

# 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 31, 2026**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**

## ¶ TRINITY SUNDAY

Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity, and the *last day* on which to fulfill your Easter Duty. Vespers with May Devotions & Benediction are at 4:30.

## ¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tomorrow, **Monday**, we close the month of Mary with her Queenship, even as we open the month of the Sacred Heart of her Son. Pray to St. Joseph on **First Wednesday**. Corpus Christi comes on **First Thursday**. **First Friday** of the Sacred Heart's own month of June calls us to a **Communion of Reparation**, and the sweet strengthening sacrifice of **Nocturnal Adoration**. Back to Mary, our Mother and Queen for **First Saturday** observance. Pray with us!

## ¶ FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

We keep this great feast on **Thursday**, with *All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* beginning with **Exposition** after the **8 AM Low Mass**, and the annual chanting of the entire Divine Office by our clergy. Try to make Mass or Vespers or at least a visit. Solemn **High Mass** is sung at **11:25 AM**. Vespers are at 2:30 PM, followed by Benediction. Adorers are needed all day, especially from 1 to 3:10 PM.

## ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**11:00 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass, Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Confessions & Rosary  
**5:45 PM** High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Novena  
**All Night Adoration**

*First Friday Intention:* Thanksgiving & reparation to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.



## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:05 AM** Rosary & Confessions  
**7:30 AM** High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed  
**8:10 AM** Devotions, Benediction  
**8:30 AM** Meditation  
**8:40 AM** Low Mass

*First Saturday Intention:* Reparation for false devotion and false apparitions.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of †Robert Brockman, who died this past Sunday. His funeral will be on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please also pray for the soul of one of our shut-ins, †Kathy Verity, who died on Tuesday. Her funeral will be Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

**First Holy Communions** take place at the High Mass. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after the Low Masses. The Second Collection is for our Oblates, and the Little Church will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests.

The annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** follows the High Mass. If you are attending the 11:30 AM Mass, why not come a little early (approx. 10:45) for outdoor Benediction, and to accompany Our Lord in the Procession. Rosary Confraternity members are invited to wear their medals and take part as a group in the Procession.

Exposition is at **6:30 AM** and adoration continues all morning. Plan to make a visit! The second Benediction after the Procession concludes the morning adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition and Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day.

📖 **Set Your Missal: High Mass:** *Corpus Christi, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of the Sunday within the Octave; Nativity Preface.*  
**Low Masses:** *Sunday within the Octave, commemoration of the Octave; Nativity Preface.*

*Congratulations* to Levi

& Jacinta Giese on the baptism of their son, Martin Joseph, on Friday, May 29; and to William & Kayla Long on the baptism of their daughter, Felicity Marie, on Saturday, May 30.



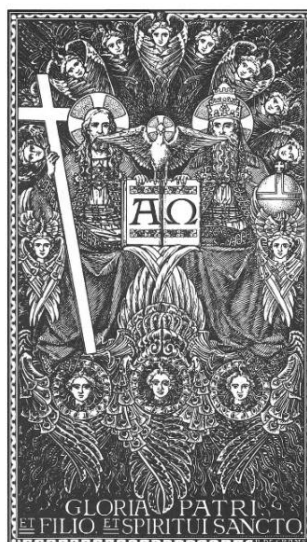
¶ **MASS STIPENDS:** *Please do not submit special date Mass requests more than two months in advance. Special date Masses for more than two months away will be returned to you. Thank you for your cooperation. – Parish Office*

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Trinity is the source and the goal, the alpha and the omega of all feasts of the liturgical year. The Church commemorates the Son in His incarnate life in many feasts throughout the year; she commemorates the Holy Ghost's coming, and His external mission at Pentecost. There is no special feast in honor of God the Father. He is the principal Fount of the triune Godhead, from whence the Son and the Holy Ghost together "proceed" and the whole of the Church's worship is directed to the Father, through the Son. Once a year, however, on Trinity Sunday, the Church concentrates on a sublime feast in honor of the three divine Persons. The fact that the Church does so at the beginning of a new period of her life is significant for us. After our redemption from the bondage of sin by Christ's death on "the wood of the cross," His Ascension into Heaven after His glorious Resurrection, and the sending of the Paraclete, He leaves us under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, "of all consolers best," to work out our salvation by exercising our faith: "Now the Catholic faith is this: that we worship One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal" (Athanasian Creed).

The Church confesses her faith in the Trinity not only in words; she impresses it frequently in her rites and services. In the name of the triune God we were baptized and marked on our foreheads; in the preparatory purification the priest says: "I bid thee begone, unclean spirit, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." By the Father we were adopted as His

children, brother and co-heirs we became with the Son, and temples of the Holy Ghost. Through the Blessed Trinity the graces of the other sacraments are conferred upon us. Even at the hour of our death the priest still invokes the Blessed Trinity: "Set out, O Christian soul, in the name of the Father who created thee, in the name of the Son who redeemed thee, in the name of the Holy Ghost who sanctified thee." Nearly all the prayers we use close with an invocation of the Trinity, and every sign of the cross we make is a profession of the triune God. Can we still wonder then that the Church chants so beautifully in the preface of the Trinity: "It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: who with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord; not in the oneness of a single person, but in the trinity of one substance. For that which we believe from Thy revelation concerning Thy glory, that same we believe of Thy Son, that same of the Holy Ghost, without difference or separation. So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, we shall adore distinction in persons, oneness in being, and equality in majesty."



A DOXOLOGY

Oh awful, mystic, Three-and-One—  
The Father, Holy Ghost, and Son!  
Other in person and in name:  
In life and nature, GOD, the same.

The Father first, —the only Son—  
The Spirit, mingling Three-in-One;  
All, gathered in their sole abode,  
The very and eternal God.

There, when our day of peace began,  
Throned in their midst, Behold the  
Man!

Jesu! the God who died, was He—  
The Second of the awful Three.

Then fame and honor ever be,  
In heaven, to GOD, the Trinity!  
On earth, let equal praise be done,  
And worship we the Three-and-One.

— Robert Stephen Hawker



Lumen Christi

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

Thanksgiving (Adonela Del Cid)

¶ LOOK AHEAD

- CMC Meeting: June 11
- Girls' Camp: June 16-18
- St. John's Potluck & Bonfire: June 23
- Knights of St. Martin: June 25
- YAG 2026: July 10-12
- Boys' Camp: July 28-30

Collection Report

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.....\$8,288.62

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Last week's Vigil ceremonies with thirty Confirmations and a baptism was quite the shot in the arm for our parish. What a joyful day it was, just as it should have been, since the Holy Ghost was there! Our joy continued into this week as we had two more baptisms. William and Kayla Long's very first baby was baptized on Saturday morning. I would like to congratulate them both on their new baby, now an adopted child of God. I also want to extend my congratulations to Levi and Jacinta Giese on the baptism of their little one, Martin Joseph. Adding to the joy of the occasion, little Martin was able to be baptized by his uncle, **Fr. Simpson**. Deo gratias!

This week begins with a period of sadness. Two of our parishioners died last week and their funerals are back to back. Rob Brockman died in a car accident, and leaves behind two children...please pray for them! His funeral will be on Tuesday. Kathy Verity, a dear and faithful soul, died not unexpectedly and was well fortified with the sacraments. Her funeral will be on Wednesday. Pray for the repose of these souls. It is, after all, our duty to do so. Our Faith reminds us that we will one day, perhaps not so far off, join them. Let us live according to the Faith, pray for final perseverance, and just pray. In this way, we will be found worthy of the promises of Christ.

Sadness is never meant to be a permanent state on this earth. Joy, which comes from possessing the Holy Ghost in our souls through sanctifying grace, IS meant to be our normal state. As long as we possess the Holy Ghost in our soul, we will always have reason to be joyful. In fact, not even the occasional sad event will ever fully take away our joy. In any case, sadness always gives way to joy at some point. It certainly does this week as we turn our hearts to adore our Eucharistic King on Corpus Christi and throughout its octave. The feast of Corpus Christi will be for us a full day of prayer. I hope you will join us! The clergy will chant the entire Divine Office, the most powerful prayer after the Mass. Then next Sunday we will celebrate the morning Masses before the Blessed Sacrament exposed and will have the happiness of seeing some of our children receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time!

School ends this Friday and the children go home for the summer. We sure will miss them. Parents, do try to get your children, especially the First Communicants, to church often in the summer for an extra Mass and Holy Communion. We have so much to offer everyone that it seems like it would be difficult not to come to

church! Camps, a bonfire, YAG, the 13 Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony, monthly Rosary processions, and a lot more!



**Bishop Nkamuke** gave minor orders to four of his seminarians on the Feast of St. Bede the Venerable. Later in June, three of our seminarians will receive orders. Please pray for our seminarians and their professors.

Blessed Feast of the Holy Trinity! I send you my blessing in their Name!

– **Bishop McGuire**

### PRAYER OBTAINS ALL THINGS

As we must ask God for daily bread for the sustenance of the body, so must we pray to Him for strength of soul for its nourishment in virtue. Hence that universal condition and law of life, which is a perpetual battle, brings with it the necessity of prayer to God.... Christ our Lord, the only begotten Son of God, the source of all grace and virtue, first showed by example what He taught in word: *He passed the whole night in the prayer of God*, and when nigh to the sacrifice of His life, *He prayed the longer*.

God desires to aid men, having promised openly to give His grace in abundance to those who ask for it. He even invites men to ask, and almost insists with most loving words: *I say unto you, ask and it shall be given you: seek, and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened to you*. And that we should have no fear in doing this with confidence and familiarity, He softens His words, comparing Himself to a most loving father who desires nothing so much as the love of his children....



**I offer Thee, O my God**, all my thoughts, words, actions, sufferings, and prayers of this day, in union with all that Thy Divine Son offered to Thee while on earth, and still offers to Thee in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This offering I make unto Thee by the Power of Thy Divine Spirit, the Sanctifier, and place before Thy heavenly Throne through the pure hands of Mary Immaculate. Grant me the grace so to keep this offering before my mind during this day, that I may serve Thee faithfully and do Thy most holy will in all things.

May the most just and adorable will of God be praised and glorified, for evermore. Amen.

I intend gaining all the indulgences I can during this day.

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# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>6/1/26</b>	<b>QUEENSHIP OF MARY</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Michael Kustra – Happy Birthday! 1/15 <i>(Grandma &amp; Grandpa Young)</i> 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Josephine Krebs <i>(Rose Beckerich)</i>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>6/2/26</b>	<b>SS. MARCELLINUS &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Bob Poggel <i>(Christopher Browne)</i> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Loretta Mikesell, †Elaine Perry, †Ann Garrison <i>(TRCS)</i> 9:30 AM <b>Reception of the Body</b> 9:40 AM <b>Rosary</b> 10:00 AM <b>Requiem Mass</b> †Robert Brockman <b>Eulogy &amp; Absolution</b> <b>Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery</b> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For our fallen-away children <i>(St. Monica Club)</i> <b>St. Monica Club Meeting</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>6/3/26</b>	<b>RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • ST. KEVIN, C</b> FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Gabriel Simpson – Happy Birthday! <i>(S. &amp; J. Simpson)</i> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> “Thou Knowest, O Lord!” <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. Fernandez)</i> 9-10:30 AM <b>Visitation for †Kathy Verity</b> 10:30 AM <b>Reception of the Body</b> 10:45 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:00 AM <b>Requiem Mass</b> †Kathy Verity <b>Eulogy &amp; Absolution</b> <b>Burial at Arlington Memorial Gardens</b> 5:10 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Suzanne Clingman <i>(The Fathers)</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>6/4/26</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Brueggemann: Happy Anniversary 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Happy Easter & Thank you, Fr. McKenna <i>(Judy)</i> followed by <b>Exposition</b> 9:00 AM <b>Matins, Lauds, Prime, Tierce</b> 11:25 AM <b>Solemn High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> For the sanctification of priests <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i> 2:00 PM <b>Sext, None</b> 2:30 PM <b>Solemn Vespers, Compline</b> 3:10 PM <b>Benediction</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>6/5/26</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> ST. BONIFACE, BPM 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Happy Easter, Happy Birthday Fr. Lehtoranta <i>(Judy)</i> 11:00 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass, Benediction</b> Thou Knowest, O Lord <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i> 5:00 PM <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 5:15 PM <b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b> 5:45 PM <b>High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> †Mary McGuire <i>(Bishop McGuire)</i> 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>6/6/26</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY • WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> ST. NORBERT, BPC 7:05 AM <b>Confessions, Rosary</b>

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor: June 2026

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joseph Vines, Ian Ford  
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: Dan Stanislawski, Christopher Lorenz  
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 of-  
fice 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

<b>FRI 6/5</b>	5:45 PM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, C. Richesson ACS: F. Caggese, I. Smith
<b>SAT 6/6</b>	7:30 AM HIGH: MC: D. Simpson ACS: A. & B. Constantino BENEDICTION: MC: D. Simpson TH: A. Constantino TBS: B. Constantino, J. Smith 8:40 AM LOW: C. Lorenz
<b>SUN 6/7</b>	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, T. Lawrence, M. Simpson TH: N. Kolenich ACS: M. Kolenich, S. Richesson CROZIER: F. Caggese MITRE: I. Smith CROSS: D. Hudson BANNER: J. Stewart UMBRELLA: D. Simpson TBS: L. Rabjohns, E. Garcia, T. Stanislawski, J. Smith, N. Hudson, Ma. Caggese 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: C. Lorenz

7:30 AM **High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed** †Tom & †Stella Simpson *(The Fathers)*  
8:10 AM **Salve, First Saturday Devotions**  
8:20 AM **Benediction**  
8:30 AM **First Saturday Meditation**  
8:40 AM **Low Mass** Billy Young, Happy Birthday! *(Mom & Pop)*

<b>SUN 6/7/26</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b> FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 6:30 AM <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Josephine Krebs <i>(Rose Beckerich)</i> 9:00 AM <b>High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> Our First Communicants <b>Corpus Christi Procession, Benediction</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> St. Anthony – Thank you <i>(Joe Druecker)</i> 4:45 PM <b>Exposition, Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
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