

# 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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**August 24, 2025**

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP**

**PENTECOST XI**

**OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK**

## ¶ PENTECOST XI

The Blessing of the Sick will be given at the Communion Rail following all Masses today, in honor of Our Lady, Health of the Sick. Enrollments for Sunday Catechism Class are available in the church office after the morning Masses. **Please note, there are NO Vespers today.**

## ¶ THIS WEEK

We have a quiet week, with the Summer Novena as usual on **Tuesday**, the feast of Our Lady of Czeszochowa. St.



Augustine's feast is on **Thursday**. St. John the Baptist is commemorated on

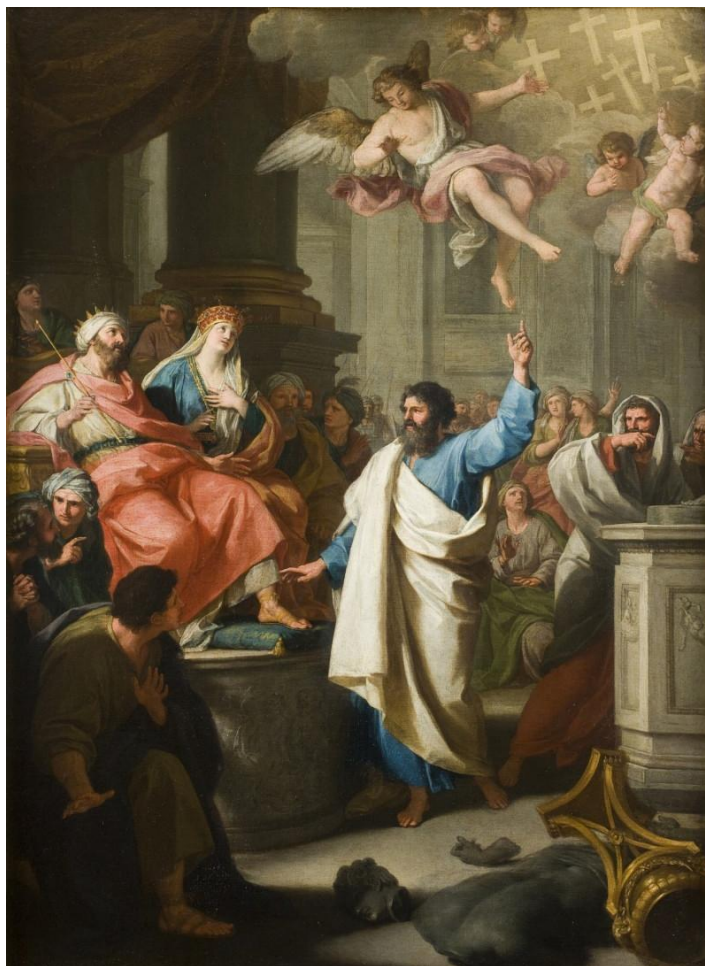
**Friday**, and St. Rose of Lima on **Saturday**.

## ¶ OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office will only be open from **11 AM to 2 PM on Monday and Tuesday**. For emergencies only, call the emergency number listed on the top of the bulletin. Regular office hours resume on Wednesday.

## Congratulations

to Isaac & Kristy Brueggemann on the baptism of their son, Levi Isaac, on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.



*Sermon of St. Bartholomew, Giuseppe Bottani*

## Lumen Christi

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

**Healing of estranged relationship of my brother and dad**  
(Maria Crocker)

## ¶ ST. MONICA CLUB

The St. Monica Club meets on **Thursday** after the 11:25 AM Mass.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Enrollments for Sunday Catechism Class will be available in the church office after the morning Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XII, second collect of St. Raymond Nonnatus. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ SEPTEMBER MARIAN FEASTS

Envelopes are in the vestibule for the September Quadriduum 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.

## ¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Fall Festival:** Sunday, 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.

**All Saints Procession & Party:** Sunday, November 2

## DEVELOPING A FORGIVING SPIRIT

Grace, nothing else but grace, which enlightens the mind and strengthens the will, is the cause of conversion or the liberation, i.e., the deliverance of souls from the bonds of evil.

Mortification is necessary and indispensable for all of us, because by it we secure divine grace for ourselves. Like gold in the furnace, so in the fire of mortification the soul is purified, radiates its own love and becomes more like God, more pleasing to Him and therefore more capable of receiving very abundant graces for itself and for others, its poor brothers. What, indeed, can one obtain by love of God without suffering?

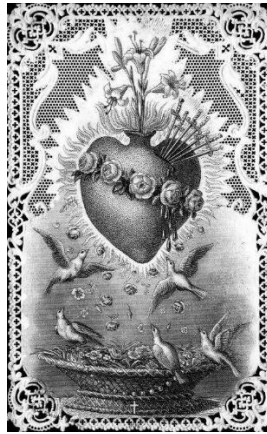
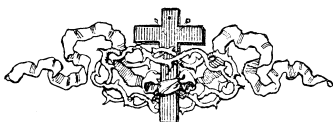
Finally, the love for one's neighbor. We need to love our neighbor, but not just because he is pleasant or helpful or rich or influential or even because he shows us gratitude.... Genuine love rises above creatures and soars up to God. In Him, by Him, and through Him it loves all men, both good and wicked, friends and enemies.

To all it stretches out a hand filled with love; it prays for all, suffers for all, wishes what is best for all, desires happiness for all, because that is what God wants.

Whoever with a prayer to the Immaculate on his lips or in the depths of his heart, purified through suffering, on fire with an ardent love of God and inspired by that love, does what he can to win the greatest possible number of souls for God through the Immaculate, to free them from the bonds of evil, to make them happy—he, and he alone, will celebrate his triumph.

— Fr. Maximilian Kolbe

Fr. Kolbe (†1941) was a Polish Conventual Franciscan priest who was martyred in Auschwitz.



## A CARDINAL'S COUNSELS

“[Your] house should be adorned with pious pictures, in order that the love of virtue, the love of Christ, and the hatred of sin should be infused into your children's minds from the moment they begin to observe. The love of the saints will lead them to love the Saint of saints. The reading of Holy Scripture should be begun as soon as they are sufficiently prepared to understand it.

“...none of the things that God has confided to you are so precious in His sight as your children. Their souls are worth more in His eyes than heaven and earth and the whole of the irrational creation; and you do Him a greater service in bringing up your children well than if you possessed the whole world and gave all away to the poor. It will be hard for you to save your own soul if, in consequence of your neglect, the souls of your children should perish; on the other hand, if by your care you have secured their salvation, you may rest in peace as to your own.”

— Bl. Giovanni Cardinal Dominici (†1490)



## EXCERPT FROM “THE HEART OF MARY”

Now from hearts with joy o'erladen  
Sing the Heart of Mary Maiden—  
Heart to every heart endeared,  
Heart by every heart revered.

For the eternal Heart divine  
So this Maiden's doth entwine  
That forever  
Hers from His (adown the skies  
Conjured by this Virgin wise)  
None shall sever.

Joy of every heart below,  
Solace in this vale of woe,  
Heart of Mary!  
Constance changeless as the dove's;  
Mirror of the Godhead; Love's  
Breviary.

Living fount of every grace;  
Treasure of the Christian race;  
Mercy-dais;  
Bush ablaze with blinding fire,  
Yet in every leafy spire  
Fresh as May is.

O thou wondrous conflagration!  
In thee meet, with sweet conflation,  
Flames and dew-fall—  
Flames to warm the soul from signs,  
Dews that on pure hearts and eyes  
Ever new fall.

Let them fall without surcease,  
Till from sin we gain release;  
Till to love-fire's cool and peace  
We be winners.

O Thou Jesu, Mary's Heart,  
Dew and fire and grace Thou art!  
Burn and cleanse and draw apart  
All us sinners.

O Love that naught can stay!  
More wide advance Thy sway  
On earth, and past the starry wild.  
Make all hearts clean and new,  
Make all hearts warm and true,  
To praise the Mother with her Holy  
Child!

— Geoffrey Bliss, S.J.

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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The end of the month of the Immaculate Heart is almost here. As St. Alphonsus says, "Of Mary there is never enough." Holy Mother Church believes this both in theory and in practice. One confirmation of this is that five months out of the year are dedicated to her in one of her mysteries. May is devoted to Our Lady herself, August to the Immaculate Heart, September to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, October to the Holy Rosary, and December to the Immaculate Conception. There are also at least 50 feast days of Our Lady throughout the year, as well as a few octaves, not to mention the First Saturday of every month, and each free Saturday when there is not another feast day. Besides keeping her feast days, we are told by popes, saints, and even our own priests to be faithful to the daily Rosary. There is a reason for all of this, and it should not be taken lightly. Christ came to us through Our Lady; we must go to Christ through Our Lady. Since each grace that we receive passes first through Our Lady's hands, that means that even the last grace (that of final perseverance) will come through her. If we love Our Lady in thought, word, and deed, and show her our true devotion we cannot but save our souls.

School is getting ready to begin. The faculty meeting is this Thursday and the first day of school is on the feast of Pope St. Pius X, September 3rd. We have over thirty students this year, as I think I mentioned in last week's bulletin. Please say a prayer for both students and faculty.

We will cut this week's note a little shorter than usual, but you will be updated on all the news when I return. Until then, be assured of my prayers for each and every one of you...and don't forget: "Of Mary there is never enough."

— Bishop McGuire



### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CATECHISM

If the importance of the Little Catechism were everywhere recognized, and the obligation of parents and pastors to impress its lessons on the minds of children were fully realized, the folly of considering this an easy task, to be accomplished by almost anyone during an hour's teaching on Sunday, would be less general than it is. The decay of faith in the present generation of Catholics, the elasticity of conscience, impiety, indifference, and other evils so widely spread, are the bitter fruits of this egregious folly, which is by no means restricted to our own country.

About eighty years ago a number of families, related and living in the same neighborhood, emigrated—some to the United States and others to certain of the British colonies—from one of the most Catholic of all countries. Of the former band hardly one remains a Catholic. The parents had never been taught the Catechism, and they did not teach it to their children.

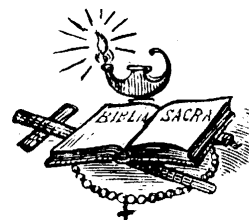


The faith has simply died out among them, to the surprise and scandal of their relations in Australia and the mother-country. There are hundreds of Italians in South America who not only never go near a church, but are among the avowed enemies of the Catholic religion. Their ignorance of its doctrines is such that it was an easy matter for infidels and sectarians to seduce them; and as soon as they abandoned religious practices they were lost.

...Let us be persuaded of the paramount importance of the Little Catechism, recalling the words of a great Pontiff: "The child that grows up unconscious of the duties of religion will ignore the duties of man." — *The Ave Maria*

**Should you see yourself distracted** and curious to know how you are praying, simply return your attention gently and calmly to My presence within you.

How well Francis knew My mind when he said: "Stay in your prayer, and when distractions attack you, turn them away gently, if you can; if not, put the best face you can on it and let the flies bother you as much as they like whilst you are talking to your God. He does not mind that. You can brush them away with a gentle, calm movement but not with alarm or impatience that would upset you." — *My Other Self*



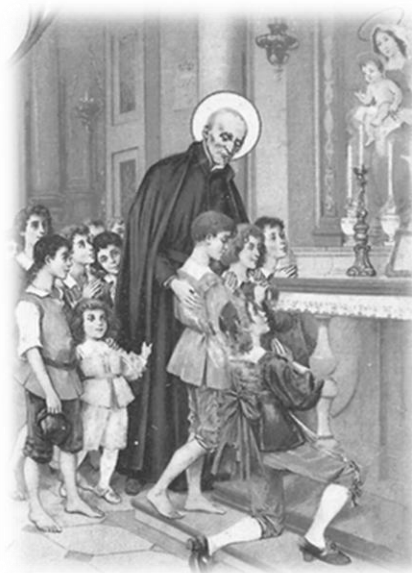
Another consideration in the cultivation of happiness is the importance of acquiring the habit of realizing our blessings while they last. — *Lecky*

## ✠ CALENDAR

## ✠ SAINT CORNER

<b>MON</b>	<b>8/25/25</b>	<b>ST. LOUIS, KING, C</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> The Caggese Family ( <i>The Childers Family</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Thanksgiving to Infant of Prague ( <i>Fr. Brueggeman</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>8/26/25</b>	<b>RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY</b> ST. ZEPHYRINUS, PM OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday, JP Zwick ( <i>Phyllis Kiernan</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Bill Hable ( <i>Jennifer Richesson</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>8/27/25</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS, C</b> SEVEN JOYS OF OUR LADY LITTLE ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, M 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For everyone who helped us welcome Seraphina ( <i>Horton Family</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention – St. Joseph ( <i>Michelle Mikesell</i> ) 5:10 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Michelle Mikesell – Thank you ( <i>Sr. U</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>8/28/25</b>	<b>ST. AUGUSTINE, BPCD</b> ST. HERMES, M 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Elisabeth & James ( <i>KR</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> The Clergy ( <i>The Oblates</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For our fallen-away children ( <i>St. Monica Club</i> ) <b>St. Monica Club Meeting</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8/29/25</b>	<b>BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> ST. SABINA, M 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For my Guardian Angel – Thank you ( <i>Nathalie Andreotta</i> ) 11:00 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> The faculty of SGG ( <i>Michelle Lodrini</i> ) 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Basil, Sebastian, & Victor – Congratulations on your Confirmation! ( <i>Sr. Magdalen</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>8/30/25</b>	<b>ST. ROSE OF LIMA, V</b> SS. FELIX & ADAUCTUS, MM 7:05 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Father Lehtoranta ( <i>Smith family</i> ) 8:05 AM <b>Salve, Sermon</b> 8:15 AM <b>High Mass</b> Thou knowest, O Lord ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8/31/25</b>	<b>PENTECOST XII</b> ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, C ST. AIDAN, BPC 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Greg Hopkins ( <i>KR</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Thank you St. Joseph & St. Philomena ( <i>Hudson family</i> ) 11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special intention – conversion ( <i>John Boyd</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Vespers, Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

### ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS



St. Joseph Calasanz was born in Aragon in 1556. He became a priest, and was sent as a missionary to the Andorra; then he heard a voice saying, "Go to Rome" and he had a vision of many children who were being taught by him. Accordingly, in 1592 he left

Spain for Rome, where his heart was moved by the vice and ignorance of the children of the poor. Their need mastered his humility, and he undertook the establishment of a congregation of teaching priests, the Clerks Regular of the Religious Schools. He himself provided all that was necessary for the education of the children, receiving nothing in payment, and there were soon over a thousand pupils under his care. But St. Joseph's work was not destined to develop quietly and easily. Headstrong men among his subjects tried to disrupt the organization in the interests of their own plans, and for long they were only too successful. At the age of eighty-six, Joseph was denounced to the Holy Office, and led away through the streets like a criminal, to be examined by officials; only the intervention of a cardinal saved him from imprisonment. He bore his disappointments and injustices with a Job-like patience: "The Lord gave," he said, "and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be His Name. My work has been done simply out of love for God." He never lost hope and, eight years after his death in 1648, peace and prosperity were restored to his much-tried foundation.

### Servers

<b>FRI 8/29</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. Caggese, A. Constantino
<b>SAT 8/30</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemanns <b>8:15 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, I. & J. Smith
<b>SUN 8/31</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:</b> M. & D. Simpson <b>TH:</b> D. Hudson <b>ACs:</b> M. Caggese, T. England <b>TBs:</b> Ma. & F. Caggese, N. Hudson, T. Stanislawski, I. Smith, L. Rabjohns <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> <b>TH:</b> D. Simpson <b>ACs:</b> I. Smith, A. & B. Constantino <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey