

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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May 10, 2026

EASTER V • MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY CROWNING • ST. ANTONINUS, BPC
SS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM**

¶ MOTHER'S DAY

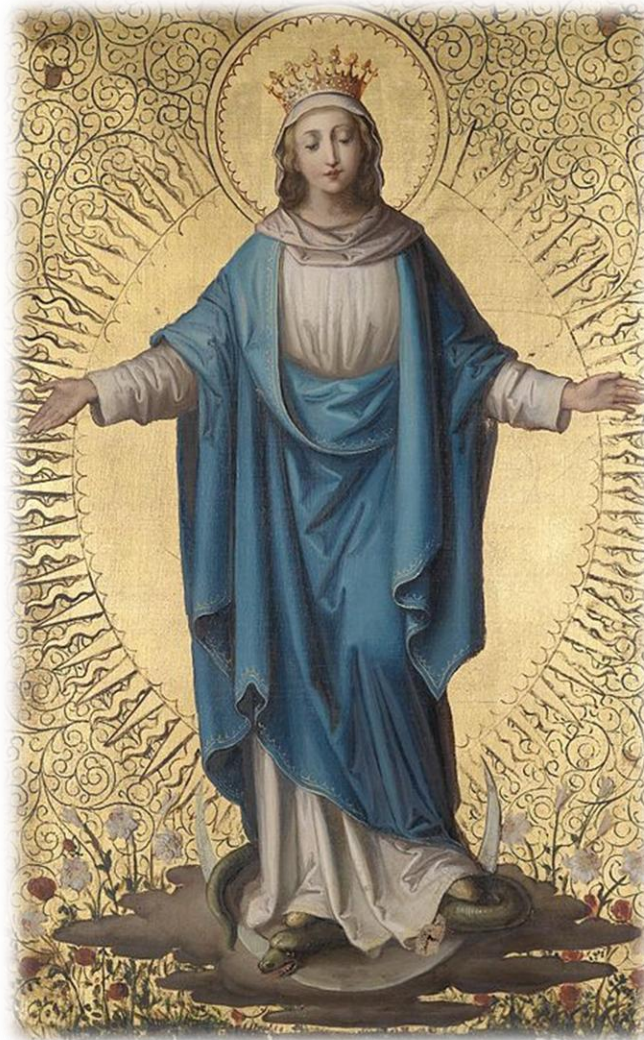
Happy Mother's Day! Our mothers are remembered at the High Mass, which is offered for them. Don't miss your Blessed Mother's May Crowning after the High Mass. Catechism classes are canceled today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after the Low Masses only. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:30 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son.

¶ THE ROGATION DAYS

Each year on the three days preceding Our Lord's admirable Ascension, the Church gathers up all of her needs and petitions and solemnly presents them to Our Lord so that He Himself will take them to the Father when He goes home to heaven. This is the idea of the Rogation, or *asking*, Days. The Rogation Day Processions are a beautiful part of the Church's liturgy and draw down much-needed grace upon ourselves, our Church, and our country. Join our school children in this powerful prayer at **11:00 AM** on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, followed by Holy Mass.

¶ STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE!

Last-minute Mother's Day gifts. Concrete statues are available again outside the bookstore. First Communion candles, arm bands, missals, even dresses are on the movable display. Confirmation statues and pictures of chosen saints are here also. Family Bibles are in the display case at a very reasonable price. Stop in today!



¶ TWO PROCESSIONS IN ONE DAY!

Wednesday is a truly blessed day, offering *two* processions for your convenience. The **Lesser Litanies Procession** concludes our Rogation Days at 11 AM, in our beautiful church grounds. The first **Fatima Rosary Procession** for peace opens this beloved, and also powerful series of processions at **7:15 PM** in **West Chester**, leaving from the First Watch parking lot on Union Centre Blvd.

¶ THE ASCENSION


Thursday is the feast of the **Ascension**, a *holy day of obligation*. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass under pain of mortal sin. Masses are at 7:00 (workers' Mass) & 9:00 AM, and 5:45 PM.

¶ PENTECOST NOVENA

On **Friday** we open our annual and most ancient Pentecost Novena with the chanting of the *Veni Creator* after the school Mass.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday Within the Octave of the Ascension. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and

Benediction will be at 4:30 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Sunday Within the Octave of Ascension, second collect of St. Paschal Baylon, third within the octave. Preface and Communicantes of the Ascension.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 3rd.....\$9,149.40
Second Collection.....\$3,977.00
Thank you for your generosity.



Wedding Banns

First Time:

David Wessel & Jane Lotarski

MARY'S MONTH

May, the month of blossoms and flowers, is a glorious month. Nature reawakens, takes on new life, forgets all old happenings, and seems determined that everything be bright and cheerful. May is the favorite month of all, but with every Catholic the month has added significance, for it is Mary's Month.

Just as nature is arrayed with beauty, the Blessed Mother too is adorned with beautiful graces. No wonder every child of Mary loved the happy blessed Maytime!

The Church wishes to give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May, and therefore it is fitting that every home have some kind of a devotion in honor of our Blessed Mother, the Queen of May.

We love our Blessed Mother so much that we are happy to erect a little altar in her honor. We delight to keep fresh, fragrant flowers before her statue, and to gather the family round the little altar each evening to recite the rosary and the litany in her honor. We rejoice in the thought that always our Mother Mary watches over us and guides us tenderly. It is through her that we go to Jesus.

Mary is the Mediatrix of all graces. She it is who will crush the head of the serpent and bring that peace and security that only God can give. Let us surrender ourselves to Mary, an all-out surrender, by consecrating our lives to her. This beautiful Act of Consecration is highly indulged by the Church. Recite it often with a heart full of love.

"My Queen! my Mother! I give myself entirely to thee; and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession." – *St. Anthony Messenger*

¶ LOOK AHEAD

- CMC Meeting: May 21
- Knights of St. Martin: May 28
- Confirmands' Day of Recollection (for children): Thursday, May 21
- Confirmations: Saturday, May 23
- First Communions: Sunday, June 7
- Girls' Camp: June 16-18
- YAG 2026: July 10-12
- Boys' Camp: July 28-30



Our Beloved Dead – May

Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Diane Powell	5-04-2012
Patrick Harpen	5-06-2014
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Robert Brockman	5-08-2020
Janet Becker	5-10-2018
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Maria Duff	5-11-2013
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Helen Mariam Laub	5-15-2024
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
William Sandmyer	5-25-2011
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Paul T. Grau	5-28-2022
Anne McMahon	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990
Elizabeth Reis	5-31-2013

THE MONTH OF MAY

Green are the leaves, and sweet the flowers,
 And rich the hues of May;
 We see them in the gardens round,
 And market-panniers gay;
 And e'en among our streets and lanes,
 And alleys, we descry
 By fitful gleams, the fair sunshine,
 The blue transparent sky.

O Mother-Maid, be thou our aid,
 Now in the opening year;
 Lest sights of earth to sin give birth,
 And bring the tempter near.

Green is the grass, but, wait awhile,
 'Twill grow and then 'twill wither;
 The flowrets, brightly as they smile,
 Shall perish altogether;
 The merry sun, you sure would say,
 It ne'er could set in gloom;
 But earth's best joys have all an end,
 And sin, a heavy doom.

But Mother-Maid, thou dost not fade;
 With stars above the brow,
 And the pale moon beneath thy feet,
 For ever throned art thou.

The green, green grass, the glittering grove,
 The heaven's majestic dome,
 They image forth a tendered bower,
 A more refulgent home;
 They tell us of that Paradise
 Of everlasting rest,
 And that high Tree, all flowers and fruit,
 The sweetest, yet the best.

O Mary, pure and beautiful,
 thou art the Queen of May;
 Our garlands wear about thy hair,
 And they will ne'er decay.



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

It has been said that every mother must have a priestly heart. One cannot even think of the priesthood without immediately thinking of sacrifice. Priest and altar go together. A priestly heart seems to have no thought other than to offer sacrifice to the Lord. The Vatican II religion has always tried to separate the notion of sacrifice from the priesthood. Indeed, the fact that have removed the Supreme High Priest, Our Lord Jesus Christ, from His cross in their churches points to this very fact. You see the result of this in the world. It would be almost just as ridiculous to think of a mother who did not offer sacrifice on the altar of her heart for her children. Today should be a day on which we do more than treat Mom to dinner or send her flowers. These things are empty gestures unless accompanied by a true love and respect. Today we ought to resolve to honor, love, respect, and assist our Mothers on a consistent basis. But most of all, we ought to pray and offer sacrifice for her.

Fr. Arnoldo seemed to have enjoyed his short visit with us. Miguel, a parishioner of his, acted as translator for everyone. It was so nice to see both of them. Father has plans to build a church in a better part of Tijuana, close by the convent. It looks like it will be a beautiful church, built in the Gothic style. He says it will take “much a fe!” (a lot of Faith) to accomplish it, and that it will probably not be finished in his lifetime. He has always dreamed of having a seminary, so the church will be named St. Thomas Aquinas. I look forward to seeing him again in July when he will assist with ceremonies in Dos Ríos, where **Fr. Martín** resides; and again in November when I visit Tijuana and Mexicali for Confirmations.

Tomorrow, May 11th, is the fourth priestly anniversary of **Fathers Simpson, Brueggemann, Ojeka, and Okerulu**. All four of these priests are doing much good in Our Lord’s vineyard. I don’t know everything that the Nigerian priests are doing, but I do know that Fr. Okerulu teaches in their seminary, and Fr. Ojeka does a lot of pastoral work in the missions. Fr. Brueggemann, likewise, teaches in our seminary, while Fr. Simpson does a lot of very good mission work. Pray for these priests of God. Pray for their perseverance, above all.

Fr. Simpson is in Milwaukee today, **Fr. McKenna** is in Dallas, and Fr. Brueggemann will be in Illinois for this evening’s Mass. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is here with me to assist with the May Crowning. Speaking of Fr. Lehtoranta, he went with the school on a field trip last week. I did not get a lot of details, but it seems the weather was nicer than expected (no doubt, an answer to

prayer), and all the children had a very good time.

This week is a week of prayer, remember! Today’s Gospel sets the tone, and the next three days are Rogation, or “asking” Days, while Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Let’s gather up all of our intentions and give them to Our Lord before His Ascension, so that when He does ascend into Heaven He will lay our petitions at His Father’s feet.

– **Bishop McGuire**



Pray for your child. You could not free it from original sin, had God not seconded your pious desire by holy Baptism; and just as little, without the grace and mercy of God, can you release it from the threefold concupiscence and imbue it with Christian sentiments. The Divine Savior alone can do that, for He has said: “Without Me you can do nothing.” Turn, then, to Him. Entreat Him, expect everything from His blessing, and attach to your own efforts only as much value as the Lord will be pleased by His helping hand to supply. You must, indeed, “always pray and never faint,” as the Divine Savior teaches. For as it is your duty ever to provide for the good of your child, so must Jesus Christ constantly lend you His support that you may always make use of the right word and the right manner of acting; namely, that which springing from the Heart of Jesus, will bear fruits of salvation. May your heart, O Christian Mother, be ever as full of prayer to God as it is at all times full of love for your children! – *Mother Love*

✠ CALENDAR

MON 5/11/26 ROGATION DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Mother's Day, Mom (*Brueggemann girls*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession
11:25 AM High Mass Happy Anniversary Fathers Simpson, Brueggemann, Ojeka & Okerulu (*C. Simpson family*)
3:10 PM May Devotions

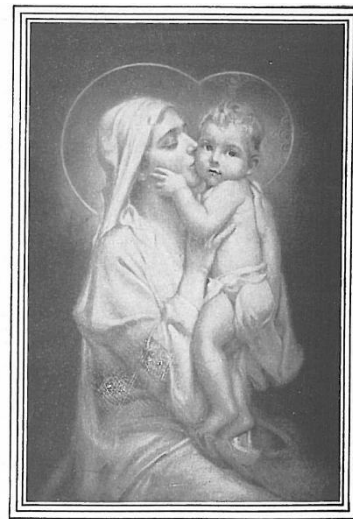
TUE 5/12/26 SS. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM
 ROGATION DAY
7:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Young – Happy Anniversary (*Mom & Pop*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession
11:25 AM High Mass Patt family (*Sister Magdalen*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:10 PM Low Mass The Holy Souls (*Arlinghaus Family*)

WED 5/13/26 ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, BPCD
 VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION • ROGATION DAY
 OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
7:00 AM Low Mass Augie Kurtz – Happy Birthday (*S. Kurtz*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Stephanie Kershnik (*KR*)
11:00 AM Rogation Day Procession
11:25 AM High Mass Our Priests & Religious, Living & Deceased (*A.M.B.*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (*Isabella Carrillo*)
7:15 PM First Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

THU 5/14/26 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOLY DAY
7:00 AM Worker's Mass Happy Birthday Joel! (*Capetillo family*)
9:00 AM High Mass Happy Baptism Day Charlie (*Your Godparents*)
4:30 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

FRI 5/15/26 ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C
 ST. DYMPHNA, VM • PENTECOST NOVENA I
8:00 AM Low Mass †Frances Mattingly (*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski*)
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Sr. Eulalia – Happy Feast Day
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Lucia Constantino (*Sister Magdalen*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 5/16/26 ST. UBALDUS, BPC • WITHIN THE OCTAVE
 ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M • ST. BRENDAN, C
 OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES • NOVENA II
7:05 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Victor Soria (*Cleo Speckert*)
8:05 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions
8:15 AM Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Grandpa! (*Capetillo family*)



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QUEEN OF MOTHERS

Lead by good example. If the child gives evidence of possessing one of the three concupiscences in an especially strong form search your own heart and actions, notice the disposition and life of the father, and see whether the same inclination is not found there. Consider whether or not up to the present you have taken serious action against it. Resolve now, at least, to free yourself from it. Facilitate by your own conversion that of your child; by your own improvement, the improvement of the child.

– Mother Love

Servers

THU 5/14 7:00 AM Low: Brueggemanns
9:00 AM High: MCs: T. Lawrence, S. Richesson **TH:** F. Caggese
ACs: I. Smith, A. Constantino **TBS:** T. Stanislawski, J. Smith, Ma. Caggese, E. Garcia, I. Wright, V. Horton **CROSS:** A. McClorey
4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson **ACs:** I. Smith, B. Constantino **CROSS:** J. Smith
5:45 PM Low: C. Lorenz

FRI 5/15 5:45 PM Low: F. & M. Caggese
BENEDICTION: MCs: D. Simpson, M. Caggese **TH:** F. Caggese
TBS: J. Smith, Ma. Caggese

SAT 5/16 7:30 AM Low: Rabjohns
8:20 AM High: D. Simpson, Brueggemanns

SUN 5/17 7:30 AM Low: M. Schneider, Brueggemann
9:00 AM High: MCs: C. Richesson, T. Lawrence **TH:** M. Caggese
ACs: F. Caggese, B. Constantino **TBS:** J. & M. Kolenich, N. Hudson, D. & G. Wright, L. Rabjohns
11:30 AM Low: Capetillos
4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: A. Constantino **ACs:** I. Smith, F. Caggese **CROSS:** A. Constantino
5:45 PM Low: C. Lorenz

SUN 5/17/26 SUNDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF ASCENSION
 ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C • NOVENA III
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph for his care of me (*Regina Gilliam*)
9:00 AM High Mass Good Health of a friend (*Anon.*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Terri Young – for my wife's health (*Bill Young*)
4:30 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great