

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 17, 2025

PENTECOST X

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OCTAVE OF ST. LAWRENCE

¶ PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses 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 **Friday**. Don't forget the Summer Novena on **Tuesday**! You may still submit your intentions. The Sodality of Charity meets on **Saturday** after the High Mass.

¶ OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office will only be open from **11 AM to 2 PM each day this week**. For emergencies only, call the emergency number listed at the top of the bulletin. Regular office hours resume on August 27th.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE – PENTECOST XI

Next Sunday is also the feast of Our Lady, Health of the Sick. The Blessing of the Sick will be given at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XI. Preface of the Apostles.

¶ SUNDAY CATECHISM

Sunday Catechism Classes start on **September 14th**. Sign-ups will be available on August 24th and 31st in the parish office.

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Fall Festival:** September 7
- **Nativity of Mary:** September 8. Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings after the High Mass, followed by a birthday party for Baby Mary.
- **Parish Picnic:** Sunday, September 21. Winton Woods, Butterfly Bluff Shelter.
- **St. Martin Men's Group:** September, date TBA
- **Rosary Sunday:** October 5
- **Forty Hours:** October 24-26. Opens Friday evening at 5:30; concludes Sunday evening at 6:30.
- **All Saints Procession & Party:** Sunday, November 2.

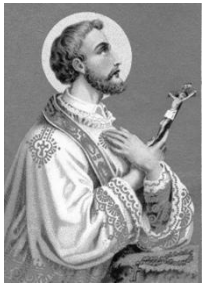
¶ SEPTEMBER MARIAN FEASTS

Envelopes are in the vestibule for the September Quadrium in Honor of Our Lady. Submit your intentions for these four great Marian feasts. The envelopes can be returned in the collection basket, bookstore, or office.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 10th.....\$9,927.00

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER AND OUR LADY

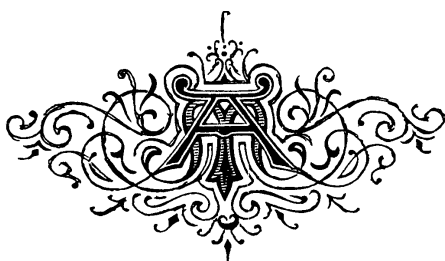


St. Francis Xavier, who like the apostles was called to preach the faith in far countries, was sustained in all his labors by the protection of the

Blessed Virgin, whose devout client and servant he was. He had such vivid faith in her intercession that he had recourse to her for every grace. In the Church of Our Lady at Montmartre in Paris (1534) he consecrated himself to the apostolic life on the feast of her Assumption, and in her church at Loreto he received the interior call to go to India. To publicly acknowledge himself a servant of Mary, he wore her Rosary on his breast.

When the Saint explained the doctrines of our holy religion to the Oriental people among whom he labored, he was wont to close with the *Salve Regina*, entreating the Mother of grace to preserve the Faith to these people. Often he spent the whole night in a church in prayer, usually before a picture of the Blessed Virgin. To her he went for help in his own affairs and in those of his spiritual children, imploring her intercession with a childlike trust. He had a particular veneration for the mystery of the Immaculate Conception and made a vow to defend it with all his power. Dying, he fervently called upon Mary and gave up his saintly spirit into her hands and those of her divine Son.

— Fr. Lasance, "Our Lady Book"

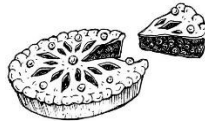


¶ FESTIVAL NEWS

The dunk booth will be returning at the Fall Festival this year. Get your aim ready to dunk a fellow or two!

I hope you work up an appetite with all your bullseyes and come get some food and pie! The food menu will be different this year consisting of Texas Chili and Hot Dogs. To top it off, you can buy a slice of your favorite pie. We get quite the variety so surely we will have your favorite!

Don't forget to bake a pie and try your talent for the \$50 prize!



O Mother of perfect love, behold my miserable heart, together with the hearts of all my brethren; take full and entire possession of them; destroy whatever is displeasing, unite them to thine and make them, after the example of thy Admirable Heart, glow as ardent lamps of fire and flame.

— St. John Eudes

LADY DAY IN IRELAND

Through the long August day, mantled blue with a sky of Our Lady,
They are there at the well from the dawn till the sea birds go home;
And the trees bending down with broad leaves offer spots that are shady,
Where the heart is at rest, sighing prayers till the shadows are come.

The brown beads and the crucifix pass in procession through fingers
That are pale as the snow or are hardened from labor and pain.
In each Ave they whisper the deep Celtic tenderness lingers,
Like a sweet phrase in song that is echoed and echoed again.

Marching down the white road with the sun in the noon of his splendor
Are the children, with joy in the blue of their innocent eyes;
In their hearts is a song, breaking forth into words that are tender,
Unto her with the gold of the stars and the blue of the skies.

In the still summer air there's a chorus of minstrelsy breaking,
There are flashes of gold with a flutter and waving of wings:
Mary's birds are they, come with the dawn, all the green woods forsaking,
Every heart in them breaking for love with the message it brings.

Through the calm August day, with Our Lady's blue sky far above them,
And beyond the grey mountains where slumbers the Irish green sea,
There they speak to her, weep while they pray to her, beg her to love them,
Till beyond the bright stars where their home and their treasure shall be.

— P.J. Carroll, C.S.C



Two cats down, one to go! One of our parishioners has graciously offered to treat the cats for fleas and such. Fat Cat has managed to hide himself pretty well thus far, but sooner or later we will catch him so that he can be taken care of. Poor fellow...he is always scratching and itching! Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for your kind assistance!



Fr. Brueggemann and his brothers finished the grotto in time for the Assumption, and Sisters Eulalia and Ulrica planted some flowers and laid mulch around the pond to add to its beauty. Now, we are waiting for someone to come in and switch on the power for the fountain. It is Wednesday as I write this, so we are hopeful that this will be done in time for Our Lady's great feast day.

It will be a quiet week here at St. Gertrude the Great. **Fr. Simpson** and I will be gone, as will the Sisters. Poncho has kindly volunteered to come and help in the sacristy while everyone is away. Oh, but there will still be plenty of Masses throughout the week, aside from Monday when there is only one. Don't worry, we won't let that happen too often in the future since most Masses are well attended on Monday.

This Saturday is the Sodality Meeting, don't forget! Some of the men will also be coming to do some more tile work on the floor of the cloister. When it is all done it should look really great! We are all very excited to see it getting accomplished. Thank you to the men who are working so hard to make it happen!

The Assumption Novena continues this week and ends on the feast of the Immaculate Heart. Bring your intentions to Our Lady—she never disappoints!

— **Bishop McGuire**

PRACTICE

Be patient. Look on the trials and sufferings of life as the best preparation for eternity. Ask Our Lady to help you to "run in the way of God's commandments" so that you may rejoice forever with her in heaven.

Let your watchword be that of St. Aloysius: "*Quid hoc ad aeternitatem?*"—"What will this count for eternity?" or, "How does this look in the light of eternity?" Be kind; be generous.

Don't go to heaven alone! Take somebody with you. Pray to our blessed Lady; pray as long as you have breath in your body—never despair and never give up hope that your loved ones, no matter how far their footsteps have wandered, will one day stand with you before the Great White Throne. — *Fr. Lasance, "Our Lady Book"*

ON THE ASSUMPTION

What, then, had taken place? Something foreshadowed ages before by the carrying up of the Ark to Jerusalem, with all the pomp and circumstance of David's solemn procession. In a very real sense Mary was the Ark of God. The Ark of old was formed of incorruptible wood; the Mother, whose pure bosom had been the dwelling place of God's only begotten Son, was always free



from the taint of corruption wrought by Adam's transgression. The material Ark was overlaid both within and without with pure gold; Mary's interior life was resplendent with every virtue. Of her the psalmist sings: "The glory of the King's daughter is within golden borders, clothed round about with varieties" (Ps 44:14-15). Her life in the eyes of men, moreover, was a perfect example of holiness; she was "the Queen...in gilded clothing" (Ps 44:10).

That twenty-third psalm, applied by the Church to Christ's glorious Ascension, may be fittingly adapted, as we have said, to Mary's entry into the courts of heaven. For she had been in closest union with her Son on earth, conformed with Him also in His triumph after death. God would not suffer His "Holy One to see corruption" in the tomb. After three days, He would raise her to immortal life, and His angels would bear her to realms of bliss.

How far more magnificent that progress than the transfer of the material Ark of old! In place of David, King of the earthly Jerusalem, the "Prince of the kings of the earth" (Apoc 1:5) is foremost in welcoming her to the tabernacle prepared for her. No guard of honor composed of mere earthly warriors, however noble and distinguished, is worthy to escort her: hosts of radiant angels fill the expanse of heaven to do her honor. In place of the feeble strains of earthly melodies from human lips, the canticles of heaven resound, poured forth by angelic voices. Instead of harp and psaltery and golden cymbal, are heard celestial harmonies of ravishing sweetness.

— *Dom Michael Barrett (d. 1924)—Benedictine priest, historian, author, and monk of St. Benedict's Abbey in Fort Augustus, Scotland.*

✠ CALENDAR

✠ SAINT CORNER

MON	8/18/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. AGAPITUS, M • <i>ST. HELENA, EMPRESS</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
TUE	8/19/25	ST. JOHN EUDES, C • WITHIN THE OCTAVE SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass †Ryan J. Greenwell 8:00 AM Low Mass Kellan Quinn on your Baptism (<i>Mom & Dad</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Agnes Fabaz (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>)
WED	8/20/25	ST. BERNARD, ABCD WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire & his intentions 8:00 AM Low Mass Bernadette Horton – Congratulations on your Confirmation! (<i>Sr. Magdalen</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel 3 rd anniversary (<i>Matthew Hardin</i>)
THU	8/21/25	ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:00 AM Low Mass Father Ronald Ringrose (<i>KR</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls for prayers answered (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Uilliam Downes</i>)
FRI	8/22/25	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SS. TIMOTHY & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Sr. U</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Dale Wilker – Happy Birthday (<i>The Stafford Family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	8/23/25	ST. PHILIP BENIZI, C VIGIL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW 8:00 AM Confessions 8:15 AM High Mass Congratulations Eddie & Renee Fernandez (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
SUN	8/24/25	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP • PENTECOST XI OUR LADY HEALTH OF THE SICK BLESSING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fernandez (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom (<i>Arlinghaus Kids</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Joan Landry (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>) ☞ NO VESPERS 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



PRAYER TO ST. JOACHIM

(Feast day August 16)



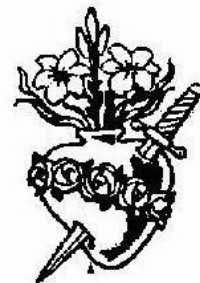
Father of Mary, we thank thee. All creation owes thee a debt of gratitude, since the Creator was pleased that thou shouldst give Him the Mother He had chosen for Himself.

Husband of Holy Anne, thou showest us what would have been in paradise; thou seemest to have been reinstated in primeval innocence, in order to give birth to the Immaculate Virgin; sanctify Christian life, and elevate the standard of morals. Thou art the Grandfather of Jesus; let thy paternal love embrace all Christians who are His brethren.

Holy Church honors thee more than ever in these days of trial; She knows how powerful thou art with the Eternal and Almighty Father, who made thee instrumental, through thy Blessed Daughter, in the temporal generation of His Eternal Son. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF MARY

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I have nothing in myself to offer thee that is worthy of thee; but what thanks ought I not to pay thee for all the favors which thou hast obtained for me from the Heart of Jesus! What reparation ought I not to make thee for all my tepidity in thy service! I desire to return thee love for love; the only good that I possess is the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which thou thyself hast given me. I offer thee this treasure of infinite price; I cannot do more, and thou dost not deserve less at my hands; but, receiving from me this gift most precious in thy sight, be pleased, I beseech thee, to accept my heart, which I here offer to thee, and I shall be forever blessed. Amen.



Servers

FRI 8/22	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 8/23	8:15 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, J. Stewart, F. Caggese
SUN 8/24	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: S. Richesson, A. Capetillo TH: N. Kolenich ACS: M. Kolenich, J. Rabjohns TBS: V. Horton, J. Smith, A. Constantino, P. Caggese, M. Drevenak, J. Kolenich 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 5:45 PM LOW: Brueggemanns