

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 24, 2023 PENTECOST XVII OUR LADY OF RANSOM



¶ ANGEL SUNDAY

The **Blessing of Children** and the dedication to their Guardian Angel takes place after all Masses today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. The **Fall Festival** takes place in the Social Hall. There are no Vespers.



¶ PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to the parish, or your contact information has changed, please fill out a **registration card** and return it in the bookstore, collection, or office. These cards are available in the vestibule, near the rosaries.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK



The great feast of the North American Martyrs comes **Tuesday**, and the brother doctors, Ss. Cosmas and Damian, on **Wednesday**.

St. Wenceslaus brings us a bit of Christmas on **Thursday**, and on **Friday**, Michaelmas, we honor the great Archangel Michael on his dedication. St. Jerome, the saint of Sacred Scripture, is on **Saturday**.

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Boys Day: Saturday, Oct. 14
Forty Hours Devotion: Oct. 20-22
All Saints Sunday: October 29



THANK YOU to all who helped with the parish picnic!

Collection Report

Sunday, September 17th.....\$6,973.00
 Thank you for your generosity.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ROSARY SUNDAY

Roses will be available for purchase in the vestibule next Sunday, before the 9:00 AM Mass. They will be blessed at the Communion Rail after the High Mass, and should be carried in the **Rosary Procession** that follows. They are a powerful sacramental which you should take home with you. All Rosary Confraternity members should sit together at the High Mass, wearing their medals, and should walk with their banner afterwards in the procession. Extra roses may be available before the 11:30.

The **Rosary Confraternity Breakfast** follows the High Mass. All are welcome! Tickets for the breakfast may still be purchased. **Rosaries will be blessed**, with all the indulgences, during the announcements of each Mass. Other **religious articles** will be blessed after the *Low Masses*. The Second Collection is for our Oblate Sisters.

There will be **no Sunday Classes**. The day ends with Rosary Vespers and Benediction at 4:30 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal: Low Masses:** Pentecost XVIII, commemoration of St. Remigius. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** The Most Holy Rosary (Oct 7), second collect of Pentecost XVIII, third of St. Remigius. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVIII. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.



¶ PLEASE PRAY...

...for Sr. Mary Claretia, Nathan Harkleroad, and the repose of the souls of †Jerry Arlinghaus and †Lynn Vernon.

Fall Festival is Today!

Come back to the social hall & check out the
CRAFT BOOTHS

After 2nd and 3rd Mass

There's games and all sorts of fun outside

DUNKING BOOTH



SPEND SOME TIME & HAVE FUN!

Proceeds go to the Sodality of Charity

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

September 24: Commemorates the foundation of the Mercedarian Order and the apparition of Our Lady of Ransom. In this appearance she carried two bags of coins for use in ransoming Christians imprisoned by Moors. On August 10, 1218, the Mercedarian Order was legally constituted at Barcelona, Spain by King James of Aragon, and was approved by Pope Gregory IX on January 17, 1235. The Mercedarians celebrated their institution on the Sunday nearest to August 1st because it was on August 1, 1218 that the Blessed Virgin showed St. Peter Nolasco the white habit of the Order. This custom was approved by the Congregation of Rites on April 4, 1615. On February 22, 1696, it was extended to the entire Latin Church and the date changed to September 24th. St. Peter Nolasco (1189-1256) was the Founder of the Mercedarian Order.



Ye Angels and Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, Principalities and Powers, Virtues of the heavens, Cherubim and Seraphim! Bless the Lord forever.

300 days indulgence



GUARDIAN ANGELS

Remember your guardian angel. Not a plump lady with swan-wings! But—at least this is my notion and feeling—as souls with free-will, we are, as it were, so placed as to face God. But God is also behind us, supporting, nourishing us. The bright point of power where that life-line, that spiritual umbilical cord touches: there is our angel, facing two ways to God behind us in the direction we cannot see, and to us. But of course do not grow weary of facing God, in your free right and strength. If you cannot achieve inward peace, and it is given to few to do so in tribulation, do not forget that the aspiration for it is not a vanity, but a concrete act.

—J.R.R. Tolkien



Tumen Christi

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

The scattered, wandering flock
(John Mark Gauthier)

ANGELUS

Silently, unseen of us,
With sweet faces luminous
And with soft wings tremulous—

Angels, through the night and day,
Earthward, heavenward, take their way
To and fro in dense array.

Few may understand or know
How they come and how they go,
Silent, like great flakes of snow.

Ocean, while they travel it,
Smiles with calm broad face uplift,
Where not tale of time is writ.

Yes, and our dull hearts are stirred,
As though by their honeyed word
In utter loneliness o'erheard.

Dear God's angels! By His grace;
One day, in your far-off place,
We shall see each happy face;

And our love, by tongue untold,
Shall each one of you enfold
For our ignorance of old.



—Gems of Catholic Thought

COOL MORNING

Mid-August, even so, a faint hint, gift
of autumn momentarily—a sweet
soft breeze. With slender branches trees
entreat
a sift of foliage. Their fingers lift.
Then half a dozen paper leaves adrift
blow in and dance round summer-
sandalled feet,
though brief, their restlessness another
fleeting
sign of imminent and massive shift.
The season's on the very cusp. We'll see
the great sun climb and midday will be
hot
but morning now, as evening later,
spares
relentless sultriness, humidity
with temperate caress. Long-shadowed
autumn's
in the wings. The old earth cools,
prepares.

—Dorothy Pope

✠ LETTER FROM FATHER ✠

The Bishop's note has been demoted to Father's note this week, because **Bishop McGuire** is in Argentina doing a priestly ordination. Usually Bishops perform ordinations before doing a consecration, but Bishop McGuire has already performed the consecration of **Bishop Nkamuke** in May, and this is his first priestly ordination.

On September 11 we had a Requiem Mass for Fr. Anthony Cekada on the anniversary of his death. The name "Anthony" means "priceless one," and when he died three years ago, we truly lost something priceless. Though it is possible to match him in knowledge, no one can ever replace his wit and charm. And there can be no match for his big and sweet heart. Fr. Cekada helped and encouraged me so much on my road to the priesthood, and I still miss him and pray for him every day. One of our parishioners is putting together a new video by Fr. Cekada, which he recorded before his death. Thus, one more time, "he being dead yet speaketh." (Hebrews 11:4)

I took portraits of our Oblate Sisters of the Holy Face, who made their final Oblation on September 12. They are now wearing their full Oblate Sister attire, which includes a thicker veil and a black belt with their black Oblate dress. You can see the photos in the Sisters' latest newsletter, available at magnetofsouls.com/newsletter and on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Please also remember that we have an ongoing fundraiser for the Sisters at sggresources.org and contribute to it. Its success is essential for the growth of the Oblate group.

The fundraiser is important also for the training of our Seminarians, who, God willing and Our Lady interceding, will one day serve St. Gertrude the Great and her missions. Classes have started in our Seminary in Washington state. We have four Seminarians as students, and four priests as teachers. **Fr. Anthony Brueggemann** spends his afternoons giving classes to the Seminarians, and will travel there in October. Among other things he teaches Latin, the subject which was always hard for me in the Seminary. But eventually I did learn it, not only so that I could say Mass and the Divine Office, but also enough to start to like it, and teach it, too. An elderly gentleman in one of our missions once told me that he was always very slow to learn when he was in school; and when he finally learned enough Latin to start to serve, they changed the Mass to English! He thought that was it for serving, but decades later he got another chance, when the true Mass returned to his area, and he started to serve Mass with his own grandsons.

Our school started its semester this month. Its teachers and students contribute not only to the parish, but to our worldwide Internet apostolate, too, by singing the High Mass during the week. I thank Mark and Joan Lotarski, who recently retired from the school. For 25 years they have tirelessly worked not only for our little school, but for the whole

parish, offering even their spare time to help Bishop Dolan and Bishop McGuire in running St. Gertrude the Great Church. That work is very much appreciated and I'm grateful to them for all the help they give to the parish and to me personally.

Today we celebrate our Fall Festival, arranged by the members of the Sodality of Charity, our youth group for girls and young ladies. The Sodality now has 46 enrolled members, and at our monthly meetings we usually have about 30 attendants. The Sodalists also get a Mass celebrated for them once a month. The Knight Fathers, i.e. **Fathers Simpson** and Brueggemann, usually get about 15-20 attendants at their Knights of the Sacred Heart group sport meetings on Mondays.

St. Gertrude's is a place filled with parish activities, and October will be filled with action, too. Among the upcoming events we have Rosary Sunday, the altar servers' day, Forty Hours, and the All Saints party.

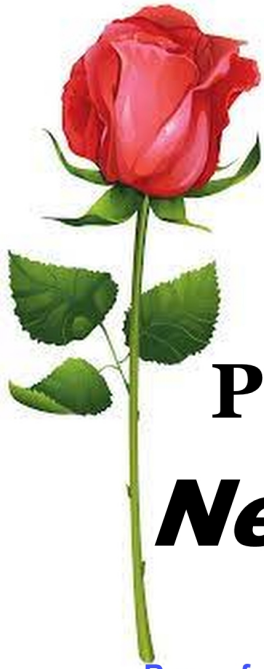
The happy day of our Sisters' final Oblation was followed by our Fatima Rosary procession for peace on September 13. There were 75 attendants who recited the full 15 decades of the Rosary in the beautiful cool weather. You still have one more chance this year to join us in prayer for true peace on October 13, which, as usual for October, will be done in candlelight.

Kevin Davis of Catholic Family Podcast recently interviewed Bishop Nkamuke, who just ordained two of his Seminarians to Major Orders. One of the remarkable things the Bishop said in the interview was that when **Fathers Ojeka** and **Okerulu** returned to Nigeria, he thought that now, with the extra help, his work would be a little bit easier. But the two young Fathers have been such zealous missionary workers, that now Bishop Nkamuke has even more work to do than before. He will take in four new Seminarians and also one minor Seminarian to his Sedes Sapientiae Seminary. Fr. Ojeka has two Oblate Sisters of his Guanellian Oblates of the Mother of Divine Providence to assist him in his parish and school.

This November 6 it will be ten years since Bishop Dolan ordained Bishop Nkamuke to the priesthood. That event was the start of this current expansion of the true Catholic Faith in Nigeria. This week, on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, it will be two years since Bishop Dolan consecrated **Bishop Rodrigo da Silva**, who now has an active apostolate in Mexico and in South America. All this good news from all over the world is an occasion of joy and gratitude for us. It shows that as much as we might miss Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada, all that work they did at St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church has not come to an end.

Yours in Christ and Mary,

Fr. Lehtoranta



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
PROCESSION & BREAKFAST
Next Sunday, October 1st

One rose for \$5 - Two roses for \$8 - Five roses for \$20

Roses for sale, Roses will be blessed and carried in the procession during the High Mass

MEMBERS SIT ON BV MARY'S SIDE & WEAR YOUR PIN

Communion Breakfast after the High Mass

\$10 each or \$35 a Family - Get your tickets today!

You don't need to be a member to enjoy the breakfast and the talk. Please come!

Tickets are available in the bookstore or find a young adult selling them after Mass

We will be serving: Sausage links, scrambled eggs, cheesy potato casserole, fruit & assorted desserts, coffee & orange juice

The speaker is Dr. Dan Stanislawski

WANT TO BE PART OF THE CONFRATERNITY?

Each member strives to pray fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity. Wonderful for the whole family.



Keep your ticket for entry & Sign your ticket for prize drawings

Prize drawings for: the books *Work of Human Hands*, *St. Gertrude History in Pictures*, Fatima basket with DVD, rosary, & scapular

Family Bluegrass Night & Potluck

**Thursday, October 5th
in Helfta Hall,
following the 5:00 PM
Holy Hour for Priests**



**The HOP RIVER BAND will be
playing from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.**



**Please bring a dish to
share for the potluck.**



Hop River Band

Bob Uhlenbrock, bass; Michael Simpson, vocals & dobro; Ben Capetillo, banjo; Tim Capetillo, fiddle; Dominic Simpson, vocals & guitar; Joe Capetillo, mandolin

✠ CALENDAR

MON	9/25/23	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop Nkamuke (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †Ina Harpen (<i>Rentschler</i>)
TUE	9/26/23	SS. ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MM SS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM 7:00 AM Low Mass †Phillip & †Barbara Schmelzer – 15 th anniversary (<i>A.M.B.</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Dennis Hille – 3 rd Death Anniversary (<i>J. Hille</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Goddaughters! (<i>Leanne Giese</i>)
WED	9/27/23	SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass For both of our Fathers – Happy Fathers Day (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giese</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Thank you, everyone that helped with the wedding & for the gifts (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giese</i>)
THU	9/28/23	ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M 7:00 AM Low Mass For both of our Mothers – Happy Mothers Day (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giese</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giese</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad! (<i>Your kids</i>)
FRI	9/29/23	DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Saavedra (<i>TRCS</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass For all benefactors during my illness (<i>Father James Thielen</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Frs. Simpson, Brueggemann, Okerulu & Ojeka (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	9/30/23	ST. JEROME, CD 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Ronald E. Kitchen (<i>Marge</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & Family</i>)
SUN	10/1/23	ROSARY SUNDAY PENTECOST XVIII • ST. REMIGIUS, BPC 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Dennis Ackerman 9:00 AM High Mass Rosary Confraternity Members Blessing of Roses, Rosary Procession, Rosary Confraternity Breakfast 11:30 AM Low Mass Bishop Bede Nkamuke – congratulations (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 4:30 PM Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Masses offered privately:

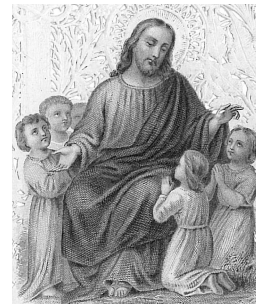
Fr. Simpson, Joseph & Michael – thank you! (*Theresa*)
In honor of the Queenship of Mary for the repose of the soul of †Mary McGuire

All Saints Sunday

Parents, it's time to be thinking of our traditional All Saints party, and to choose a saint for your children, as you prepare a costume and perhaps a little résumé for your children to learn. Please plan to be with us.

Contest Rules:

- 1) Choose a saint from the calendar. Our goal is to increase the knowledge and love of the saints among our children.
- 2) Please avoid the saints who get done year after year: St. Bernadette, St. Rose of Lima, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and go for a different saint whose life you and the children can study and prepare. A missal or calendar saint is best. At the same time, stay away from saints who are too obscure. Let's learn our missal saints! See you on October 29th!



THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN

Whoso shall receive one such little child in My Name, receives Me. Observe how He speaks, as if He would give you some great and urgent encouragement; not only does He give permission, but He promises a reward to those who dedicate children to Him. He not only bids us do the very thing we wish to do, but bestows on the doing it a second blessing.

He promises that if we bring children to Him for His blessing, He will bless us for bringing them; if we receive them for His sake, He will make it as if we received Himself, which is the greatest reward He could give us.

Thus, while we are engaged in this work of receiving children in His name, let us recollect, to our great comfort, that we are about no earthly toil; we are taking part in a joyful solemnity, in a blessed and holy ordinance, in which our Savior Christ not only comes to them, but spiritually into our own souls.

– *John Henry Cardinal Newman*

Servers

FRI 9/29	5:45 PM LOW: M. Simpson, B. Constantino
SAT 9/30	7:30 AM LOW: J. & L. Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Caggese
SUN 10/1	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: A. McClorey ACs: S. Richesson, C. VanderPutten TB: B. Constantino, P. & M. Caggese, L. & J. Rabjohns, N. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillo 4:30 PM VESPERS: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey