

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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September 7, 2025

PENTECOST XIII

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¶ PENTECOST XIII

The second collection is taken up for our Oblates during the Offertory today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

The **Fall Festival** takes place after all the morning Masses today. Plan to stay and enjoy the festivities! **The Bookstore is closed** due to the Festival.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule today for your monthly almsgiving for the support and sanctification of priests.

¶ BEGIN & END YOUR WEEK WITH MARY!

Tomorrow, **Monday**, we celebrate the **Birth of our Blessed Mother** with a High Mass at **11:25 AM**, and the traditional blessing of seeds and seedlings in her honor. A little party follows with birthday cake. Bring your children to wish happy birthday to their Heavenly Mother! Another great Marian feast comes **Friday**, that of her **Holy Name**, with three opportunities to hear Mass. The Sisters renew their Oblation after the 11:25 AM High Mass. Finally, don't forget Our Lady's **Saturday** with the **Fatima Rosary Procession** at **10:00 AM**.



"St. Cloud renouncing the throne to become a monk," Charles Durupt (1831)

¶ Eumen Christi

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

My Husband's Conversion
(Theresa Hill)

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Our annual 13-week Summer Novena, in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony, closes this **Tuesday**, after all Masses.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 31st.....\$6,441.00

¶ CMC MEETING

The Catholic Mothers' Consortium meets on **Thursday** after the 5 PM Mass.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY CROSS

The blessing and veneration of the Relic of the True Cross will be available after all Masses next Sunday. Catechism Classes resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45.

Set Your Missal: Exaltation of the Holy Cross, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIV. Preface of the Holy Cross.

¶ MARIAN FEASTS

Envelopes are in the vestibule to submit your intentions for the September Marian Feasts. Return them in the collection basket, bookstore, or office.

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 21. Winton Woods, Butterfly Bluff Shelter.

Angel Sunday: September 28. Blessing of Children after all Masses.

Rosary Sunday: October 5

¶ VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

A volunteer is needed to serve the 5:45 PM Mass on some Sundays. If you regularly attend this Mass and are able to serve, please let us know.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

Mary was born with an end to fulfill, just as I was. She was created to praise, reverence, and serve God, just as I was; created to save her soul, just as I was. And because of her absolute purity, she understood her end perfectly from the first moment of her existence, and followed it always without swerving. While her mother was offering her to God, she, with the full use of her reason (as many hold) offered herself to fulfill the end for which she had been created. She did not know what the particular end was to be—God did not reveal to her till the day of the Incarnation that she was to be the Mother of God—but she offered herself to do what God wished, she put herself at His disposal.

And this is what I must do every day of my life if I would fulfill the end for which God has created me. Here I am, Lord, to do Thy bidding, to do whatever Thou didst intend me to do today. I may not know, any more than did the immaculate babe in her cradle, what the particular end is for which He has destined me; but that does not matter. If I am found faithfully doing my duty of the moment, whatever it may be—doing it, that is to say, for God, praising, reverencing, and serving Him in it—I shall not miss the important moment in my life when God calls me to the special work for which He has destined me. I can, if I will, do each little duty of my everyday life for God, with the pure motive of giving Him pleasure. It is the surest way of making myself indifferent as to whether or not the duty gives me pleasure! And it ensures that, from one point of view, all duties will be a pleasure. I was created by God to do this particular thing for Him at this particular moment, so I do it. What an uplifting thought! It puts me at once onto another plane—the supernatural plane—where the whole aspect is different. This is the truth, which the little one whose birthday I am thinking

about today understood so perfectly. “Behold the handmaid of the Lord,” was her cry even then. It was because Mary understood the value of the “sacrament of the moment,” as it has been called, that, when the moment of her life came, and her great end was revealed to her, she was able to say: *Ecce ancilla Domini!* She was used to saying it; it was the most natural thing for her to say. And so will it be for me, if only I will practice as Mary did. I shall bow to His will in the great crises of my life—not naturally, but supernaturally—because I have formed the habit in all the little things that make up my life.

—Mother St. Paul, Mater Christi



CATHOLIC HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 8TH

We know with certainty very few of the details of the Blessed Virgin's early life. We cannot tell where or when she was born. Still tradition and the Apocryphal Gospels have much about her; and it is from these sources we get the background of today's feast—the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

“There lived in Nazareth a man named Joachim, very just and devout, and charitable to all. His wife's name was Anna; she, too, lived in the fear and love of God. They were childless, however, and grieved much for this affliction. One day when Joachim presented himself in the temple he was thrust out by a certain Reuben for not having begotten issue in Israel. Thereupon both Joachim and Anna were grieved exceedingly and besought God to take away this affliction, promising to dedicate their child to the divine service. They were both comforted by angelic visitors, who announced that this prayer had been granted. ‘*Thou shalt conceive and bring forth,*’ it was said to Anna; ‘*and thy progeny shall be spoken of in all the world.*’ Anna, therefore, gave birth to a daughter, and they called her name Mary.”

TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER ON HER BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday, dearest Mother!
Sing our youthful hearts today,
And the birds and flowers seem joining
In a merry roundelay.

How the angels must be singing
Round thy white, resplendent throne,
While the saints in holy rapture
Claim thee as their very own!

But, dear Mother, deign to listen
As thy children here on earth
Offer unto thee their greetings,
Though they be of little worth,
Save that love is shining through them
From thy little ones sincere,
Who are hoping they may meet thee
On some birthday, Mother dear!

—S. Marr



School has started up again and it seems that all are in good spirits. With the beginning of school comes many wonderful feast days, too. Our Lady's Nativity is tomorrow and a birthday party in her honor will be celebrated after the school Mass. Of course, there will be cake! The Most Holy Name of Mary is this Friday and the Sisters will renew their oblation after the High Mass. Saturday is Our Lady's Saturday and we hope to see everyone at the penultimate Fatima procession after the morning Masses. It is a truly Marian week ahead. Stay by her side, confide in your heavenly Mother, and tell her all. What great graces are in store for you this week!

Our seminarians return to Seattle this coming weekend. Hopefully, they enjoyed their summer break and are ready to get back into the swing of things. They were certainly a big help for the short time they were here, doing projects around the church, attending extra Masses, serving, playing the organ, etc. We wish them great success in their studies this year and assure them of our prayers.

Bishop Nkamuke was in South Africa this past week, visiting a group of Faithful that he has known for quite some time. Fr. Eldred Leslie used to offer Mass for them. Fr. Leslie, if you remember, was also the priest who first went to Nigeria to offer Mass in Nigeria when Bishop Nkamuke, **Fr. Ojeka**, and **Fr. Okerulu** were all laymen coming out of the Novus Ordo. I am sure that Fr. Leslie's prayers are what brought Bishop Nkamuke to South Africa to help out this group. His Excellency blessed a ship while he was there and has promised to give other news when he gets back to his home country. I will be sure to pass it along at some point.

Fr. Nicolás Benegas, the very first and only priest whom I have ordained, had to return to Argentina for a bit because of Visa issues. He has been helping **Fr. Odriz** and **Fr. Sebastian** in Guadalajara for a while now. However, he is also building a chapel in Mendoza where he is from and where there is a small group of Faithful, including his family. I hope to have pictures of the chapel and the Faithful at some point in the future. We have managed to collect a little bit of financial support for his endeavor and hope to continue it. There has not been much more news about **Fr. Mardones**, who resides in Mexico City. He had to have a leg amputated due to diabetes and has been in recovery as of late. **Fr. Siordia** looks in on him from time to time to bring him the sacraments and also to look to some of the needs of his flock, but Father has his own chapel to look after. Fr. Mardones' parishioners go to other places for Mass for the time being until a priest can be found to say

Mass in his chapels.

That is the news for now. Honor Our Lady and observe her feast days with the greatest love and devotion. Devotion to her is one of the surest ways to Heaven!

— Bishop McGuire



ORIGINAL SIN & OUR TAINTED SOULS

The sin that we inherit from Adam is called original sin. Original sin injured the soul of man in the following ways: His understanding was darkened, his will weakened and made prone to evil; he lost supernatural grace and thus became displeasing to God, and could no more enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

We are already tainted with sin before we draw our first breath, or see the light of day. We are conceived in sin (Ps. 1, 7). Even the children of Christians are born in sin. Not only the seed of the wild olive, but also of the cultivated olive comes up as a wild plant. So it is with the children of Christians as well as of heathen parents.

Only Jesus Christ and His holy Mother were free from original sin.

All Mankind save Christ and our blessed Lady were conceived in sin. St. John the Baptist and probably the prophet Jeremias were born without sin, having been cleansed from sin in their mothers' womb, but they were not conceived without sin. Many believe that St. Joseph was also born free from sin. All other men were cleansed from sin in baptism. This history of man is unintelligible to those

who do not believe in the doctrine of original sin. Oh, how great is the misery that original sin has brought into the world! Yet how few there are who are conscious of their misery! Men are like children born in slavery, who laugh and play and enjoy themselves, as if they were free. It is only the saints, who know the emptiness of the joys of earth, who lament over the misery of sin.

— *The Catechism Explained*, 1921



MON	9/8/25	NATIVITY OF OUR LADY • ST. ADRIAN, M
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Sue Kurtz – Healing (<i>Sue Kurtz</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass September Marian Quadriduum Intentions Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings, Birthday Party for Baby Mary
TUE	9/9/25	ST. PETER CLAVER, C • ST. GORGONIUS, M CLOSING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For Bishop McGuire – Happy Birthday, Your Excellency! (<i>Erika McKnight</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Anniversary Aunt Julie & Uncle Kevin (<i>The Stafford Family</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Anthony Caggese</i>)
WED	9/10/25	ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass In honor of St. Anthony – for prayers answered (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special intention – St. Joseph (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
	5:10 PM	Low Mass In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (<i>Smith family</i>)
THU	9/11/25	SS. PROTUS & HYACINTH, MM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Our children (<i>Collin & Alyssa Smith</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Chad Horton (<i>Sister Magdalen</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass †Fr. Cekada
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Intentions of the Catholic Mothers' Consortium Catholic Mothers' Consortium Meeting
FRI	9/12/25	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Denis Mark & his intentions (<i>SGG Bookstore</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass September Marian Quadriduum Intentions Renewal of Oblation
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Sr. M. Gerard Vincent, O.S.F. (<i>Karen Simpson</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	9/13/25	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY
	7:05 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Our Parents & Godparents (<i>The Wilker Family</i>) (rescheduled from 8/9)
	8:05 AM	Salve, Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass Anthony Manzardo (<i>Dominic Simpson</i>)
	10:00 AM	Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
SUN	9/14/25	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
		PENTECOST XIV – BLESSING & VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS AFTER ALL MASSES
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Edward Marko – Rest in Peace (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass William Hopkins (KR)
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>J. Hille</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. CLOUD

St. Cloud is the first and most illustrious Saint among the princes of the royal family of the first race in France. He was son of Chlodomer, King of Orleans, the eldest son of St. Clotilda, and was born in 522. He was scarce three years old when his father was killed in Burgundy; but his grandmother Clotilda brought up him and his two brothers at Paris, and loved them extremely. Their ambitious uncles divided the kingdom of Orleans between them, and stabbed with their own hands two of their nephews. Cloud, by a special providence, was saved from the massacre, and, renouncing the world, devoted himself to the service of God in a monastic state. After a time he put himself under the discipline of St. Severinus, a holy recluse who lived near Paris, from whose hands he received the monastic habit. Wishing to live unknown to the world, he withdrew secretly into Provence, but his hermitage being made public, he returned to Paris, and was received with the greatest joy imaginable. At the earnest request of the people, he was ordained priest by Eusebius, Bishop of Paris, in 551, and served that church some time in the functions of the sacred ministry. He afterward retired to St. Cloud, two leagues below Paris, where he built a monastery. Here he assembled many pious men, who fled out of the world for fear of losing their souls in it. St. Cloud was regarded by them as their superior, and he animated them to all virtue both by word and example. He was indefatigable in instructing and exhorting the people of the neighboring country, and piously ended his days about the year 560. – *Lives of the Saints, Alban Butler*



Servers

FRI 9/12	5:45 PM LOW: A. Constantino, P. Caggese
SAT 9/13	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, M. & F. Caggese
SUN 9/14	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TH: J. Rabjohns ACS: T. England, D. Hudson TBS: J. & I. Smith, N. Hudson, T. Stanislawski, M. Drevenak, F. Caggese 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. & J. Smith, F. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: Volunteer