

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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August 3, 2025
PENTECOST VIII
FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN

¶ PENTECOST VIII

The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. The Second Collection is for our Oblates. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday is the feast of St. Dominic, the saint of the Rosary. We continue our Summer Novena to St. Anthony and Our Mother of Perpetual Help on **Tuesday**, the feast of the Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows. Ss. Cajetan and Donatus come on **First Thursday**, and the Fourteen Holy Helpers on **Friday**. St. John Vianney's feast is **Saturday**.

¶ THE TRANSFIGURATION

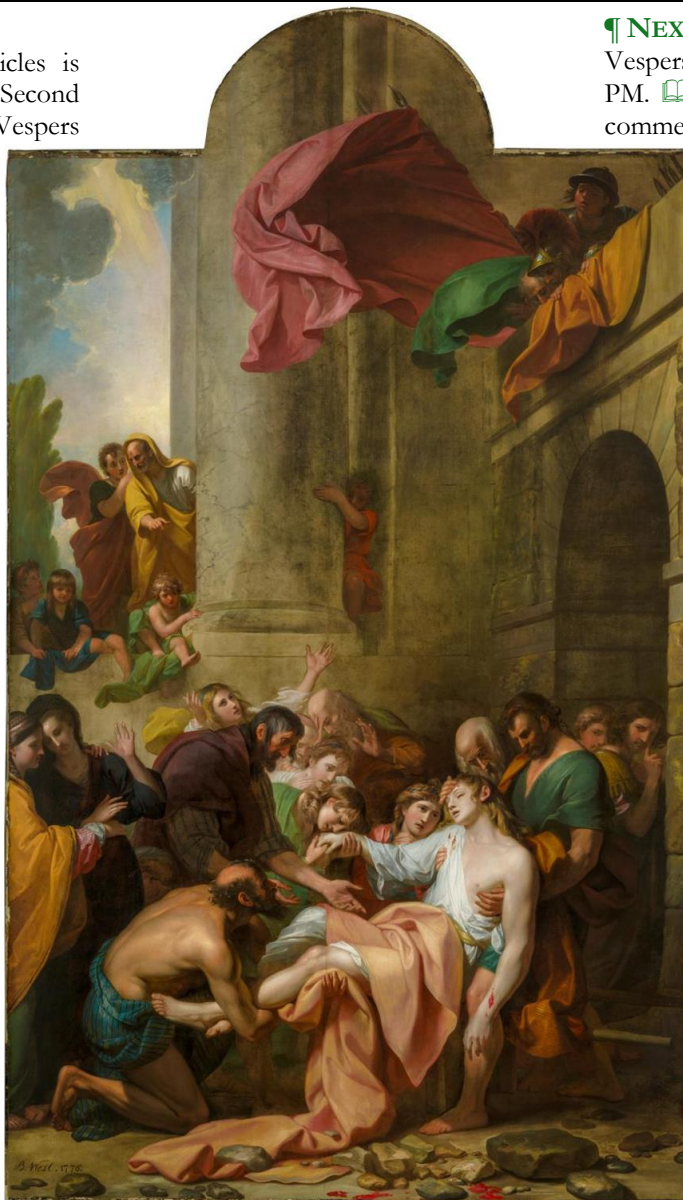
Wednesday is the great feast of the Transfiguration, feast of faith and adoration. The High Mass is at 5:10 PM. It is also First Wednesday. Don't forget to honor St. Joseph!

¶ HOLY HOUR


There will be a holy hour for priests on **First Thursday**, beginning with Mass at 5 PM. The altar servers' pizza party will follow.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 27th.....\$7,156.00



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ST. LAWRENCE

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** St. Lawrence, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost IX. Trinity Preface.

¶ FESTIVAL DETAILS

As always, we will have our pie contest, food, crafts, games, and lots of fun!

The pie contest is open to girls, boys, men, and women! Rules of the contest: You must bake a pie! But seriously, you can bring up to three pies (but they must be different flavors.) One piece will be set aside for judging and the rest will be sold. Whoever earns 1st place will walk away with \$50! 2nd and 3rd place will also be awarded with a prize.

Booth registration is now open! If you are interested in a craft booth please email Cora at 17penguinfun@gmail.com or text 859-655-5533. In your message please include what you would like to sell and if you would like a half or whole table. A full table is \$25 and a half table is \$13. Payment is due no later than August 31st. Any proceeds from your crafts are yours to keep! Space is limited so first come first serve.

Happy crafting!

¶ LOOK AHEAD

Tuesday, August 13: Rosary Procession
Assumption: Thursday, August 15
Fall Festival: Sunday, September 7
Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 21



OUR GREAT QUEEN

Humility brought about the triumph of Jesus and so must also be the cause of Mary's glory.... By a marvelous exchange, humility enriches by stripping away, because it restores all that it takes away. Nothing is more fitting to humility than these words of St. Paul: *as having nothing, and yet possessing everything* (2 Cor 6:10)....

It is now for us to pay our respects to this great Queen and, seeing her so close to her Son, to pray her to assist us by her all-powerful intercession. O holy, blessed Mary, because you are with Jesus, enjoying a holy and blessed familiarity with Him, speak for us to His Heart. Speak, and your Son will listen. We do not ask you for human glory. Obtain for us only that humility by which you have been crowned. May all those who celebrate your triumph enter profoundly into the knowledge that there is no glory except that which is founded upon humility and nothing truer than the words of the Gospel: the one who humbles himself in this life shall be exalted forever in the eternal joy to which we are being led by the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

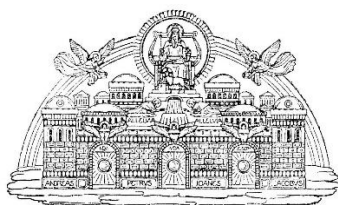
— Bp. Jacques-Benigne Bossuet



¶ REGARDING "TRADMEETUP"

St. Gertrude's offers a great opportunity for young people of like mind to get together at its annual YAG. The clergy of Most Holy Trinity Seminary also offer a young people's get together which can be attended.

However, St. Gertrude the Great Church in no way supports the TradMeetups (in fact, neither does the clergy at Immaculate Conception or at the SSPX, for that matter). The reason is that it fosters friendships, and potentially even marriages, among people of different essential theological positions (e.g. the Una Cum issue). Often-times, there is a danger of compromising on these essential points.



If we loved God, we would love crosses, we would desire them, we would take delight in them. We would be happy to have it in our power to suffer for love of Him Who vouchsafed to suffer so much for us.

Do you say that this is hard? No, it is consoling, it is sweet, it is happiness even!... Only we must love in suffering, we must suffer and love.

Oh! what sweetness those souls experience in suffering who are all for God! Suffering to them is as vinegar mingled with a great deal of oil: the vinegar is always vinegar, but its acidity is scarcely perceived, so disguised is it by the plentiful admixture of oil.

There is no happiness in this world except for those who possess tranquility of soul; and these, amid the trials of life, taste the joy of the children of God.

— St. John Vianney

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

The love of God is abroad in our hearts,
Quiet love, strong love, peaceful love.
Touched by the Finger of God into flame.

Great love, burning love, glowing love,
Spread by His Spirit who dwells in us.

For who can be good unless loving good?
Patient love, steady love, humble love.
Or continue in good unless fervent in love?

Believing love, hoping love, enduring love,
Spread by His Spirit who dwells in us.

— James Rogan



ACT OF CHARITY

I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart, all my soul, all my strength; I love Thee as my Creator, my Redeemer, my Sanctifier, the author of my happiness, my greatest benefactor; but yet I love Thee more because Thou art the Supreme Good, infinitely worthy of all love. For love of Thee, I love my neighbor as myself, even my enemies and persecutors, because Thou commandest me to love them. For love of Thee, I also repent of all my sins, I hate and detest them, not out of fear of punishment, but because thereby I have offended Thee, O Supreme Good! In Thy love, O my God, I will live, and in Thy love I long with ardor to die. Amen.

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Sometimes I am not sure where the time goes. The days and the weeks pass by so quickly anymore. Surely, many of you feel the same way! Here it is August already, the beautiful month of the Immaculate Heart and a month filled with quite a few of our favorite feasts. May Our Lady help us to profit from the lessons of such great feast days and saints!

The boys' camp ended on Friday afternoon after a rainy morning. The storms passed by but the clouds never lifted. Still, the Fathers and the boys went to the park for an afternoon of fun and games as is their wont. Very much unlike the girls' camp, the boys spend much of the time off church property, although they are here in the mornings for Mass and breakfast and then come back in the evenings for Rosary, supper, and Compline. Well, everyone says that the camp was great and that all things went smoothly. Deo gratias for that! The Sisters spent the day Wednesday with some of the younger girls, taking them to the park for the morning and then coming back to church for pizza and games. The social life here at church is very active these days!

It is quiet without **Fr. McKenna** around, but it is good for him to get away for a while. He texted a few days ago and seems to be having a relaxing time. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is at St. Hugh's this weekend and will be making one more trip to the missions this summer and has already planned out who he is going to visit while he is there. Father has always been very well organized and is a good planner. **Fr. Brueggemann** is staying here with me and the three seminarians for the weekend, and poor **Fr. Simpson** goes right from camp to the southern missions. Our seminarians are with us here at church for a few more days and have been good company as well as helpful souls. Alphonso did a fine job at the organ this past week and seems to have made a lot of improvements in his playing since last I heard him. Josh served as subdeacon for the Solemn High Mass on the feast of St. Martha—and did an excellent job. That is the news about our clergy...for now.

Sr. Ulrica has been working on updating some of our websites and just finished traditionalmass.org. I don't think that much was added, but it was definitely cleaned up and made more accessible. She is working on sgg.org as well. I do not know how these young people do these sorts of thing, but they do.

There are quite a few projects needing to be done around church, but what else is new. One of the school's air conditioning units went out some months ago, but still isn't fixed. A unit at the rectory and another at the

convento just went out this past week. The flower cooler in the annex is leaking some sort of brown liquid. A panel of the siding finally fell off of the front of the convento. All these repairs need to be made. We are still slowly trying to get the cloister floor finished. The pond at the grotto is being worked on, but should look very nice in time for the Assumption. We still need to get the sanctuary floor fixed. If you look close enough, you will notice that the floor is uneven from when the supports broke a number of years ago. The rectory addition project is getting done, but is moving at a very slow pace. These projects have been on our list for a long time, but will hopefully get done in the very near future. Please say a prayer or two to that effect.

Thursday is First Thursday! If you can, come to the evening Holy Hour to pray for priests and for vocations. We desperately need more priests to carry the Mass and sacraments to souls, as well as to preach the unadulterated supernatural truths of the Faith. The hour at church will not be wasted time!

— Bishop McGuire



THE ONE THING NECESSARY

O my God, help me to remember that time is short, eternity long. What good is all the greatness of this world at the hour of death? To love You, my God, and save my soul is the one thing necessary. Without You, there is no peace of mind or soul. My God, I need fear only sin and nothing else in this life, for to lose You, O God, is to lose all. O my God, help me to remember that I came into this world with nothing, and shall take nothing from it when I die. To gain You, I must leave all. But in loving You, I already have all good things, the infinite riches of Christ and His Church in life, Mary's motherly protection and perpetual help and the eternal dwelling place Jesus has prepared for me. Eternal Father...give me a burning faith, a joyful hope, a holy love for You. Grant me perseverance in doing Your will and never let me be separated from You. My God and my All, make me a saint. Amen.

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

✠ CALENDAR

✠ SAINT CORNER

MON 8/4/25 ST. DOMINIC, C
8:00 AM Low Mass Herve & Cecilia Soquet-Juglard (*Aubrey & Eliza Uhlenbrock*)
11:25 AM Low Mass Anna Siqueira – Happy Birthday (*Your family*)

TUE 8/5/25 DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM Low Mass Herve & Cecilia Soquet-Juglard (*The Uhlenbrocks*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Paul McGill & Family (*Karen Simpson*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Tom Simpson & Karen (*Joe & Kathy Bayer*)

WED 8/6/25 THE TRANSFIGURATION • FIRST WEDNESDAY
 SS. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass Ruby Shultz (*Collin Smith*)
11:25 AM Low Mass Gwen Uhlenbrock – Happy Birthday (*Nana & Grandpa*)
5:10 PM High Mass John Seyfried & his intentions (*The Bookstore thanks you*)

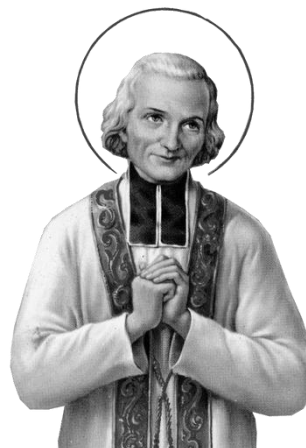
THU 8/7/25 ST. CAJETAN, C • ST. DONATUS, BPM
 FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS
7:00 AM Low Mass For all the anniversaries of our Bishop & priests (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire's intentions (*Smith family*)
5:00 PM Holy Hour: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
Alter Servers' Pizza Party

FRI 8/8/25 SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM
 FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention (*Janet Strauss*)
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Steve Crothamel & Family (*Karen Simpson*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass For our dear cousin †Tom Brislin (*Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 8/9/25 ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C • VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE
 ST. ROMUALD, M • ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM
7:05 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Michael R. (*KR*)
8:05 AM Salve, Sermon
8:15 AM High Mass Our Parents & Godparents (*The Wilker Family*)

SUN 8/10/25 ST. LAWRENCE, M • PENTECOST IX
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Peter Okerulu (*Michelle Lodrini*)
9:00 AM High Mass The Childers family (*The Caggese family*)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Grace M. Druecker (*Joe Druecker*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THEY ATE AND WERE SATISFIED



To sustain the soul in the pilgrimage of life, God looked over creation and found nothing that was worthy of it. He then turned to Himself and resolved to give Himself. O my soul, how great you are, since nothing less than God can satisfy you! The food of the soul is the Body and Blood of God! Oh, admirable Food! If

we considered it, it would make us lose ourselves in that abyss of love for all eternity! How happy are the pure souls that have the happiness of being united to our Lord by Communion! They will shine like beautiful diamonds in heaven, because God will be seen in them.

Our Lord has said, *Whatever you shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it to you.* We should never have thought of asking of God His own Son. But God has done what man could not have imagined....

When we have just received Communion, if we were asked, "What are you carrying away to your home?" we might answer, "I am carrying away heaven." A saint said that we were Christ-bearers. It is very true; but we have not enough faith. We do not comprehend our dignity....

When we have the good God in our heart, it ought to be very burning. The heart of the disciples of Emmaus burnt within them from merely listening to His voice.

– St. John Vianney



Servers

FRI 8/8 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 8/9 7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns
8:15 AM HIGH: A., T. & J. Capetillo
SUN 8/10 7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: C. Brueggemann, D. Simpson **TH:** J. Rabjohns **ACs:** T. England, M. Caggese **TBs:** B. & A. Constantino, I. Smith, M. Drevenak, V. Horton, P. Caggese
11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson **ACs:** I. Smith, A. & B. Constantino
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey