

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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September 28, 2025

PENTECOST XVI

ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M



¶ ANGEL SUNDAY

Today is Autumn's Angel Sunday. The **Blessing of Children** is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ WANT TO JOIN THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY?

Enrollments take place after the High Mass next Sunday. **Make sure to call the office first to be added to the list. If you aren't on the list, you won't be enrolled!** Come to the Communion Rail *immediately* after the High Mass. Don't wait, or you might miss it!

¶ THIS WEEK

The Dedication of St. Michael, Archangel, comes **tomorrow**. The month of the Holy Rosary opens on **First Wednesday**, as do our October Devotions. The **St. Monica Club** meets after the evening Mass. The feast of the Guardian Angels comes **First Thursday**, with the holy hour for priests at 5 PM and the Altar Boys' Party following. The Little Flower has her feast on **First Friday**, and on **First Saturday** St. Francis of Assisi.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
3:00 PM October Devotions
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Rosary, Confessions
5:45 PM High Mass
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Devotions

All Night Adoration

First Friday Reparation Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart, and that the Family Rosary be a daily prayer in every family.



¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass, Salve
8:10 AM October Devotions, Benediction
8:40 AM Meditation, Low Mass

First Saturday Reparation Intention: For those Catholics who will not say the Rosary, or who say it poorly, and for Protestants and Modernists who blaspheme it.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ROSARY SUNDAY

Roses will be available for purchase in the vestibule next Sunday, before the 9:00 AM Mass. They will be blessed at the Communion Rail after the High Mass, and should be carried in the **Rosary Procession** that follows. Take these powerful sacramentals home with you. All Rosary Confraternity members should sit together at the High Mass, wearing their medals, and should walk with their banner afterwards in the procession. Extra roses may be available before the 11:30 Mass.

The **Rosary Confraternity Breakfast** follows the High Mass. All are welcome! Tickets for the breakfast may still be purchased.

Rosaries will be blessed, with all indulgences, during the announcements of each Mass. Other **religious articles** will be blessed after the *Low Masses*. The Second Collection is for our Oblate Sisters.

There will be **no Sunday Classes**. The day ends with Rosary Vespers and Benediction at 4:30 PM.

Set Your Missal: **Low Masses:** Pentecost XVII, second collect of Ss. Placid & Companions, third of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** The Most Holy Rosary (Oct. 7), second collect of Pentecost XVII, third of Ss. Placid & Companions. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVII. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited on school days at **3:00 PM**. On Wednesdays at 2:45 it is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, with Benediction and Holy Communion at 3:10 PM. Join our children in prayer!



STRIVING ALWAYS TO “DO LIKEWISE”

In order to be touched by the sufferings of others, we must first of all overcome our own self-love, and take our passions in hand. The heart that “showeth mercy,” which has pity for all frailty and the generosity to come to its aid, will experience a peace which does not change, a calm without cloud—almost, one might say, a participation in the divine unchangeableness....

Sacrifice and renunciation allow us to give ourselves to God.... They set the soul free and permit it to wing its way towards those high regions where we find peace....

All love is born of the love of the Father and of the Son. With Jesus, charity and peace met again on earth, and their first-born, joy, flourished anew in souls rejuvenated and consoled.

May all our hours of sacrifice find their fulfillment in union with the sacrifice of our Leader, and draw from that union the secret and rapturous joy of the gift of self. No trial is too heavy to be borne once we possess the hope of eventual union with infinite Joy. All sorrow lit up by the divine sorrow takes on an aspect of joy....

It is not necessary that our reproduction of Jesus should be perfect today, nor even tomorrow.... It is only necessary that we should tend towards that perfection; that we should never give up striving and wanting to strive. So long as we are in this world, life is movement towards its Source.

— Dom Augustin Guillerand, O. Cart.
Dom Augustin Guillerand († 1945) was a French Carthusian monk and a revered spiritual author.



¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Final Fatima Rosary Procession by Candlelight:** Monday, October 13
- **Forty Hours:** October 24-26
- **All Saints Procession & Party:** Sunday, November 2
- **Martinmas:** Tuesday, November 11

¶ ADOPT A STATION!

The outdoor Stations of the Cross 9 and 10 are open for gardening volunteers. To those who have already adopted a Station, please be sure to tidy it up for the fall!



OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Our Blessed Lord, referring to the guardian angels of children, said, “See to it that you do not treat one of these little ones with contempt; I tell you, they have angels of their own in Heaven, that behold the face of My Father continually.” Thus the guardian angels of children stand in Heaven with an unclouded vision of the Heavenly Father. Satan, one of the fallen angels, also believes in guardian angels, for in tempting Our Blessed Lord, he said to Him, “If Thou art the Son of God, cast Thyself down to earth; for it is written, He has given charge to His angels concerning Thee, and they will hold Thee up with their hands, lest Thou should chance to trip on a stone.”

Those who have raised children are in constant wonder that they ever reach maturity. What is that mysterious power that protects children as they fall out of second- and third-story windows unharmed? When one thinks of the pots and pans that they pull off stoves and of the thousands of falls they have during their infancy and the fires they start, it must be that the Good Lord has given them some very special protection—and this protection we are assured by the Lord Himself is the guardian angel. — Bishop Sheen

ANGEL FRIENDS

Our Guardian Angels! Patient, kind,
And full of tender love and true—
A wiser and more earnest love
Than human being ever knew;
To whom God giveth heavenly light
To guide our faltering steps aright.

In darkest night, in loneliest path,
In wildest storm, we need not fear;
For God hath given His angels
charge,
Where'er we are, to hover near;
And faintest word of humblest prayer
They hear, and unto heaven bear.

Our angel friends!—on wide, swift
wings

God sends them to us from above,
Each bearing to our wistful hearts
New revelations of His love;
For all their love of us is still
But glad obedience to His will.

— A. Non



*Thank you to everyone who
helped with the parish picnic!
We couldn't have done it
without you.*

Collection Report

Sunday, September 21st.....\$9,086.00
Thank you for your generosity.

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

We begin the month of the Angels today as we honor our Guardian Angels and bless and dedicate the children to their own angels. Tomorrow we honor the prince of angels, St. Michael the Archangel, and have planned a Solemn High Mass for the occasion. Tori Yang, one of our new students, was conditionally baptized last Friday and will be making her First Holy Communion tomorrow, which will make the feast day extra special.



Dr. Stanislawski reports that this school year is going especially smoothly thus far. The children are doing well with their studies. Sr. Ulrica's classroom has three little critters for the class to observe. Liam Lotarski brought two very large hornworm caterpillars; Sister brought in a colorful Monarch caterpillar which should be changing into a butterfly soon. It is one thing to learn from a science book, but quite another to learn by actually observing God's creation before one's very eyes. We are waiting to see what Miss Mikesell comes up with later this year, since in the past she has found some interesting things to bring in.

Bishop Nkamuke arrived just yesterday and will be spending about a month with us for a bit of a vacation. The clergy are looking forward to getting to visit with him and hearing stories about his growing apostolate. It is important for him to get a break and we are glad that he feels enough at home to take it right here at St. Gertrude's.

We have a busy week ahead with First Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. But what great feasts there are! The Guardian Angels, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, and then Rosary Sunday! Of course, with the great feasts come great graces, too. Keep yourselves ready, and come to Mass on those days. Don't forget the Rosary Confraternity Breakfast and talk given by our guest speaker, **Fr. Andrew Nowrouz**, next Sunday. He works in Modesto and Martinez, California with **Fathers Thomas Zapp** and **Julian Larrabee**. It will certainly be a very edifying talk.

I am doing Confirmations at St. Hugh of Lincoln today, but will be back tomorrow. **Fr. Brueggemann** is due back from his long time away. He was at St. Hugh's last weekend, then at the seminary in Seattle for the week, and in Dallas this weekend. Whew! That is a lot of traveling!

Angels! Think angels this month! They will certainly be thinking of you, as they are your guardians.

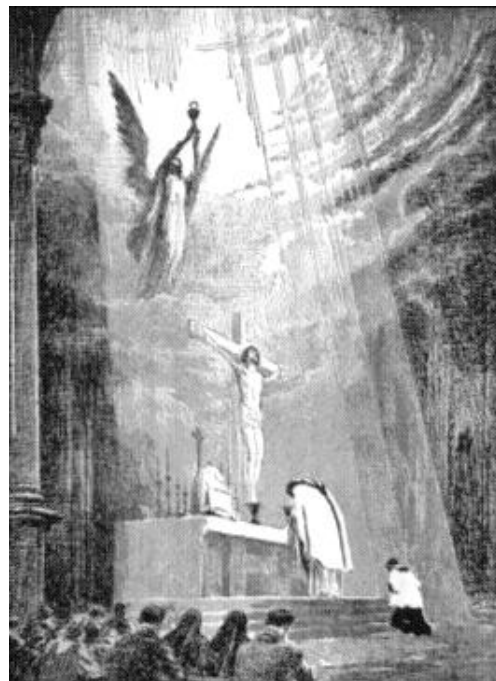
– Bishop McGuire

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor October 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Tim Giese, Jim Phelan
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Anthony Caggese, Jim Stanislawski
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Dan Stanislawski
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Philip Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Bruno Siqueira
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

✠ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

✠ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

"My guardian angel came and asked me what was the matter; I asked him to stay with me all night, and he said, 'But I must sleep!' 'No,' I replied, 'The angels of Jesus do not sleep!' 'Nevertheless,' he rejoined, smiling, 'I ought to rest. Where shall you put me?' I begged him to remain near me. I went to bed; after that he seemed to spread his wings and come over my head. In the morning he was still there." – St. Gemma Galgani

✠ CALENDAR

✠ SAINT CORNER

MON	9/29/25	DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL 8:00 AM Low Mass Bill & Mary Hopkins (KR) 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass †John Grabasky (<i>Janet Korzekwinski</i>)
TUE	9/30/25	ST. JEROME, CD 7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>The Wilker Family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Renee Fernandez</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Jacob Young (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass John Korzekwinski (<i>Janet Korzekwinski</i>)
WED	10/1/25	FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH ST. REMIDIUS, BPC 7:00 AM Low Mass Conversion of relatives (<i>Alex Ball</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy & Blessed Anniversary Dad & Mom (<i>Simpson children</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Sister Mary Joan (<i>Sister Magdalen</i>) 2:45 PM Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction 3:10 PM (approx.) Holy Communion 5:10 PM Low Mass Intentions of the St. Monica Club (From September) St. Monica Club Meeting
THU	10/2/25	THE GUARDIAN ANGELS FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM Low Mass Family unity & conversions (<i>Audrey Dunaway</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Sr. Magdalen of the Holy Relics (<i>Your Godparents</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass The Clergy (<i>The Oblate Sisters</i>) 3:00 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Altar Boys Pizza Party
FRI	10/3/25	FIRST FRIDAY ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, V 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention deceased (<i>Susan McNally</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction Special Intention (<i>Dr. & Mrs. Stanislawski</i>) 3:00 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass †Sharon Patton – Happy Birthday (<i>The Stafford Family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, First Friday Devotions All Night Adoration
SAT	10/4/25	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, C 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Thou Knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, October Devotions 8:30 AM Benediction 8:40 AM Sermon 8:45 AM Low Mass Intentions of Bishop McGuire (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>)

...When I read stories [in late childhood] about the deeds of the great French heroines—especially the Venerable Joan of Arc, I longed to imitate them and felt stirred by the same inspiration which moved them. It was then that I received one of the greatest graces of my life, for, at that age, I didn't receive the spiritual enlightenment which now floods my soul. I was made to understand that the glory I was to win would never be seen during my lifetime. My glory would consist in becoming a great saint! This desire might seem presumptuous, seeing how weak and imperfect I was and still am, even after eight years as a nun; yet I always feel the same fearless certainty that I shall become a great saint. I'm not relying on my own merits, as I have none, but I put my hope in Him Who is goodness and holiness Himself. It is He alone Who, satisfied with my feeble efforts, will raise me to Him, will clothe me with His infinite merits, and will make me a saint.

— St. Therese of Lisieux



Servers

FRI 10/3	5:45 PM HIGH: F. Caggese, I. Smith
SAT 10/4	7:30 AM HIGH: Capetillos 8:45 AM LOW: Rabjohns
SUN 10/5	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: M. Caggese ACS: L. & J. Rabjohns TBS: I. Smith, A. & B. Constantino, V. Siqueira, N. Hudson, Ma. Caggese 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: J. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: VOLUNTEER
SUN 10/5/25	ROSARY SUNDAY • PENTECOST XVII SS. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Thank You! (<i>Isaac & Kristy Brueggemann</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Rosary Confraternity Members Rosary Procession Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity, Confraternity Breakfast 11:30 AM Low Mass Special intention to the Holy Angels & Saints (<i>Lucia Constantino</i>) 4:30 PM Vespers, Rosary & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great