



# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## August 18, 2024

### PENTECOST XIII • WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. AGAPITUS, M • ST. HELENA, EMPRESS

#### ¶ PENTECOST XIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail today. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ THIS WEEK

This week we continue the Octave of the Assumption, which closes with the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Thursday**. Bring your intentions to Our Lady Health of the Sick on **Saturday**. Don't forget the Summer Novena on **Tuesday**! You may still submit your intentions.

#### ¶ OFFICE HOURS

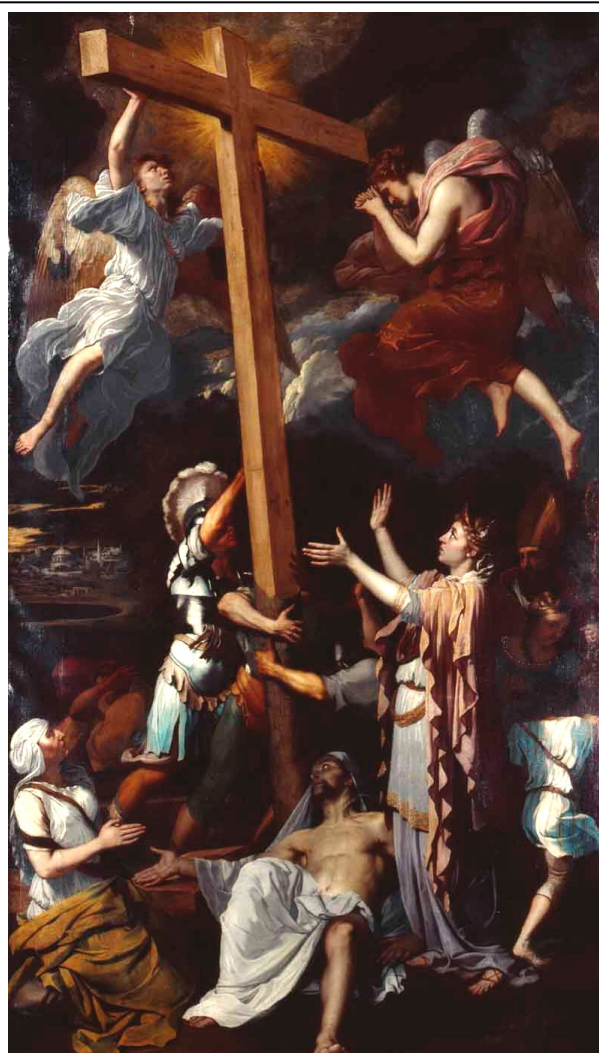
Please note that the church office will only be open from **11 AM to 2 PM** next week. **For emergencies only**, call the emergency number listed on the top of the bulletin.

**Congratulations** to Daniel and Roseanne Wright on the baptism of their son, Killian Anthony, on Thursday, August 15; and to Levi and Jacinta Giese on the baptism of their son, Lawrence Boniface, on Saturday, August 17.



#### Collection Report

Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,697.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



#### PRAYER TO ST. HELENA

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, meaning to enrich Thy Church through blessed Helena with a treasure beyond price, didst reveal to her the hiding-place of Thy Cross, grant, through her intercession, that the ransom paid on that life-saving wood may win us the rewards of everlasting life. Amen.*

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Please note, there will be **no Vespers** next Sunday.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XIV, second collect of St. Louis King IX, third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Patrick and Colleen Klabenes, who lost their baby, Lawrence, last Saturday. Please remember as well all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

#### HUMILITY

*"Humiliation is the touchstone of sanctity. You will acquire more merit by meekly receiving an affront than by fasting ten days on bread and water.*

*"After a fault do not be disturbed, and never despair even though you know that you are wanting in fidelity, and though you should fall again and again into the same fault. Repent immediately, and renew your promise of amendment, with confidence in God."*

— St. Alphonsus

#### ¶ LOOK AHEAD

**Sodality Meeting:** August 31

**Nativity of Mary:** September 8.  
Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings after the High Mass.

**Parish Picnic:** September 15

**Rosary Sunday:** October 6

**Fall Festival:** Sunday, October 20

**Forty Hours Devotion:** October 25-27.  
Opens Friday evening at 5:30; concludes Sunday evening at 6:30.

**All Saints Procession & Party:** Sunday, November 3

AVE MARIS STELLA

St. Bonaventure compares this life of ours to a turbulent sea into which sinners have fallen from the ship of Divine Grace.

The sea has always had its dangers. It has always taken its toll in spite of man's fumbling attempts to ensure safety and security. Mariners know that more than anyone else.

From our childhood days we are familiar with the Star of the Sea. For countless thousands lost on the sea of life, there is a Star that leads them to the port of Salvation.

Mary is that Star, with never a shadow upon it; the Star that shines highest and brightest in the heaven of faith, hope and love; the Star to which every wayward heart can turn; the Star of Heaven, with the light of Jesus in it, to guide the wanderer to the eternal harbor of rest.

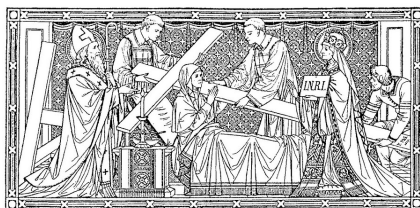
Mary is truly the Star of the Sea because she directs and guides those who are sailing the stormy sea of life, toiling against the billowing waves of trial and temptation; because she illumines and heartens those who are groping in the darkness of doubt and despair. Through that Name they receive joy and strength in their struggles to keep the right course and to arrive safely in the port of Salvation.

And so (in the words of St. Bernard) "If you feel yourself tossed by tempests in the midst of the shoals of this world, if the waves of pride threaten to swallow up your soul, look up to the Star, pray to Mary; if anger, avarice and the love of pleasure shive your frail bark, seek the eyes of Mary"—and you will in your own self realize how aptly it was said of old: "And the Virgin's name was Mary."



PRAYER BY ST. JOHN EUDES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O Heart all lovable and all loving of my Savior, be the Heart of my heart, the soul of my soul, the spirit of my spirit, the life of my life and the sole principle of all my thoughts, words and actions, of all the faculties of my soul, and of all my senses, both interior and exterior. Amen.



*"There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is Curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is Vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love." — St. Bernard*



THE ASSUMPTION

She's called again. And will she go?  
When Heaven bids come, who can say  
no?

Heaven calls her, and she must away;  
Heaven will not, and she cannot stay.  
Go, then, go, Glorious! on the golden  
wings  
Of the bright youth of Heaven, that sings  
Under so sweet a burthen. Go,  
Since thy great Son will have it so;  
And while thou goest, reach after thee.  
Hail, holy Queen of humble hearts!  
We in thy praise will have our parts;  
And though thy dearest looks must now  
give light  
To none but the blest Heavens, whose  
bright  
Beholders, lost in sweet delight,  
Feed for ever their fair sight  
With those divinest eyes, which we  
And our dark world no more shall see;  
Though our poor eyes are parted so,  
Yet shall our lips never let go  
Thy gracious name, but to the last  
Our loving song shall hold it fast.

Thy precious name shall be  
Thyself to us; and we  
With holy care will keep it by us.  
We to the last  
Will hold it fast,  
And no Assumption shall deny us.  
All the sweetest showers  
Of our fairest flowers  
Will we strew upon it:  
Though our sweets cannot make  
It sweeter, they can take  
Themselves new sweetness from it.

Maria, men and Angels sing  
Maria, Mother of our King.  
Live, rosy Princess! live; and may the  
bright  
Crown of a most incomparable light  
Embrace thy radiant brows. O may the  
best  
Of everlasting joys bathe thy white  
breast.  
Live, our chaste Love! the holy mirth  
Of Heaven, the humble pride of earth.  
Live, Crown of Women! Queen of Men!  
Live, Mistress of our song! and when  
Our weak desires have done their best,  
Sweet Angels come and sing the rest.

— from "On the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady" by Richard Crashaw

It is a rainy Friday morning as this is being written. Yesterday, the feast of Our Lady's Assumption, went very smoothly as far as the ceremonies go. The grotto looked very nice thanks to **Frs. Simpson** and **Brueggemann**, who have been working diligently to clean it up. They even had time to dye the water blue in honor of Our Lady!

**Fr. McKenna** mentioned that Black Cat was on the stone wall watching the clergy process to the grotto for the Blessing of Herbs. Frankly, I am glad I did not see him because that would have been too much of a funny distraction for me! But I am glad to know that our cats are Catholic cats who love Our Lady! Or maybe he had his eye on the goldfish in the grotto pond. Hmmm.

Mrs. Florence Swinney, after several years of very good work in our school, has moved on. Florence was one of our students from the very beginning and knew quite well how everything was to operate. Personally, I am sad to see her go. She was very good with the little ones and always had a well-organized and disciplined classroom; and she always had some interesting projects for the children to work on. Thank you, Florence, for all your years teaching!

Our Lord always takes such good care of us as can be seen once again in this situation. One very good teacher's departure leaves a big gap to fill, but Our Lord has provided us with two additional teachers for this year. Sister Regina, our newest oblate, will teach the Kindergarteners. I know she will do a fantastic job, as she is very good with children. Sister Ulrica will take the challenge of adding on the 1st graders to her already full schedule and Miss Mikesell will take on one more grade. Mr. Dominic Caggese also joins our staff this year and will be helping Dr. Stanislawski with the middle school and high school grades. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, always so faithful to his duties, will not only be teaching Religion and Latin in the school, but will be teaching two classes to our seminarians as well. As you can see, things continue to change here at St. Gertrude's!

The Oblates still need a house. I am sorry to say that with all the other duties here, I have not had time to go house hunting yet. After the last meeting with the architect a few months ago, we have put the rectory addition on hold for an indefinite amount of time. I would still like to purchase a house nearby for them so that they can live in their own community and still be close enough to the church that it will not be too hard for them to go back and forth. If anyone local has any leads on a house I would be most interested to hear about it.

I am going away for a much needed break this week.

Fr. McKenna will hold down the fort along with Fr. Lehtoranta for the next couple of weeks. We have the feast of the Immaculate Heart this Thursday. Come to Mass to honor her and to make reparation for all the offenses committed against her!

Yours in the Immaculate Heart,

**Bishop McGuire**



### ACT OF CONSECRATION

*The following Act of Consecration to Our Lady was written on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1894, by a young Seminarian in France who was destined to live and work among us for more than fifty years.*

I prostrate myself at thy feet, August Queen of Heaven and earth, dispenser of heavenly graces, model and protectress of virgins. Receive, this day, the irrevocable donation I make to thee of myself, consecrating to thee my body, my soul, my thoughts, affections and intentions. I desire to love thee and make thee loved out of the sheer gratitude I owe thee, rejoicing and blessing God for having exalted thee to the summit of glory in consideration of thy Divine Motherhood.

Mary, my sweet hope, I look to thee especially for the grace of being faithful to the sacred promises that bind me to thy Divine Son.

O holy Virgin, let not my unworthiness turn away from me thy eyes of mercy.

I unite this feeble consecration of myself with the dedication thou didst make of thyself to God on the day of thy Presentation in the Temple. I beseech thee to be pleased to offer this poor homage of mine along with the sacrifice Jesus once offered on the Cross and now renews upon our altars.

O Mary, I belong to thee: I look to thee for everything. Support me till the day of Eternity. Amen.

*—from the notebook of Fr. Alexander Guillaume, O.M.I., II I.*



*"Delight in prayer is no measure of our love of God. But if we bear difficulties patiently, resist the urgings of self-love resolutely, and fulfill our duties in life willingly; if we live trusting in Providence and desiring to be known only by God—then we will show that we truly love God! Such deeds are unmistakable signs of love. Let us always be faithful in doing God's will because all else is unworthy of the name of love." — St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

# ✠ CALENDAR

- MON 8/19/24 ST. JOHN EUDES, C**  
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA VI  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Special intentions (*KR*)  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** In honor of the Sorrowful Mother and Our Lady of Consolation for the Klabenes & Eldracher families (*Theresa Simpson*)
- TUE 8/20/24 ST. BERNARD, APCD**  
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA VII  
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Reparation to the Holy Face (*Collin Smith*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony (*Arlinghaus Family*)
- WED 8/21/24 ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W**  
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE  
 OUR LADY OF KNOCK  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA VIII  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Ronan Collier (*Fr. Brueggemann*)  
**5:10 PM Low Mass** Holy Souls (*Arlinghaus Family*)  
**Rosary Confraternity Rosary Making**
- THU 8/22/24 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**  
 Ss. TIMOTHY & COMPANIONS, MM  
 ASSUMPTION NOVENA IX  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Charlotte Kiernan (*Phyllis Kiernan*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Christopher Christensen (*Mary Christensen*)
- FRI 8/23/24 ST. PHILIP BENIZI, C**  
 VIGIL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** St. Dymphna  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** Grandpa Bischel, thank you for everything (*Sr. Ulrica*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 8/24/24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP**  
 OUR LADY HEALTH OF THE SICK  
**7:05 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Gene Kudzia (*Collin Smith*)  
**8:10 AM Salve, Sermon**  
**8:20 AM Low Mass** Special Intentions for the Kiernan family (*Phyllis Kiernan*)
- SUN 8/25/24 PENTECOST XIV**  
 ST. LOUIS, KING IX, C  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus (*Sr. Eulalia*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** For all our Ushers (*Joe Druecker*)  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Francis Puglielli (*Mom & Dad*)  
*N.B. No Vespers*  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## THE "HAIL MARY" PARAPHRASED FOR YOU



You are God's Mother; how could it be otherwise, since He Who was born of you was God Himself? But you are our Mother, too. What a comforting thought! But you are our Mother because your Divine Son, Jesus, is our elder Brother. He is God the Father's real Son, we are God's sons by adoption. That

gives us the right to call Him our Brother. Holy Mother of God, our Mother, you love us with ever such a tender love, you love us far more than our own earthly mother loves us. Remember, dear Mother, that Jesus, in those solemn hours when He hung upon the Cross, gave St. John to you as a son, and when he gave St. John to you, He gave in him and with him the whole human race, that it might consist of your children, dear Mother.

So, most holy Mother of God and Mother of us, we ask you to pray for us, who are only poor sinners. So often we have fallen, and you have prayed for us and we have risen again. So often, so very often. Go on praying, please Mother, oh, how we need your prayers. We need them *now*, ever so very, very much. Trials, temptations, dangers beset us on every side. Mother, cover us with the mantle of your prayer. Thus, only thus, shall we be safe. And...

...At the hour of our death? We shall need you then, Mother, so tender and so strong, perhaps more than ever before. It may be that the Evil One will make a last onslaught upon us then, a last effort to trap us, but what is the mean one compared with you, oh Mother. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Servers

- FRI 8/23** 5:45 PM **LOW:** P. Caggese, B. Constantino  
**SAT 8/24** 7:30 AM **LOW:** J. & L. Rabjohns  
 8:20 AM **LOW:** C. & M. Brueggemann  
**SUN 8/25** 7:30 AM **LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
 9:00 AM **HIGH:** MCS: C. & S. Richesson **TH:** N. Kolenich **ACS:** C. VanderPutten, M. Kolenich **TBS:** L. Rabjohns, F. & M. Caggese, B. & A. Constantino, J. Smith  
 11:30 AM **LOW:** Capetillos  
 5:45 PM **LOW:** *Volunteer Please!*

