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"Invenies Me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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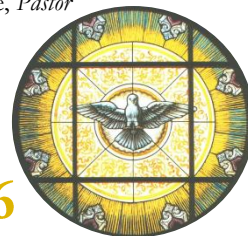
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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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May 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Our Newest Soldiers of Christ

Austin *Louis* Allen
Scott *Louis* Browning
Isaac *Isidore* Brueggemann
Carlos *Alphonsus* Garcia
Enzo *Tarcisius* Garcia
Aidan *Luke* Harlow
Patrick *Nicholas* Lotarski
Braxton *Christopher* McAnally
Nicholas *Michael* Rampulla
Robert *James* Rogers
Noah *Joseph* Schneider
Aaron *Ignatius* Shultz
David *Joseph* Wessel
Maryann *Monica* Allen
Grace *Catherine* Ball
Isabella *Therese* Carrillo
Eleanor *Veronica* Ford
Lucia *Marciana* Garcia
Taylor *Sophia* Garcia
Olivia *Dymphna* McConnell
Phyllis *Anne* Rampulla
Philomena *Margaret Mary* Schneider
Ivy *Felicity* Shultz
Lindsey *Perpetua* Shultz
Ruby *Barbara* Shultz
Siena *Therese* Shultz
Dorothy *Elizabeth* Stanislawski
Victoria *Therese* Yang
Elizabeth *Therese* Young
Lillian *Agnes* Zver

¶ PENTECOST SUNDAY



Today is Pentecost Sunday, after Easter the greatest feast of the year, for it marks the completion of the liturgical cycle with the Descent of the Holy Ghost. Catechism Classes are out for the summer. Vespers with May Devotions & Benediction are at 4:30 PM.

¶ PENTECOST MONDAY & TUESDAY

Monday and Tuesday are feasts of devotion, formerly holy days. Try especially to assist at Mass on those days. Tomorrow is also Memorial Day, our country's "Springtime All Souls Day." On this day, pray for all of our dead, but especially all who have died in our wars. Rosary and May Devotions will be prayed at 8:30 AM, followed by the High Mass of Pentecost Monday at 9:00 AM.

Please note, the office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the summer Ember Days. All Catholics age seven and older must observe partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusive are obliged to follow the church laws of fast—one full meal a day. The Ember Days were instituted to beg God's blessings upon those to be ordained and for the new season of the year.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY

Last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:30 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Trinity Sunday, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Trinity Preface.

¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices this week for all to make a good Confession and Communion.



Congratulations to Carlos and Taylor Garcia on the baptism of their daughter, Rita Guadalupe, on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 23.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH TO OBTAIN A CONVERSION

O glorious patriarch, who didst merit to be called just by the Holy Ghost, I urgently recommend to thee the soul of [N.N.], which Jesus redeemed at the price of His Precious Blood. Thou knowest how deplorable is the state and unhappy the life of those who have banished this loving Savior from their hearts, and how greatly they are exposed to lose Him eternally. Permit not, I beseech thee, that a soul so dear to me should continue any longer in its evil ways; preserve it from the danger that threatens it; touch the heart of this prodigal child, and conduct him back to the bosom of the fondest of fathers.

Abandon him not, I implore thee, till thou hast opened to him the gates of the heavenly city, where he shall praise and bless thee throughout eternity for the happiness which he will owe to thy powerful intercession. Amen.

MY MOTHER

Dear Mary, I am but a child
Who kneel before thy throne;
The way that I must walk is long,
So leave me not alone:

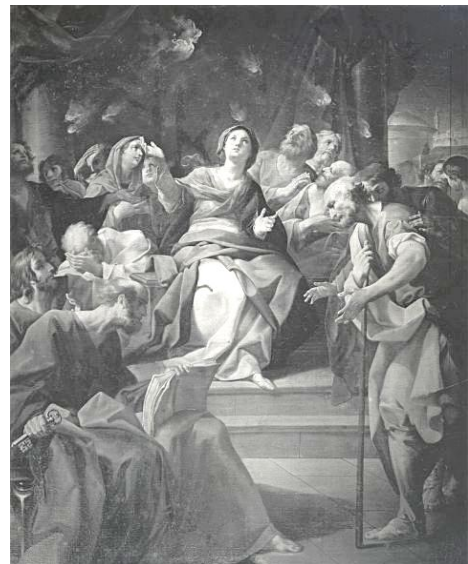
Take thou my hand from day to day,
Lest on the stony road
My feet should stumble, and my heart
Should sink beneath its load.

It will not matter, Mother dear,
That long the days may be,
Or that the nights are full of cares,
If thou art leading me.

For in the shadow of thy smile,
Though Sorrow be my guest,
Less weary and less sick at heart,
I'll lay me down to rest.

Oh, guard me, Mother, through the
night;
And when the sun doth rise,
Sweet Mary, keep me all the day
Beneath thy watchful eyes.

– Eric West



Wedding Banns

Third Time:

David Wessel & Jane Lotarski

Collection Report

Thursday, May 14th.....\$3,628.00
Sunday, May 17th.....\$6,520.62

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Blessed Feast of Pentecost to each and every one of you! May the Holy Ghost enkindle in your hearts the fires of the love of God!

Yesterday's Vigil with all of its ceremonies was truly a day of edification and of graces. It is a miniature Holy Saturday, as it were. The Pentecost Vigil does not take nearly as long since there is neither the Blessing of Fire nor the Paschal Candle; instead of twelve, only six Prophecies are read, and Vespers is not sung during the Mass. The real highlight of the day was the Confirmations after the Mass. Thirty new Soldiers of Jesus Christ! This might be the most we have had at St. Gertrude's since my consecration in 2022. May the Holy Ghost enlighten and strengthen these newly confirmed soldiers, and may they always be docile to His Seven-fold Gifts.

Last week was filled with delightful events! Miss Mikesell's cooking class prepared a meal for the entire school and invited the clergy and oblates as well. The food was well prepared and tasted delicious. I am really proud of the four young ladies for their cooking skills and am always very glad to see their enthusiasm during their weekly class. I've included a picture of our four chefs below.



Fr. Lehtoranta organized a nice Day of Recollection for the confirmands, which took place last Thursday. Father reports that we had one of the biggest classes yet—sixteen children. They seemed to be an attentive group well versed in their catechism. Father took care of most of the talks and devotions, while I only had to give a talk on Fortitude and then run a little practice for the children's Confirmation and First Holy Communion. During the Confirmation practice, each child comes up and kneels before the bishop while I show them how I will confirm them. After the anointing and the slap on the cheek, the bishop presents his ring for the confirmand to kiss. It is hilarious to see how many of them try to fist bump me! We had three or four of them who tried to do so during practice! Believe it or not, some of the children in different missions have fist bumped me during the actual ceremony. It is all the funnier because, for them, it is just an innocent reaction.

The Catholic Mothers' Consortium was lightly attended on Thursday evening, but with good reason. Many of the mothers have babies on the way and couldn't make it! Still, I think, a good time was had by all. Ivy, Siena, and Ruby showed me how to play Suspend, a fun game similar to Jenga. I came in fourth place which is not surprising, but everyone seemed to have fun.

The Brueggemann brothers had to remove the stucco from one entire side of the Convento. We had hoped that would not be the case, but they found more damage once they started the project. They worked an entire day and did not stop until 11:00 at night. They came back and finished cutting the Tyvek covering on Thursday evening. **Fr. Simpson** arranged to have a company put up Staccato Board this coming Tuesday. That will cost us \$12,000, and would have been more expensive had not the Brueggemanns been so kind as to help with the first stages. Next up...roofing!

Tomorrow is Memorial Day and I hope that you have a restful day, but don't forget to start your day off with Mass. Pentecost Monday and Tuesday are very high feasts and we should do our best to observe them if at all possible. We have special High Masses on those days. We have so much for which to thank the Holy Ghost and there is no better way to do so than by attending Holy Mass in His honor!

– **Bishop McGuire**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion, the Holy Trinity was fully revealed, and the Church was made manifest to the world. St. Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (St. Cyril of Alexandria).

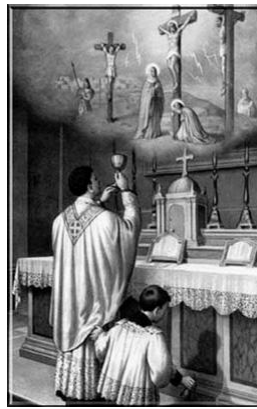


Servers

- MON 5/25** 8:00 AM LOW: Constantinos
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, T. Lawrence TH: M. Simpson
ACS: I. Smith, M. Kolenich TBS: Ma. Caggese, F. Caggese, J. Smith, J. Kolenich
- FRI 5/29** 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
BENEDICTION: MCS: T. Capetillo, D. Simpson TH: J. Capetillo
TBS: Ma. Caggese, E. Garcia
- SAT 5/30** 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, A. & B. Constantino
- SUN 5/31** 7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: N. McClorey, M. Simpson TH: T. England
ACS: J. & L. Rabjohns TBS: V. Siqueira, V. Horton, Ma. Caggese, B. Constantino, J. Hudson, T. Young
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: I. Smith ACS: A. Constantino, J. Smith CROSS: D. Simpson
5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey
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✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/25/26	PENTECOST MONDAY • MEMORIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Joseph & Sarah Simpson – Thank you! <i>(Carlos & Taylor Garcia)</i>
	8:30 AM	May Devotions
	9:00 AM	High Mass Dominic & Lauren Caggese – Thank you! <i>(Enzo & Lucia Garcia)</i>
TUE	5/26/26	PENTECOST TUESDAY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Brenda Shears – conversion <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fernandez)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass John & Joseph – conversion <i>(Sister Enlalia)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass Sr. Ulrica: Happy Feast Day
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Congratulations on your Confirmation, Ruby! <i>(Lucia Constantino)</i>
WED	5/27/26	EMBER WEDNESDAY <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD • ST. JOHN I, PM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Deborah Kurtz – Happy Birthday <i>(S. Kurtz)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †P. Soria <i>(Cleo Speckert)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass †John C. Mikul III <i>(Faith Ballesteros)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Benjamin Childers – 20 th birthday <i>(Jane Childers)</i>
THU	5/28/26	PENTECOST THURSDAY ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC
	7:00 AM	Low Mass My siblings & their families <i>(Bp. McGuire)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Gabriella Young <i>(Grandma & Grandpa Young)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday †Bishop Dolan <i>(Doloris Ritzge)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass For our deceased relatives & friends <i>(Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III)</i>
FRI	5/29/26	EMBER FRIDAY <i>FAST</i> ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Erika & family <i>(Sister Enlalia)</i>
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Margaret Naegele <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritzge)</i>
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:15 PM	Rosary & Confessions
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock <i>(Bill & Terri Young)</i>
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	5/30/26	EMBER SATURDAY <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> ST. FELIX, PM • ST. JOAN OF ARC, V ST. FERDINAND, KING
	7:05 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Brendan Rabjohns <i>(KR)</i>
	8:05 AM	Regina Coeli, May Devotions
	8:15 AM	Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass Ben Capetillo – happy birthday <i>(Nana & Grandpa)</i>



MASS AT MARY'S ALTAR

While Mass is being celebrated at the Blessed Virgin's altar, I have often fancied the Virgin Mother animating that portrait of hers, and smiling to witness anew the scenes of her earthly career. Wistfully she seems to envy the priest at the altar as he enacts again the life of her Divine Son.

It is the elevation. As the priest bends low over the host, Mary joyfully recounts the moment of the Annunciation, when, obedient to the angel's tidings, her *fiat* drew God down from Heaven to take up His abode in her virginal womb. The priest completes the words of consecration, and behold Bethlehem's first Christmas morn is visualized! To Mary's eternal vision, choirs of angels are once more descending from Heaven with their tidings of peace to men of good will. Surely, that Virgin Mother smiles as she notices the altar's white linens, and dreams of the straw of the manger, when her white hands, and hers only, held Him, her God, in His waking and in His rest. Does she fear any danger now for her Son as she gazes on that little white host?

"No! no! she is trustful as He is— What a terrible trust in our race! The Divine has still faith in the human— What a story of infinite grace!"

As the priest raises the Host for the adoration of the faithful—for the poor and the rich, the ignorant and the learned—does not Mary recall those days of long ago, when she held in her hands the wealth of Heaven, and presented the Only-Born of God for the adoration of both the poor, ignorant Shepherds of Bethlehem, as well as the Wise Men of the East?

The priest raises the chalice! Again the Mater Dolorosa stands beneath the cross on Calvary's heights, faithful to the last. The hushed stillness of that Mass's solemn moment recalls the terrible silence on Golgotha when her Son hung writhing on the Cross.

Comes the Communion, and Mary bows her head as the priest consumes the Body and Blood of her Emmanuel. At that moment in her heart of her Son's Anointed, eternity is beating, and she rejoices in the act! Sure now that her Child has received the love and welcome He deserves, Mary, in company with the angels, departs once more for the skies.

SUN	5/31/26	TRINITY SUNDAY
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Mom & Dad <i>(Maria McConnell)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass St. Anthony – Thank you <i>(Joe Druecker)</i>
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass In thanksgiving for the generosity of others: known & unknown <i>(Patrick & Cristin Lotarski)</i>
	4:30 PM	Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great