

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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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

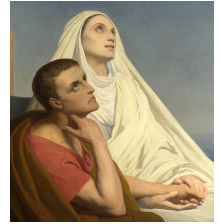
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EASTER II • ST. MONICA, W

¶ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The second collection today is for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers with Benediction and May Devotions at 4:45 PM.

¶ SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

First Wednesday is the Solemnity of great St. Joseph. A special High Mass is sung at 11:25 AM. Low Masses are at 8 AM and 5:10 PM.



¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Honor our Blessed Mother by participating in this short but sweet service. **3:10 PM** on school days. Check the calendar for weekend times.

OUR LADY'S COURT

We congratulate the following children who received an "A" from Fr. Lehtoranta on their First Communion test:

St. Catherine Award:

Agnes Brueggemann, who crowns our Lady.

Attendant: Bernadette Horton.

St. Thomas Aquinas Award:

Liam Lotarski, who is crown bearer.
Attendant: Dominic Alter.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 27th\$7,718.00

Thank you for your generosity.



Holy Mary, Mother of the Divine Shepherd

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Mothers Day, as well as the Sunday Solemnity of St. Joseph. The **May Crowning Procession** will take place after the High Mass. First Communicants should wear their First Communion clothes and sit in the front of church, to lead the procession after Mass. There will be no Sunday classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal: High Mass:** Solemnity of St. Joseph, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Easter III. Preface of St. Joseph. **Low Masses:** Easter III, second collect of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Preface of Easter.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

First Fatima Rosary Procession: Tuesday, May 13

Ascension Thursday: May 29

Confirmands' Day of Recollection (for children): Thursday, June 5

Confirmations: June 7

YAG 2025: July 11-13

Girls' Camp: July 22-24

Boys' Camp: July 29-31

¶ MOTHERS DAY ENVELOPES

Mass remembrance envelopes are available in the vestibule. To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass on Mothers Day, fill out an envelope and return to an usher or the bookstore today, or drop it off at the church office by Friday.

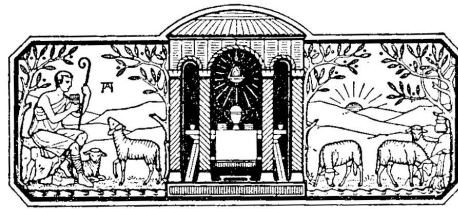


Congratulations to William & Kayla Long on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, May 3.

Next to Mary, too, St. Joseph is in closest relationship forever to Him who called, and calls him “Father,” and whose love is not less for him in heaven than it was on earth. How close, then, is St. Joseph to God in relationship, in office, in the beauty and nobility of soul given by grace and by perfect cooperation with grace! How great, therefore, his place and power among the “great cloud of witnesses” as patron and advocate to those whom his Foster-Son has redeemed!

We cannot doubt that the saints in heaven are particularly interested in matters concerning us in regard to which they themselves had special experiences when on earth. This is proved by the practice of the Church in choosing patrons amongst the saints for various spiritual objects, and in selecting them on account of events in their life-history, or virtues they had, or works they carried on. So she has chosen St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, at Nazareth, to be patron and protector of her own universal family of God’s children upon earth. He is patron, too, of a happy death, who died the happiest death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. He is patron of the life of spiritual perfection, who learned his own spirituality from God in the flesh and from Mary, God’s sinless, perfect, immaculate Mother, in their daily company in the Holy House.

We should be doing a foolish thing if we neglected to honor and invoke this great and holy saint; especially if we neglected to ask him often—daily at the least—to obtain for us the final grace of a happy death, without which all successes are vain, by which all failures are made good, attaining which we gain our great end—the victory which will crown us as princes with him in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father. — *The Ave Maria*



Lumen Christi

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

For all my intentions especially a good death for all my relatives & myself
(*Marie Arribasplata*)

Lumen Christi intention from Easter Sunday:
Conversion of loved ones (*Janice Lobo*)



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH FOR HIS SOLEMNITY

(Can be said for 30 days or as a 9 day novena)

O Glorious Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the favor we now implore. (*Add your petition here*)

O Glorious St. Joseph! Through the love thou bearest to Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist us!

ST. JOSEPH

As Mary sat at Jesus’ feet
And spake no word,
So Joseph heavenly messengers
In silence heard.

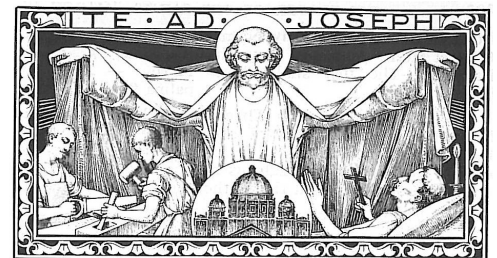
His life was just one listening,
Steadfast and still,
In faith to learn, in love to do
One Blessed Will.

— *Elizabeth Merryweather*



“Good is never done except at the expense of those who do it; truth is never enforced except at the sacrifice of its propounders. At least they expose their own inherent imperfections if they incur no other penalty; for nothing could be done at all if a man waited till he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.”

— *Cardinal Newman*



It is strange that in life we recognize the right of every criminal to have a fair, open trial, and yet we condemn unheard the dear friends around us on merely circumstantial evidence. We rely on the uncertain evidence of our senses, trust it implicitly, and permit it to sweep away like a mighty tide the faith that has been ours, perhaps for long years.

— *Anon, The Ave Maria*

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

This entire Easter season seems to be much busier than usual. The Friday before last was very hectic as we had the Funeral Mass of Tom Simpson, which was carried out quite nicely. Still, there was a Greater Litanies procession, High Mass, and Benediction to be done in the evening. We managed to put it together with Sisters Eulalia and Regina singing the Mass parts, and **Fathers McKenna** and **Simpson** chanting the propers. It was a smaller than usual procession, but still quite impressive seeing as how so much had already been done that day. **Bishop Selway** joined us for all the ceremonies.

Mark the Lamb was a big hit this past Sunday. Bishop Dolan once brought in a lamb for Shepherd Sunday and showed it to the parishioners, and probably also gave some eloquent speech about lambs and shepherds. Mark was a bit timid at first, but by the end of the High Mass he was frolicking with people, especially the kids. Little Ivy Moore was well liked by the lamb. Casimir Smith, a real animal lover (so I hear), became fast friends with Mark the Lamb. You can see



the picture below! Mark was gone after the third Mass and everyone who was hoping to see him thought that maybe the paschal lamb had been taken away to be roasted. Don't worry! He went home where he continues to frolic as a lamb ought.

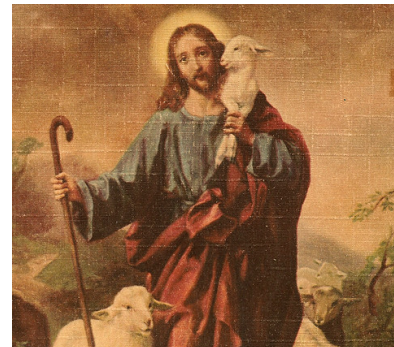
Congratulations to William and Kayla Long on receiving the sacrament of Matrimony yesterday on the feast of the Holy Cross. I am confident that this will be a good marriage. May Our Lord grant them, through Our Lady's intercession, many holy and happy years together. This is the first of many weddings coming up. Edward Fernandez and Renee Arlinghaus are to be wed this Thursday, the feast of the Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel. Michael Hudson and Marcie Arlinghaus are scheduled for a July wedding, I believe. It is a wonderful thing to see so many weddings at our church because it is a sign of continuity. As you know, there is a war being waged against the Catholic family. We see this in many ways in society. It becomes all the more imperative that we hold fast to the Catholic

Church's laws concerning marriage.

Fr. McKenna has been trying to put together a draft of the summer travel schedule, which always includes the different events that we have here and in other missions. Because Easter was so late this year, we go all the way to the end of June with big ceremonies and feast days. Pentecost Sunday, Trinity Sunday (and Graduation Day), Corpus Christi, First Holy Communions, the parish bonfire, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the feasts of the Sacred Heart and Saints Peter and Paul. July is filled with camps and YAG, and even a trip to Mexico for me. It does make it hard to schedule vacations, but God must come first.

It is the month of Our Lady. Have you made your home May Altar? It is not too late to do so, and it will be an incentive to the family to honor Our Lady more this month than at other times. It is, after all, through Mary's hands that we receive every grace. It is to her, our Mother and Queen, that we should often turn. Hail Mary, full of grace...!

– Bishop McGuire



“The Eternal Father, wishing to show all possible mercy, besides giving us Jesus Christ, our principal advocate with Him, was pleased also to give us Mary, as our advocate with Jesus Christ.”

– St. Bernard

“If the Creator comes on earth in the form of a servant and a creature, why may not His Mother, on the other hand, rise to be the Queen of Heaven, and be clothed with the sun, and have the moon under her feet?” – Newman



✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/5/25	ST. PIUS V, PC 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Intentions of Fr. Lehtoranta (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/6/25	ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE 8:00 AM Low Mass †Thomas Simpson (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Kirby & †Jean Bischel (<i>Richard & Gloria Zbilicki</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass †Nancy Seyfried (<i>JCS</i>)
WED	5/7/25	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH ST. STANISLAUS, BPM 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention deceased 11:25 AM High Mass In honor of St. Joseph – Thanksgiving & continued petition (<i>TRCS</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:10 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Florence Swinney</i>)
THU	5/8/25	APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL <i>OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass For Patty Zwick – special intentions (<i>Phyllis Kiernan</i>) 8:30 AM High Mass †Guido Sabella (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 11:00 AM Nuptial Mass Edward Fernandez & Renee Arlinghaus 3:10 PM May Devotions
FRI	5/9/25	ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass Genevieve Marie (<i>KR</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass †Maureen Reynolds (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Special intention – recovery (<i>The Stafford family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	5/10/25	ST. ANTONINUS, BPC SS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Gerry Keaveney – Happy Birthday 2/21 (<i>The Wilker Family</i>) 8:05 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Nick, Katie & their baby (<i>Sr. U</i>) Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	5/11/25	EASTER III • MOTHER'S DAY • MAY CROWNING 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Craig Brink (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass "Thou knowest, O Lord" (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>) May Crowning Procession 11:30 AM Low Mass The soul of †Dolores Noe (<i>Jim & Diana Kolibob</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Where dost Thou pasture Thy sheep, O Good Shepherd, who carries all Thy flock upon Thy shoulders? For the one lamb which Thou didst take up is the entire human race which Thou didst raise upon Thy shoulders. Show me then the place

of pasture, make known to me the waters of rest, lead me out to the good grass, call me by my name that I, Thy sheep, may listen to Thy voice, and mayest Thy call be the gift of eternal life.

Show me, O Thou whom my soul lovest (Cant. 1:7). This is the Name I give Thee, for Thy Name is above all names (Phil. 2:9) and is inexpressible and inaccessible to all rational creatures. But this Name expresses Thy goodness, and the attitude of my soul towards Thee. How could I not love Thee, who hast loved me so much...so as to lay down Thy life for the sheep whose shepherd Thou art? There can be no greater love than this, to lay down Thy life for my salvation.

Show me, then, she says, where Thou feedest (Cant. 1:6), that I may find the pasture of salvation and be filled with the food of heaven, which all men must eat if they would enter into life. And running to Thee, the source, I shall drink the draught Thou sendest forth for those who thirst; this water pours from Thy side ever since the spear laid open that vein, and whoever tastest of this shall become a fountain springing up into life everlasting (John 4:14).

If Thou dost shepherd me in this way, Thou wilt make me to lie down in the midday (Cant. 1:7), and then in peace at once I shall sleep and rest (Ps. 4:9) in the light that knows no shadow. – *St. Gregory of Nyssa*

SERVERS

FRI 5/9 5:45 PM LOW: A. Constantino, F. Caggese

SAT 5/10 7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns
8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, T. & J. Capetillo

SUN 5/11 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. & S. Richesson TH: F. Caggese ACS: P. & M. Caggese TBS: B. & A. Constantino, N. & J. Hudson, I. Smith, L. Rabjohns
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, A. Constantino CROSS: F. Caggese
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey