

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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9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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October 5, 2025

ROSARY SUNDAY

PENTECOST XVII

SS. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MM

ROSARY SUNDAY

Today is **Rosary Sunday**. Please bring your roses to the Communion Rail to be blessed after the High Mass. The Rosary Confraternity will then lead the outdoor rosary procession. The annual Rosary Confraternity Breakfast follows the procession. Don't forget your tickets! (Tickets may still be purchased in the social hall.) Join us for a delightful breakfast, as well as to hear the talk prepared for us by Fr. Andrew Nowrouz.

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail after the *Low Masses*. The second collection is taken up for our Oblates.

There are **no Sunday Classes**, due to the Procession and Breakfast. **Vespers** with Benediction and October Devotions are at **4:30 PM**. Please note the special time and be sure that at least some of you attend upon Our Lord and Our Lady.

¶ **THIS WEEK:** We have a very Marian week. **Tuesday** is the feast of the Most Holy Rosary. **Thursday's** St. John Leonard founded the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God. The CMC has their meeting after the 5 PM Mass. The Maternity of Our Lady comes on **Saturday**. The Sodality of Charity meets after the High Mass.



Lumen Christi



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

O'Clair & Kusterer families
(Michael O'Clair)

Collection Report

Sunday, September 28th.....\$9,578.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

NEXT SUNDAY

The **Autumn Bake Sale** will take place after the morning Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers, October Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:30 PM.  **Set Your Mis-sal:** Pentecost XVIII, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third at the choice of the priest. Trinity Preface.

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!



YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Jane Fitzgibbon, Fr. Mardones, Anna Vogt & baby, Donna Akers, Barbara O'Connor, Tim

Hopkins, Denise Riggs, Rhonda Soeder, Terry Kopf, Charlie Henry, Victor Ritze, Robert Humpert, Marlene Johnson, Bob & Ann Poggel, and Dolores Zimmerman.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

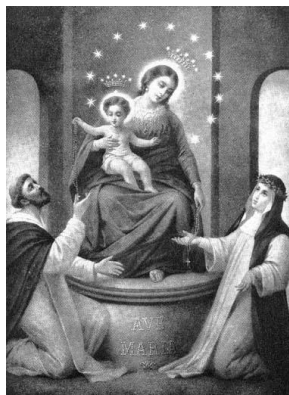
- **Final Fatima Rosary Procession by Candlelight:** Monday, October 13
- **Forty Hours:** October 24-26
- **All Saints Procession & Party:** Sunday, November 2
- **Martinmas Festivities:** Sunday, 11/9

EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES

You are ever waiting to do me benefits, to pour upon me blessings. You are ever waiting for me to ask You to be merciful to me. Yes, my Lord, You do desire that I should ask You. You are ever listening for my voice. There is nothing I cannot get from You. I confess my heinous neglect of this very great privilege. I am very guilty. I have trifled with the highest of gifts, the power to move Omnipotence. How slack am I in praying to You for my own needs! How little have I thought of the needs of others! How little have I brought before You the needs of the world and of Your Church! How little I have asked for graces in detail and for aid in daily wants! How little have I interceded for individuals! How little have I accompanied actions and undertakings, in themselves good, with prayer for Your guidance and blessing!

O my Lord Jesus, I will use the time. It will be too late to pray when life is over.... Low as I am in Your all-holy sight, I am strong in You, strong through Your Immaculate Mother, through Your saints: and thus I can do much for the Church, for the world, for all I love.... Oh, let me not walk my own way without thinking of You. Let me bring everything before You.... I will ever lift up my heart to You. I will never forget that You are my advocate at the throne of the Highest.... My Lord Jesus, I give myself wholly to You.

— Cardinal Newman



Our Beloved Dead - October

Marie B. Bludau	10-01-1983
Laverne Elmlinger	10-02-1992
James Lehman	10-03-1984
Belvie M. Mills	10-03-1995
Matilda E. Hamer	10-04-1981
Elizabeth M. Richter	10-05-2006
Susan Schmidt	10-06-1999
Joan Weigand	10-06-2012
Joseph M. Andreotta	10-06-2021
Victor William Feighery	10-09-1988
Nadine E. Henry	10-10-2009
C. Baumgartner	10-14-1987
Mark Moser	10-15-1987
Edwin Lavern Newman	10-22-1984
Rev. Gunther Richter	10-19-2008
Agnes Bandy	10-20-1985
Marie F. Borger	10-20-1988
Nicholas J. Bischak	10-21-2005
Vera L. DuBroca	10-21-1988
Ken Brown	10-24-2004
Laurence Brueggemann	10-24-1995
Frank J. Koerner	10-25-2005
Michael George	10-29-2021
Patricia Patton	10-30-2018

THE ROSARY

To Jesus and His Mother undefiled,
My chains unite the world in close
accord.
I count the happy heart-beats of the
child
When first he doth receive our hidden
Lord.

I share the nuptial blessing, next the ring
Holden in slim bride-fingers; and I hang
At the nun's girdle, like a precious thing;
I take from wounded souls full many a
pang.

My beads are hallowed by each loving
prayer
Said for a straying or an absent one;
I guard white Innocence from evil snare;
Cold hands still clasp me when their toil
is done.

I am the epic poem of the poor,
A Jacob's ladder of angelic thought;
Drama divine that ever shall endure—
The life of God in lasting sculpture
wrought.

— Robert Cox Strump



✦ THE BISHOP'S NOTE

We can get the cat report out of the way first, I think. The usual cats are all fine, but the black cat who came within the last few weeks and was with us ever since disappeared while I was away—cat box and all. Well, some things just sort of get arranged on their own. God's Will be done.



The caterpillars that I told you about last week...do you remember? Sr. Ulrica had a Monarch caterpillar and Liam brought in some other kind of large green one. Well, the experiment turned out to be a little gruesome. The Monarch died in its chrysalis stage, the delicate stage just before turning into a butterfly. If you want to know what happened to the other caterpillars just ask Miss Mikesell or one of our students. It is too disturbing for a church bulletin. But as I mentioned last week, one of the best ways for children to learn about science is to actually see these types of things firsthand.

My visit to St. Hugh of Lincoln was a rather quiet one, but still a very nice one. It was good to see familiar faces, as well as many new ones. There were four Confirmations on Sunday. No pictures have surfaced yet, but perhaps next week we will have some for the bulletin. What a nice reception we had in the church basement afterwards! They always did know how to put on a good potluck! Today, **Fr. McKenna** is in Milwaukee for their church picnic.

We welcome **Fr. Andrew Nowrouz**, who came all the way from California to be our Rosary Sunday guest speaker. Father was ordained this past June and has been working with **Fr. Zapp** and **Fr. Larrabee**. Thank you, Father, for coming and for your edifying words!

We have the Catholic Mothers Consortium this Thursday evening. Thursday is a big day in the history of the Catholic Church. It marks the 67th anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XII, our last true Pontiff. 67 years have passed since we have had a pope! But what is 67 years to God? What is 67 years in the light of eternity? We must have confidence in God and submit humbly to what He has planned from all eternity. We know by Faith that God has not, nor will He ever, abandon His Church. God has promised this. Pray and offer sacrifice that God may one day grant us unworthy souls a true pope to guide us and to fix all the problems that we have been facing since Vatican II.

Be faithful to your Holy Rosary and say it each day. Come to October Devotions if you can. The Rosary is such a powerful prayer and one of the best ways to honor the Mother of God!

— Bishop McGuire

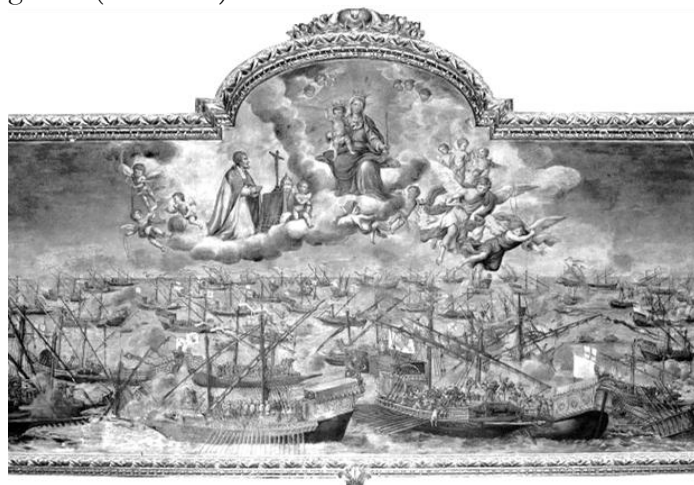
LOVE OF OUR ENEMIES

How are we to practice this spirit of meekness and mercy in our daily lives? Simply make up your mind "never to take offense." If you cannot excuse the word or act that insults you, at any rate you can generally with a little good will, excuse the intention. As a rule God only can know the full intention. Leave it to God then and do not waste time trying to be as God, knowing good and evil. You can, and sometimes ought, to redress a wrong done to your good name, but be very slow even then to attribute malice.

If Jesus could find an excuse for the Jews, "they know not what they do," it ought not to be hard for us to excuse the little unkindness of our neighbors. And in so doing we shall generally be right. "Kind thoughts," says Father Faber, "are usually true thoughts." Even "they know not what they do," was true of most of the Jews. "Had they known," says St. Paul, "they would never have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Cor. 1:8). Whereas unkind thoughts, being untrue, are the raw material of rash judgments and calumny; kind thoughts, even if occasionally wrong, do harm to nobody.

And by our refusing to take offense, a malicious neighbor would be positively benefited. If there was a spark of goodness left in him he would humbly take your mercy and be blessed thereby. But even if he did not take it you would not lose the reward of your kindness, and at the least he would be taught a good lesson.

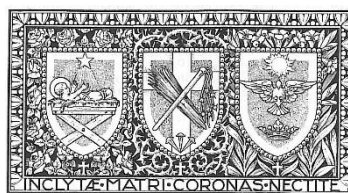
If, then, taking offense never does good and generally does harm, and not taking offense never does harm and generally does good, the resolution never to take offense can surely be urged upon you. Practice it in your daily life, and when big occasions arise, your mercy will be strong enough to conquer them. Thus will you "learn of Jesus to be meek and humble of heart." You will win the mercy promised to the merciful. You will be practicing the precepts and earning the reward of your Savior. "Judge not and you shall not be judged; condemn not and you shall not be condemned; forgive and you shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37).



✠ CALENDAR

MON	10/6/25	ST. BRUNO, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Adam Young – Happy 1 st Holy Communion (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
TUE	10/7/25	THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
		SS. MARK, PC & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Family unity & conversions (<i>Audrey Dunaway</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention – health (<i>The Richesson Family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special intention to the Blessed Mother (<i>The choir of little Angels</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Sarah Brugger (<i>Lucia Constantino</i>)
WED	10/8/25	ST. BRIDGET, W
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Shawn Cerise Family (<i>Victoria Cerise</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lord & Our Lady for a successful surgery
	11:25 AM	High Mass The needs and intentions of our family (<i>Elizabeth Gunsber</i>)
	2:45 PM	Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction
	3:10 PM	(approx.) Holy Communion
	5:10 PM	Low Mass †Gerald Crochet (<i>Caggese family</i>)
THU	10/9/25	ST. JOHN LEONARD, C
		SS. DENIS, BP & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Elsa Bowman (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass James Kern (<i>Erika McKnight</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special Intention (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Intentions of the CMC
		Catholic Mothers Consortium Meeting
FRI	10/10/25	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Patricia Culver (<i>KR</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass St. Magdalen (<i>Levi Giese Family</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	10/11/25	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY
	7:05 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †John Christopher Zander (<i>KR</i>)
	8:05 AM	Salve, October Devotions, Benediction
	8:30 AM	Sermon
	8:40 AM	High Mass The longsuffering souls in Purgatory (<i>Renee Fernandez</i>)
		Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	10/12/25	PENTECOST XVIII • OUR LADY OF EL PILAR
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>A.M.B.</i>)

✠ MONTH OF THE ROSARY



During these October days we are bidden to have frequent recourse to Mary, Our Mother; for it is the month which the Church has especially set

aside to honor her under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is not a devotion of yesterday, and though we do not know definitely when the devotion originated, it is said that the Rosary, as now used, was instituted by St. Dominic. The devotion is as simple as it is sublime, and is, says Father Thurston, “preeminently the prayer of the people, adapted alike for the use of the simple and the learned.” Hence it is adapted to every class of persons and to every order of intellect. It is the favorite devotion of all ranks of the clergy and religious, and is the daily practice of Pope, bishops, priests, and people. Its value is set forth in a long series of papal utterances by which it has been commended to the people, and its efficacy is proved by the daily experience of all who are familiar with it. The missionary on the prairie, and the nun in the hospital or on the tented field, carry their beads and recite the Rosary daily.

That it is a most powerful means of obtaining favors from heaven is proved by the experience of 700 years. The history of the conversion of the Albigenses by St. Dominic, who employed this powerful means of prayer, is not the only historical proof of the efficacy of the Rosary. The victories obtained by the Christians over the Turks in on August 5th (Feast of Our Lady of Snows), commanded the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII raised the Feast to a double of the second class, and added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation “Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.”

– *The Ave Maria, 1935*

Servers

FRI 10/10	5:45 PM LOW: A. & B. Constantino
SAT 10/11	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
	8:40 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, F. Caggese, J. Stewart
SUN 10/12	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: T. England
	ACs: A. Constantino, F. Caggese TBs: J. Smith, T. Stanislawski, B. Constantino, V. Horton, J. Hudson, J. Rabjohns
	11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
	4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACs: I. Smith, P. Caggese CROSS: F. Caggese
	5:45 PM LOW: VOLUNTEER

9:00 AM	High Mass For †Mary McGuire – Happy Birthday! (<i>Erika McKnight</i>)
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>)
4:30 PM	Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great