

# 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 14, 2026**

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF  
THE SACRED HEART • PENTECOST  
III • ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BPCD**

## ¶ SACRED HEART SUNDAY

The bookstore will be closed after High Mass today. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ **PLEASE NOTE:** There is only one Mass on **Monday**, at 8 AM.

## ¶ GIRLS' CAMP

**Girls' Camp** is this week, **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. Tuesday opens with Mass at 9 AM (plan to arrive by 8:30), and Mass is at 8 AM the other two days. Each day concludes at 3:30 PM for the younger girls. Older girls who are camping each night should be sure to have everything they need. All girls should wear clothes suitable for Mass and bring a prayer book and rosary. All are invited to attend the performance put on by the camp on Thursday at 3:30.

## ¶ SUMMER NOVENA

We commence our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this **Tuesday**, June 16<sup>th</sup>, after all the Masses. Submit your intentions using the box found in the vestibule, or online.



## Lumen Christi

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

**Discernment of spirits & help  
finding a job  
(Adonela Del Cid)**

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: FATHER'S DAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses next Sunday. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IV, second collect of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENT

**St. John's Eve Potluck & Bonfire:** Tuesday, June 23. Join us for High Mass at 5:30 PM, and the following barbecue & potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share! The Blessing of the Bonfire and rosary close the evening.

## ¶ LOOK AHEAD

**Knights of St. Martin:**

June 25

**YAG 2026:** July 10-12

**Boys' Camp:** July 28-30

## ¶ FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Father's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes may be found in the vestibule. Please fill one out and re-

turn 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.

## Collection Report

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,817.32  
Second Collection.....\$4,091.00

SACRED HEART SUNDAY  
Third Sunday After Pentecost  
*On Me a Sinner*

Luke 15: 1-10



There are many phrases in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that take on a deeper, more affectionate meaning on this Sunday within the octave of the feast of the Sacred Heart.

On that feast we thought gratefully of the promise of the Sacred Heart: "Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy." Hypocrites (if there are really any such in the world) and the spiritually conceited (and they are surprisingly many) and the narrow-minded may pretend to be shocked that "this man welcomes sinners and eats with them." The rest of us, sinners ourselves and keenly conscious of our sinfulness, can only be thankful that there is "joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After all, Christ became man and lived and died because He had a deep love for man. He knows that most men are not meanly malicious. We are ignorant, we are thoughtless, we are weak. We mean to do the right thing. We want to offer to God, day by day, a spotless, generous offering of ourselves, and we are sincerely ashamed of ourselves when we forget, when we fall victims to our own weakness.

That is why it is good to know that He understands, He still loves, He is always willing to forgive. When we bow our heads at the foot of the altar and make a sincere confession before the whole court of Heaven, that "I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed," we know that He hears our confession, that He loves us all the more for our formal admission of our wrong-doing, that He stands ready to give us a hand and pull us out of our sinful way.

The *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord, have mercy on us) becomes a fervent prayer for forgiveness and for strength. "Lord, have mercy on us," we pray for ourselves and for all men. We need His mercy; we need His strength and, as we pray that short Litany, our thoughts go to all men throughout the world, all sinful men for whom Christ died on the Cross. *Kyrie Eleison*, because, after all, O Lord, You loved sinners. And You did praise that prayer of the poor publican, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."

All through the Mass, it is with a realization that we are sinners that we send our prayers to God. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is all the more ours because we are sinners. "Lamb of God," we pray in the *Gloria*, "Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...hear our prayer...Accept, O Holy Father this spotless host which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer to Thee for all my numberless sins, offenses and negligences...With contrite and humble heart we beg Thee, O Lord, to accept this offering of ourselves...grant that we may be saved from eternal damnation...This is the chalice of My Blood which shall be shed for you and for many for the remission of sins...*nobis quoque peccatoribus*...to us also sinners and Thy servants who hope in the multitude of Thy mercies, graciously grant...fellowship with Thy Holy Apostles and Martyrs...Look not upon my sins but upon the Faith of Thy Church...Lamb of God, have mercy on us...O Lord, I am not worthy...."

All through the Mass it runs, this realization of our sinful unworthiness but, side by side with it, runs a confidence in the mercy and the forgiving goodness of the Sacred Heart, and a daring resolve to come ever closer to this Heart in spite of our sinfulness. "This man eats with sinners." That is not remarkable. This man becomes daily food for sinners, and we have such faith in the all-forgiving goodness of the Sacred Heart that even this amazing miracle of goodness is only what we expect of Him, the source of all goodness.

INTERCEDE FOR ME

O blessed Feet of Jesus,  
Weary with seeking me,  
Stand at God's bar of Justice  
And intercede for me.

O Knees that bent in anguish  
In dark Gethsemane,  
Kneel at the throne of Glory  
And intercede for me.

O Head so deeply pierced  
With thorns that sharpest be,  
Bend low before the Father  
And intercede for me.

O Hands that were extended  
Upon that awful tree,  
Hold up those precious nail-prints  
That intercede for me.

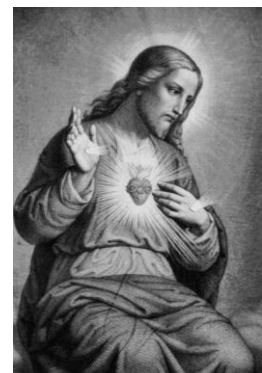
O Side from whence the spear point  
Brought Blood and water free,  
For healing and for cleansing,  
Still intercede for me.

O Sacred Heart such sorrows  
The world may never see  
As those that gave Thee warrant  
To intercede for me.

O Body scarred and wounded  
My sacrifice to be,  
Present Thy perfect offering  
And intercede for me.

O loving, risen Savior  
From depth and sorrow free,  
Though throned in endless glory,  
Still intercede for me.

— *Devotions for the Eucharistic Hour*



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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What a beautiful day we had for our Corpus Christi Solemnity! It was a day to look back on with gratitude to the God who loves us so much. One day we will get to see just how many graces were bestowed upon us on that day. Congratulations to all of our First Communicants, as well. The whole parish can be proud of these children.

This week has passed by pretty quickly. Despite the fact that the school children are gone, things remain active. The highlight of the week really has been the daily Mass before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. There is something very special about those Masses. I wish more people had taken advantage of them. They only come around a couple times per year, after all! Still, I cannot complain since you already do so much. Your love for the liturgy is both impressive and edifying to me. Bishop Dolan would be quite encouraged by the number of people who come to Sunday Vespers. He tried to drum up interest in that for years, but we only had a person or two who would attend, and we never had enough servers. Now, we have servers competing for a spot, several people in the choir and a few families who regularly attend. God bless you all!

Wednesday was...well...an interesting day, to say the least. Sister Ulrica was outside working in the cloister garden and heard screeching in the parking lot and a loud crash. A couple crashed their car into one of the classrooms. That takes talent! No one was hurt, but the damage is actually quite extensive. A lamp post was run

over, much of the stone work was knocked down from the church building and a hole put in the wall. Somehow, they managed to hit things so hard that one entire wall shifted. Needless to say, the nursing mothers' room will be off limits for a while and we now have another project to add to our long list. The hole was sealed up so that no critters can enter and we are busy with insurance agents and different companies to get our building fixed up nicely again. The second classroom on the left is temporarily available for nursing mothers' use.

**Fr. McKenna** is going away for a much-needed break, while **Fr. Bruggemann** and I are in Seattle for the priests' retreat. The crash into the building came at the wrong time. But what am I saying?! God's time is always right. He knows best! Mr. Lotarski was kind enough to take care of anything related to the building repair while we are away. God always provides.

We are still in the octave of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I hope you will observe it with great devotion. The Sacred Heart devotion is the devotion of St. Gertrude's. Bishop Dolan consecrated the parish to the Sacred Heart and always tried to encourage people to love the Sacred Heart. I think that is also why he was so big on making reparation. He often preached on the need of making reparation for sin and he was right to do so. Perhaps we can revive a little bit of that spirit in our parish? This week is the perfect time to start.

– **Bishop McGuire**

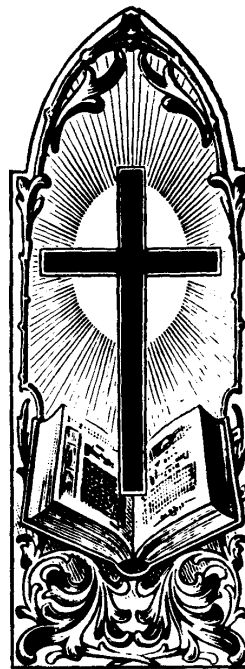


# ✠ CALENDAR

- MON 6/15/26 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
 SS. VITUS & COMPANIONS, MM  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Happy Birthday, Nick Kiernan  
*(Phyllis & Kevin Kiernan)*
- TUE 6/16/26 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
 ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS, C  
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES  
**9:00 AM Opening of Girls' Camp: High Mass** Margaret  
 Walz *(Sister Eulalia)* (from 6/15)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Happy Anniversary *(Mrs. Stafford)* (from  
 6/15)
- WED 6/17/26 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
**8:00 AM High Mass** Special Intention – St. Joseph  
*(Michelle Mikesell)*  
**5:10 PM Low Mass** †Rob Brockman *(Myra Costello Family)*
- THU 6/18/26 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
 ST. EPHREM, CD  
 SS. MARK & MARCELLINUS, MM  
 EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS  
**8:00 AM High Mass** Sophie Hudson *(Sister Eulalia)*  
**3:30 PM Girls' Camp Performance & Ice Cream Social**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Dad & Mom *(Maria Brueggemann)* (from  
 2/28)
- FRI 6/19/26 OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Steve Crothamel & Family *(Karen Simpson)*  
**5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** Our health *(Mr. & Mrs. William Young III)*  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 6/20/26 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**  
 ST. SILVERIUS, PM  
**7:05 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Rose Beckerich  
 Salve  
**11:00 AM Nuptial High Mass** David & Jane Wessel
- SUN 6/21/26 FATHER'S DAY**  
 PENTECOST IV  
 ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Happy Father's Day Dad *(Brueggemann  
 girls)*  
**9:00 AM High Mass** Joseph Childers – 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday *(Jane  
 Childers)*  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** †Robert Brockman *(Joseph McMahon)*  
**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## Our Beloved Dead - June



Rose Gough	6-03-2001
Mary McGuire	6-05-2023
Dr. Philip Binzel	6-06-2003
Joyce Rentschler	6-06-2009
Alexander Fulton	6-06-2015
Phillip Schmelzer	6-10-2019
Betty C. Wilson	6-10-1998
Angela Segrist	6-12-2019
Filomena Murawski	6-13-1998
Huland "H.O." Hinton	6-13-2014
Peter Francis Butler	6-14-1989
Alan Lotarski	6-15-2024
Fairbanks Blanton,	6-19-1990
Thomas Payne	6-20-2014
Gwyn Ritze	6-22-1998
Jacob A. Nies	6-23-1991
Loraine Gates	6-27-2018
Joan Landry	6-27-2020
Brian Joseph McMahon	6-30-2016

## COME TO THE FEAST!

### —St. John's Eve—



**Tuesday, June 23**



**High Mass at 5:30 PM**

Potluck & Barbecue follows the Mass.

*Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!*

Afterwards we will **ble**ss the bonfire and enjoy some live music, before closing the evening with the rosary.

### SERVERS

- TUE 6/16 9:00 AM HIGH:** D. Simpson, I. & J. Smith
- WED 6/17 8:00 AM HIGH:** S. Richesson, T. & J. Capetillo
- THU 6/18 8:00 AM HIGH:** A. McClorey, A. & B. Constantino
- FRI 6/19 5:45 PM LOW:** A. & B. Constantino  
**BENEDICTION: MCS:** F. Caggese, D. Simpson **TH:** P. Caggese  
**TBS:** A. & B. Constantino
- SAT 6/20 7:30 AM LOW:** Rabjohns
- SUN 6/21 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:** D. Simpson, N. Kolenich **TH:** J. Rabjohns  
**ACS:** C. Lorenz, D. Hudson **TBS:** A. Constantino, V. Siqueira, V. Horton, T. Young, E. Garcia, I. Smith  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Capetillos  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH:** D. Simpson **ACS:** I. Smith, B. Constantino **CROSS:** A. Constantino  
**5:45 PM LOW:** D. Simpson