

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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June 7, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI
SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

¶ **CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY:** First Holy Communion take place during the High Mass today, with the annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** and Benediction following. The Second Collection is for the Oblates, and the Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles takes place after the *Low Masses* only. Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day.

¶ **A WEEK OF GRACES**
Calling all Christians! Come and adore your God this week. Bring back each First Communicant for another sweet Communion with Jesus in the Sacred Heart. Each day during the Octave, Mass will be offered before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, followed by Benediction. Consult the Calendar.

*Congratulations to our
First Communicants:*

Isaac Brueggemann
Patrick Lotarski
Noah Schneider
Grace Ball
Eleanor Ford
Olivia McConnell
Philomena Schneider
Siena Shultz
Dorothy Stanislowski
Elizabeth Young
Lillian Zver



¶ **CATHOLIC MOTHERS' MEETING**
The Catholic Mothers' Consortium meets on **Thursday**, with Mass at 5 PM.


¶ **FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES**
Father's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes may be found in the vestibule. Please fill one out and return it in the collection, bookstore, or office **before** Father's Day, June 21, to have your intentions remembered at the High Mass on that day.

¶ **THE SACRED HEART**
The feast of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** is this **Friday**. This feast should be marked with special fervor in our families where He has been enthroned as King of Love. Decorate your Sacred Heart shrine, renew your consecrations as a family and receive Holy Communion at the 8, 11:25 AM or the 5:45 PM Mass.

This feast offers us an opportunity to make reparation to His Sacred Heart for our coldness and indifference to the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to remember just how much He loves us. Make an effort to attend an extra Mass in His honor during the Octave.

Remember, this is a feast Our Lord specifically requested personally of St. Margaret Mary. Shouldn't you come?

¶ **ROSARY PROCESSION**
The second of our Fatima Rosary Processions is this **Saturday at 10 AM**.

¶ **NEXT SUNDAY**
Next Sunday is Sacred Heart Sunday. Our choir takes a well-earned break for the summer, and the congregation is asked to help sing the High Mass, using the handouts provided. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45.  **Set Your Missal:** Sunday Within the Octave of the Sacred Heart, second collect of St. Basil the Great, third of the Octave of the Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart Preface.

NEXT SUNDAY: Last day to sign your girls up for camp! Sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Again we quote Fr. Croiset: "Friendship is preserved and increased among men by frequent visits and conversations; it is by this means that we shall gain and increase the friendship of Jesus Christ. As His object in remaining on our altars is to be continually with us, judge what must be His sentiments of affection for those whom He sees often with Him. There is nothing that gains the Heart of Jesus more than frequent visits and frequent acts of adoration in His presence; it is usually at this time that He pours out His graces in greatest abundance, and it may be said that, of all His gifts and favors which He gives at these visits, the most usual is the incomparable gift of His love.

"There are visits of courtesy, and there are visits of pure love. If a person is wanting in paying visits of courtesy, it is a fault; but it is on the occasions of visits of pure love that singular favors are conferred.

"The days of the great feasts (holydays of obligation) and the time of Sunday Mass are, with regard to Jesus, visits of duty and courtesy such as are paid to the great ones of this world; a person is remarked if not found with the crowd; but the visits which are made at certain hours of the day when Jesus Christ is rarely visited, and when the greater part of people forget Him, are visits of friends. It is at those times, more than any others, that Jesus Christ converses more familiarly with His favorites, that He communicates Himself more intimately with them, that He opens to them His Sacred Heart, and pours out on them the treasures of His grace, by inflaming them with His divine love. And whether it be that the indifference of those who forget Him at those times renders more precious the fidelity of those who visit Him, it is a fact that all the saints have experienced that there is no more infallible way of obtaining in a short

time this great love of Jesus Christ than to visit Him often in churches, especially at those hours of the day when He is honored so little and visited so rarely."

— "Enthronement of the Sacred Heart,"
Rev. Francis Larkin, S.S.C.C.



GAIN THE INDULGENCES!

The faithful who visit the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi and during the Octave may obtain a plenary indulgence on each day on the condition of confession and Holy Communion.

The faithful who receive Holy Communion for the first time or are present at the First Communion of others are granted a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions.

¶ LOOK AHEAD

- 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 31st.....\$9,419.62
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

TO A LITTLE FRIEND

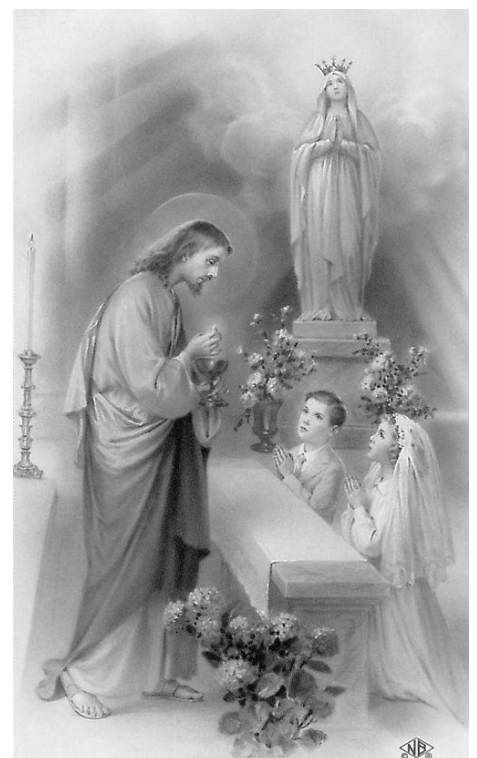
May angel faces smile upon thee, dear,
And angel voices sing a joyful lay;
May golden sunshine flood the
 heavens clear,
Thy First Communion Day!

May all the love those angel smiles
 suggest,
And all the sweetness of their voices
 gay,
Unite, to make the happiest and best,
Thy First Communion Day!

May our dear Lord come down from
 heaven above
To rule within thy heart in holy sway,
And find a dwelling-place of purest
 love,
Thy First Communion Day!

An old, old friend—a priest—at Holy
 Mass
Will fondly think of thee, and often
 pray
That paradise be promised thee, sweet
 lass,
Thy First Communion Day!

— T.A.M.



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Blessed Solemnity of Corpus Christi!

Today has been a truly glorious day, filled with Masses offered before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, a procession, two Benedictions, and First Holy Communions. Later today, we will conclude with Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament and a third Benediction. It is truly a wonder how the heart of any Catholic could remain cold or indifferent when surrounded by such beautiful ceremonies and precious graces. The Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will set our hearts ablaze if only we spend time with Him and beg Him to enkindle the fires of His love within us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I implore that I may ever love Thee more and more!

Our students at SGG Academy finished their final exams during one of the busiest weeks of the year as we had two funerals, the feast of Corpus Christi, and First Friday, but with a little imagination on the part of the teachers they were able to get everything done. Congratulations to both teachers and students for another good year! The children went home for the summer and are looking forward to family vacations and time at home, but I hope that their parents will bring them to at least one extra Mass and Holy Communion per week. Academic training may have ended, but the training of the soul never takes a break—not in this life. We will miss the children, but hope they enjoy their much-needed break.

This week, we have Mass before the Blessed Sacrament exposed every day of the Octave. Look at the bulletin and plan accordingly. Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—an important one here at St. Gertrude's especially since St. Gertrude herself was so devoted to the Sacred Heart. She was known as the theologian of the Sacred Heart because so much was revealed to her about it even before the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque ever occurred. Saturday is the feast of St. Anthony and the Blessing of Lilies. It is also the 13th of the month, which means that we have our much-loved Fatima Rosary procession in the morning. I hope you can join us. May's procession attendance was a little lighter than usual, so I pray this one attracts more parishioners. We need processions in honor of Our Lady. They have always accomplished much good in the world.

I am going away this Saturday (after the procession, of course) to preach a spiritual retreat to our seminarians and some priests. Please say some prayers for a successful retreat. Chris Brueggemann will be receiving clerical Tonsure, and Poncho Capetillo and Josh Balancio will be receiving the first two minor orders. **Fr. Brueggemann** will be joining me in Seattle while **Fr. McKenna**

goes away for a well-deserved summer vacation and **Fathers Lehtoranta** and **Simpson** mind the fort, and the Sisters gear up for this year's girls' camp. I will be back next Friday, in time to perform the wedding of David Wessel and Jane Lotarski on the following day. Busy days!



In the missions, **Fr. Valerii** thanks everyone for the Mass intentions. He mentioned in an email that the Irish government announced some changes for Ukrainians in Ireland. I hope they are not too bad. Father has had many a cross these last few years, especially since having to flee Ukraine due to all the wars. **Bishop Nkamuke** finally got a new car. Well, actually, it is a used car from America, but it is a good car from which he will get much use.

Much work was completed last week. The flat roofs were repaired so that, hopefully, we will have no more leaks in the vestibule or bookstore. The rest of the roof will be replaced sometime closer to July. The convento siding has been finished, and looks quite nice! Joseph Simpson did very great work in the cloister, raising the bricks to the height of the cloister floor and leveling everything out. Still, there is much work to be done. I am very grateful to Fr. Simpson for all of his assistance!

There is always more news to share, but that is all for now. Remember the Corpus Christi octave this week, and try to make an extra Mass or two, as well as a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

– **Bishop McGuire**

Love was the life of the Heart of Jesus, was the mainspring of all its movements, and of its sorrows. It was love that caused Him to be born, to act, to suffer, and to weep; it was love, finally, which made Him die. And in the divine Eucharist, it is love that induces Him to give Himself to us; to be our Guest, our Companion, our Savior, our food and nourishment. “O Lord!” exclaimed St. Gertrude, “if men but knew how Thou dost love them: if Thou wouldst but discover to them the infinite riches of Thy Heart, they would fall at Thy feet, and would love but Thee. O mystery of infinite charity and abyss of love!”



✠ CALENDAR

MON 6/8/26	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Benediction †Kathy Verity (<i>Sr. Magdalen</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †Josephine Krebs (<i>Rose Beckerich</i>)
TUE 6/9/26	WITHIN THE OCTAVE SS. PRIMUS & FELICIAN, MM <i>OUR LADY MOTHER OF GRACE</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Steven Cerise (<i>Phyllis & Kevin Kiernan</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire – in thanksgiving (<i>Mary Egger</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Benediction My children, Godchildren & Grandchildren (<i>A.M.B.</i>)
WED 6/10/26	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. MARGARET, W 7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Mother's Day, Our Lady Cause of Our Joy (<i>Paul & Lisa McConnell</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Benediction Tyler Wooden (<i>ENR</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving for blessings to relocate (<i>Garcia family</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Tyler (<i>KR</i>)
THU 6/11/26	OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI ST. BARNABAS, AP 7:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Beckerich (<i>Rose Beckerich</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Dominic Caggese (<i>The McClorey's</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Alex (<i>Your Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Benediction Intentions of the CMC Catholic Mothers' Consortium
FRI 6/12/26	SACRED HEART OF JESUS ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C SS. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass For all our piano movers – Thank you! (<i>The Oblate Sisters</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Happy Mothers Day Regina Gilliam (<i>Lisa McConnell</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass †Suzanne Clingman (<i>AMB</i>) 6:40 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 6/13/26	ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, CD <i>MOST PURE HEART OF MARY</i> 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Eliza Kiernan (<i>Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan</i>) 8:05 AM Salve, Sermon, Blessing of Lilies 8:15 AM High Mass †H.O. – 12 th anniversary of death (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>) 10:00 AM Fatima Rosary Procession
SUN 6/14/26	SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART • PENTECOST III ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BPCD 7:05 AM Rosary

HOLY OBEDIENCE

Look upon the Child Jesus and blush with shame; be ashamed that in the pride of your heart you have fulfilled so grudgingly, in so unamiable a manner, work that is of a menial description, or that brings you no credit, which has fallen to your lot in the course of your ministry, in the pursuit of your calling. Now at least make a resolution that from this day forth you will strive to please your superiors, and at the same time to please God, by your humble obedience, such obedience as that wherewith the sweet Child Jesus rejoiced the hearts of Joseph and Mary.



For how long did Jesus obey? For fully thirty years. During all those years He performed obediently the lowly duties of a carpenter. O my soul, can you fail to admire such obedience as this! See during what a long period your Redeemer atones by His obedience for the single act of disobedience of which our first parents were guilty. For thirty years Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, dwells in the humble, obscure cottage at Nazareth in a position of subjection, and yet you, miserable mortal that you are, if in virtue of obedience you are required to follow a calling which is not the one you would prefer, to fill a somewhat arduous post, to live in a place you do not like, cannot retain that post or remain in that spot without evincing very plainly by your expression and manner, by your words and actions, how galling you find the yoke of obedience.

—Thoughts from Father Iig, O.S.F.C

Servers

THU 6/11	5:00 PM LOW: I. & J. Smith
FRI 6/12	5:45 PM HIGH: M. Simpson, Capetillos BENEDICTION: MCS: T. Capetillo, D. Simpson TH: J. Capetillo TBS: B. & A. Constantino
SAT 6/13	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM HIGH: C. Richesson, I. Smith, B. Constantino
SUN 6/14	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: F. Caggese ACS: J. Hudson, A. Constantino TBS: J. Smith, B. & Ba. Constantino, C. & I. Wright, J. Stewart 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: F. Caggese ACS: I. & J. Smith CROSS: Ma. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: N. McClorey
7:30 AM	Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph for Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially those I knew and loved (<i>Regina Gilliam</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass For the unity of the Church (<i>Ambrose Constantino</i>)
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass St. Anthony & St. Philomena, thank you! (<i>Lucia Constantino</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great