

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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October 19, 2025
PENTECOST XIX
MISSION SUNDAY
ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA, C



MISSION SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers, October Devotions & Benediction are at 4:30 PM.

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!

FORTY HOURS

The Forty Hours Devotion takes place on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday** of this week (**October 24-26**). The Devotion honors the time Our Lord's Adorable Body passed in the Holy Sepulcher, and obtains for the Church, as well as for each soul, all of the pressing needs of the day. Please try to take an hour of Adoration where it is most needed: **Saturday afternoon from 3-5:00 PM, and Sunday from 1-5:00 PM.**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the **5:30 PM Mass** on Friday. The moving and very touching Procession and Litany of the Saints conclude the opening ceremonies. Our **All Night Adoration** replaces the November Adoration.

The **Harvest Chili Supper** follows the opening ceremonies. Those who **attend** the opening Mass may consider



*The death of St. Peter of Alcantara
by Francesco Fontebasso*

themselves dispensed from the abstinence. Bring a meat or meatless chili to share.

All members of the **Rosary Confraternity** are invited to attend the Opening and Closing ceremonies of Forty Hours in a body, and walk in the Processions wearing their Confraternity medals.

Saturday's Adoration continues all day, with **Low Mass at 7:30** and Solemn Mass at **9 AM**. Rosary is at 12:00 noon, Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30, and closing devotions of the day with **Benediction at 4:45**.

NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING

We resume the **Forty Hours Adoration** at **6:30 AM**. There will be **no** Sunday Classes. October Devotions with Rosary will be at 4:00 PM. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45. Closing ceremonies** are at **6:45**, followed by refreshments. **Set Your Missal:** Christ the King, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XX. Preface of Christ the King.

POOR SOULS ENVELOPES

Envelopes for All Souls Day may be found in the vestibule. Fill one out with the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered in the Masses on

All Souls Day, and return them in the collection, bookstore, or office.

YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Diane Puglielli, Scott McKenna, Cody Miller, and Sr. Mary Claretia.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **All Saints Day (Holy Day!):** Saturday, November 1 (no evening Mass)
- **All Saints Procession & Party:** 11/2

Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention (Paul Mugar)

THE "CREDO" IN THE WILDERNESS

When Cardinal de Cheverus was a missionary in the United States, as he was traversing a dense forest one Sunday morning, there suddenly fell upon his ears the sound of solemn, melodious singing, issuing from the thickest part of the woods. He turned his steps in that direction, and was astonished to find a band of Indians assembled around a venerable man, singing the *Credo* in concert. These pious Indians, having been converted some years previously, and having no priest to say Mass for them, desired at least to show their faith in the Church by reciting its Creed, and proclaiming that they, too, believed. — *The Ave Maria*



"Take away God, and this world is unintelligible. Take away God, and human life is a melancholy puzzle. Take away God, and each human existence drifts like a frail bark which has been cast loose from its moorings and is at the mercy of the waves and currents of the treacherous sea. Take away God, and death hangs over life's end like a dark and heavy curtain, hiding we know not what, extinguishing hope, and tempting perplexed mortals to give themselves up to this world when the world is bright, and when it is black to lift their hands against their own lives." — *Bishop Hedley*



The activity and rush of life have become so general that it is a most unusual experience nowadays to meet with anyone who is leisurely and deliberate. Almost everybody is hurrying to finish what is in hand or to undertake another task, to go to some place or to get back from some other place. "I am so overwhelmed with work," writes a United States Senator, "that I could not attend my own funeral if they were to insist upon having it this evening." We are hoping that this excellent gentlemen's funeral will be indefinitely delayed; he will be forced to attend it, however, when the time comes, no matter how much occupied he may be with other affairs. If there are any mottoes which moderns would do well to bear in mind, they are *Memento mori* and *Festina lente*. We should all live better if we were to think oftener of dying, and accomplish more if we worked more slowly. "Are they all mad?" asked a native from Southern Italy, just arrived in New York, as he stood watching from one of the parlor windows of a hotel the scurrying pedestrians and swiftly-driven vehicles. A fellow-countryman who stood by answered in the words of Shakespeare: "*It is the very error of the moon; She comes more near the earth than she was wont; And makes men mad.*"

— *The Ave Maria, 1919*

FIAT!

I question not the way that Thou art leading,
My soul, grown weary with its doubts and fears;
My will I yield, the while my heart is pleading
Thy tender hand may stay the falling tears.

I cling to Thee in spite of all my grieving,
Thy servant still, Thy least behest to do;
Earth's joys and friends for Thy sake gladly leaving,
Since Thou, my God, art joy and friend most true.

Then help me, Lord, this day to do Thy willing,
And give me aid tomorrow's cross to bear;
My poor heart's tumult Thy dear presence stilling,
By my Communion in Thy strength I share.

O Mother Mary, to thy Jesus praying,
Win me the grace to love Him more and more,
Until, my body debt of Nature paying,
My soul may speed to heaven's blessed shore.

— *Marie*



Collection Report

Sunday, October 12th\$5,724.00
Bake Sale.....\$587.75

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Today is Mission Sunday. The penultimate Sunday of October was chosen by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as a special day to pray for the missions. In fact, each priest must say the collect for the Propagation of the Faith in today's Mass. The Church is, by its very nature, missionary. Christ said to the Apostles, "Going therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...." So the Church has done all through the centuries, beginning with the Apostles and extending to the present day; and so the Church will do until the end of the world. Pray that the Faith be spread far and near!

In order for this mission to be carried out the Church needs young men who are willing to give up a career and a life in the world. However, materialism has taken such a hold on souls that there are few who are willing to make that sacrifice. It is necessary, therefore, that parents be especially careful in the upbringing of their children, keeping them out of the public school system and raising them where there is Mass and the true sacraments. It is necessary to remove from the home all that can harm the faith or the spiritual life of the children, and to cultivate everything Catholic. Daily prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments is a must—all the more so in our present situation. Young men ought to think and meditate upon the true meaning of this life, the needs of souls all over the world, and the glory of the Church which Our Lord has founded, and which is being persecuted from every side. They ought to read the lives of the great missionaries who left everything to bring the Faith to distant countries. There is no greater calling than to be a priest of God. Pray, too, for more vocations.



Attached, you will see pictures from **Fr. Arnoldo Villegas'** chapel in Tijuana, Mexico, where he and his parishioners just celebrated their patronal feast on the feast of the Holy Rosary. I will be visiting Fr. Villegas' chapels in Tijuana and Mexicali later in November.

You will also see a parish photo taken at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence, MA, where I just administered the Sacrament of Confirmation and had a nice visit with **Fr. Richards** (Company of Jesus and Mary), **Brother Gerard** (third Order Dominican), and **Brother Jerome** (Company of Jesus and Mary). This weekend, I am administering Confirmations at Our Lady of the Rosary in Connecticut, and a mission chapel in New Jersey, where **Fr. Rodriguez** (Company of Jesus and Mary) is pastor.

Friday begins our annual Forty Hours Devotion, a time of great grace for our parish as a whole and for each soul in particular. Come lay your troubles at the feet of Our Lord or, as the Psalm says, "Cast thy care upon the Lord and He will sustain thee."

— Bishop McGuire



The Forty Hours Adoration

(Please find full schedule on back of bulletin)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5:30 PM Opening Solemn High Mass & Procession

Our Harvest Chili Supper takes place after Mass. Bring your favorite chili to share—with or without meat.

We will provide beverages, toppings, and dessert.

(The abstinence is dispensed for those who attend the opening Mass.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

7:30 AM Low Mass, **8:30 AM** Confessions

9:00 AM Solemn High Votive Mass for Peace

12:00 PM October Devotions

1:30 PM Solemn Vespers of Christ the King

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

ADORATION CONTINUES ALL DAY

6:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 AM Low Mass

9:00 AM Solemn High Mass

11:30 AM Low Mass

4:00 PM Visit, October Devotions

4:45 PM Solemn Vespers

5:30 PM Low Mass (note special time)

6:45 PM Closing Ceremonies with Procession and Benediction
Light refreshments in Helfta Hall

✠ CALENDAR

MON 10/20/25 ST. JOHN CANTIUS, C • MATER ADMIRABILIS

8:00 AM Low Mass Claire Kosovich (KR)

11:25 AM Low Mass Gabriella Young (*Grandma & Grandpa Young*)

3:00 PM October Devotions

TUE 10/21/25 ST. HILARION, AB

SS. URSULA & COMPANIONS, VVMM

7:00 AM Low Mass Special intentions in honor of Poor Souls (*Joseph Simpson family*)

8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (*Eddie Fernandez*)

11:25 AM High Mass For all who cooked, helped, or prayed for us (*Stanislawski Family*)

3:00 PM October Devotions

5:00 PM Low Mass Alfonso Capetillo – Happy Birthday (*Nana & Grandpa*)

WED 10/22/25 FERIAI DAY

7:00 AM Low Mass For the innocent victims of wars and disasters (*Dan & Mary*)

8:00 AM Low Mass Ambrose (*Joseph & Elizabeth Prell*)

11:25 AM Votive High Mass of St. Joseph Therese M. Young (*From husband*)

2:45 PM Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction (approx.) Holy Communion

5:10 PM Low Mass †Tedd Childers (*Jane Childers*)

THU 10/23/25 FERIAI DAY • THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER

7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*C. Simpson family*)

8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday – Addie Stafford (*Your children*)

11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society

3:00 PM October Devotions

FRI 10/24/25 ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL

Opening of Forty Hours

8:00 AM Low Mass Aubrey Uhlenbrock – Happy Birthday (*Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock*)

5:00 PM Confessions

5:20 PM Sacred Heart Novena

5:30 PM Solemn Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament Constantino Family and their intentions (*Joseph Simpson family*)

Procession, Harvest Chili Supper (approx.) October Devotions
All Night Adoration

SAT 10/25/25 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY

SS. CHRYSANTHUS & DARIA, MM

Continuation of Forty Hours

7:30 AM Low Mass For the sick and shut-ins who have asked for prayers (*Dan & Mary*)

8:30 AM Confessions

9:00 AM Solemn Votive High Mass for Peace For peace

12:00 PM October Devotions

1:30 PM Solemn Vespers of Christ the King

4:45 PM Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, Compline, Benediction, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Sunday morning

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

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.

Servers

FRI 10/24 **5:30 PM HIGH:** MCS: C. Richesson, N. McClorey, D. Simpson
THS: S. Richesson, N. Kolenich **ACS:** A. McClorey, M. Caggese
CROSS: D. Hudson **TBS:** I. & J. Smith, J. & N. Hudson, F. Caggese,
B. Constantino **UMBRELLA:** N. McClorey

SAT 10/25 **9:00 AM HIGH:** MCS: S. Richesson, D. Simpson **TH:** A. McClorey
ACS: M. Schneider, I. Smith **CROSS:** W. Young **TBS:** T. Young, D.,
C. & I. Wright, T. Stanislawski, V. Horton
1:30 PM VESPERS: **TH:** S. Richesson **ACS:** A. McClorey, M.
Schneider **CROSS:** W. Young

SUN 10/26 **7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: N. McClorey, D. Simpson **TH:** D. Hudson
ACS: J. & L. Rabjohns **CROSS:** T. England **TBS:** A. Constantino V.
Siqueira, V. Horton, Ma. & F. Caggese, N. Hudson
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS: **TH:** D. Simpson **ACS:** I. Smith, A. Constantino
CROSS: P. Caggese
5:30 PM LOW: N. McClorey
6:45 PM CLOSING: MCS: C. Richesson, N. McClorey, D. Simpson
THS: N. Kolenich, D. Hudson **ACS:** M. Caggese, S. Richesson
CROSS: J. Rabjohns **MITRE:** I. Smith **CROZIER:** F. Caggese **TBS:** T.
Stanislawski, V. Horton, A. & B. Constantino, J. Smith, L. Rabjohns
BUGIA: P. Caggese **UMBRELLA:** N. McClorey

SUN 10/26/25 CHRIST THE KING • PENTECOST XX

Closing of Forty Hours

6:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:05 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Low Mass †Andrew Blanchet (*Ken & Regina Gilliam*)

9:00 AM Solemn High Mass To St. Joseph in Thanksgiving
& Petition (*Joe Druecker*)

11:05 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Florence Swinney*)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues all day

4:00 PM Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, October Devotions

4:45 PM Solemn Vespers

✚ **5:30 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

6:45 PM Closing Ceremonies: Procession & Benediction
Light refreshments
