ( <i>Dave &amp; Mary Ann Marko</i> ) <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls & Thanksgiving to St. Anthony ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>9/14/23</b>	<b>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> VENERATION OF THE TRUE CROSS AFTER EACH MASS <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> My uncle, Steve Roczen ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt ( <i>M.E.G.</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Poor Souls & Thanksgiving to St. Anthony ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †Jean Bischel wedding anniversary ( <i>Kirby Bischel</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/15/23</b>	<b>SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY</b> ST. NICOMEDES, M <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> My uncle, Steve Roczen ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> ) <b>11:00 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls & Thanksgiving to St. Anthony ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM High Mass</b> Poor Souls & Thanksgiving to St. Anthony ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>6:40 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/16/23</b>	<b>SS. CORNELIUS, P &amp; CYPRIAN, BPMM</b> <i>SS. EUPHEMIA, LUCY &amp; GEMINIANUS, MM</i> <b>7:10 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> My uncle, Steve Roczen ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM High Mass</b> John Seyfried – Thank you! ( <i>Bob Uhlenbrock</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/17/23</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF O L</b> PENTECOST XVI • STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Sr. Ulrica – Happy Birthday ( <i>D.M.</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Special intention deceased ( <i>Bob &amp; Becky Uhlenbrock</i> ) <b>10:40 AM Catechism Classes</b> <b>11:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> My uncle, Steve Roczen ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> ) <b>1-5 PM Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods Park</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

“Now the first letter in this Most Holy Name standeth for the Joy that a man feeleth in his heart at the time that he first heareth there the good tidings, and looketh on Eternity and the endless bliss thereof, that be for his having. Then of that shewing followeth Enlightenment whereby he cometh to know himself and the misery of his many sins and grievous offences. And of this enlightenment cometh Sorrow for the thought of the wickedness of his heart and his sin against so loving a Lord. And on sorrow followeth Unction, which be the solace and strengthening of the soul by the Holy Spirit. And from Unction floweth Sweetness.

“But haply thou wilt ask: where in all this be Love? And of that I will tell thee that Love be smoothly in the core and at the summing, for what be Love but meddled sweetness and sorrow?

“And so, ghostly friend, thou hast this treatise of the Name of Jesus, as it were to be called out in one breath. Joy, Enlightenment, Sorrow, Unction, Sweetness, which same do spell the Holy Name. And Love be in the core and in the summing. Amen.”



**PRAYER TO THE HOLY CROSS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Hail, O Holy Cross! my light and my strength! Hail, standard of peace empurpled by the Blood of Jesus and ornamented by His Sacred Members as with precious stones! O Venerable Cross, work of the love of God and the cruelty of men! O Cross, the terror of Hell and the object of the veneration of Heaven and earth, receive the homage of my faith, my gratitude, and my love! I consecrate myself entirely to Thee and I attach myself to Thee forever, as my Savior was attached to Thee for love of me. I earnestly beseech Thee, in virtue of the Precious Blood which empurpled Thee, to take me under Thy protection, to be my support in suffering, my strength in temptation, my counsel in doubt, my light in darkness, my rule of conduct during life, my confidence and pledge of salvation at the hour of death.

**Servers**

<b>FRI 9/15</b>	<b>5:45 PM HIGH:</b> M. Simpson, A. & B. Constantino, P. & F. Caggese
<b>SAT 9/16</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> L. & J. Rabjohns <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, Kolenichs
<b>SUN 9/17</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:</b> M. Simpson, C. Richesson <b>TH:</b> N. Kolenich <b>ACs:</b> J. Kolenich, F. Caggese <b>TB:</b> P. Caggese, C. VanderPutten, B. Constantino, I. Smith, M. Kolenich, J. Stewart <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> N. & A. McClorey <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey