

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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Rev. Thomas Simpson
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June 21, 2026
PENTECOST IV
FATHER'S DAY
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C

¶ FATHER'S DAY

Happy
Father's
Day

The High Mass today is offered for all of our Fathers on Father's Day. The Blessing of

Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ SUMMER NOVENA

The Summer Novena to St. Anthony and Our Mother of Perpetual Help continues on **Tuesday** after all the Masses. Submit your intentions using the box found in the vestibule, or online.

¶ ST. JOHN'S EVE

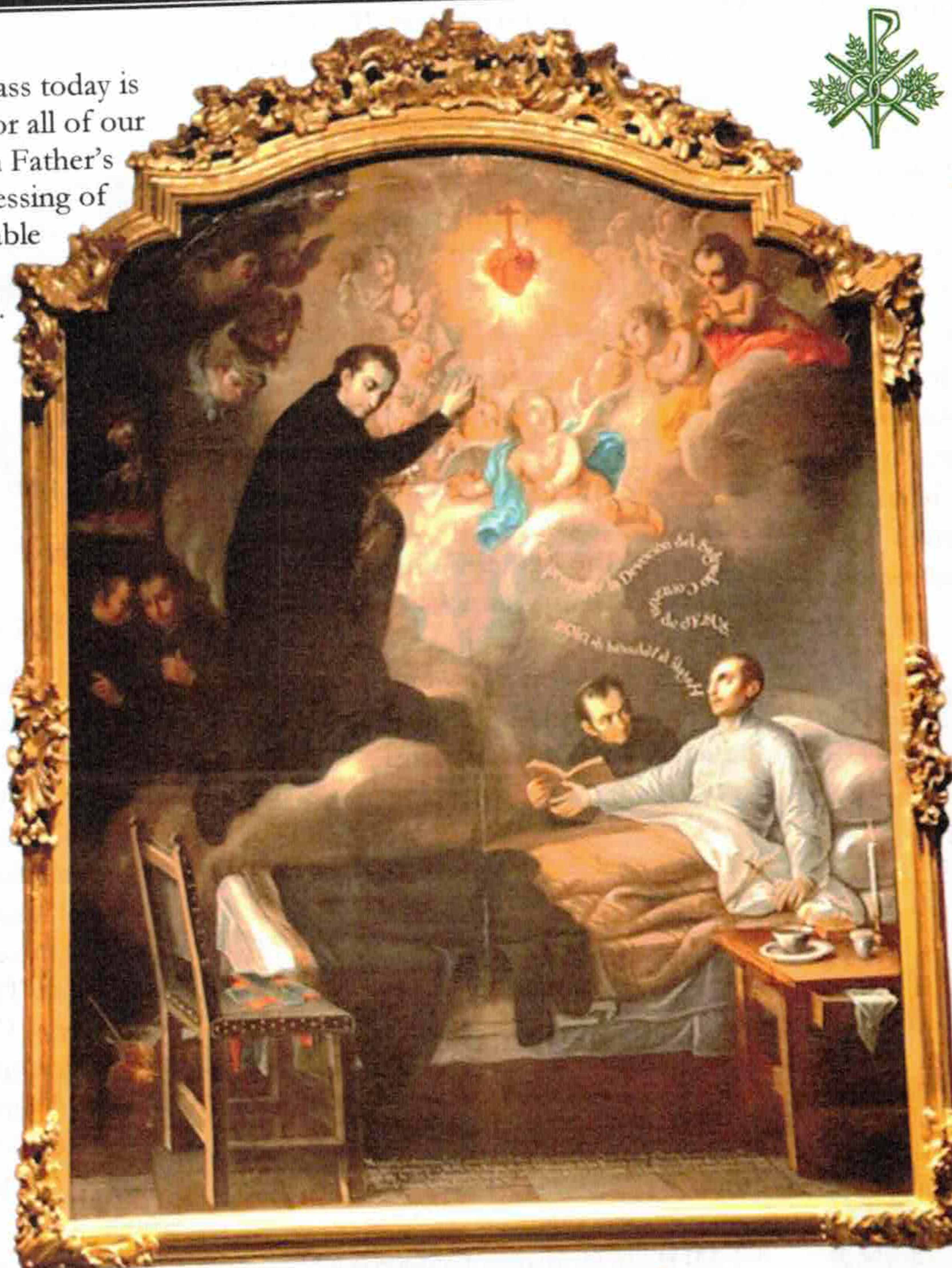
Tuesday is St. John's Eve. High Mass will be at 5:30 PM, followed by the parish barbecue and potluck. The **Blessing of the Bonfire** closes the evening. The church is providing the meat and drinks; parishioners are asked to bring the sides and desserts.

¶ NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Wednesday is the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Masses are at 8:00 & 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM.

¶ KNIGHTS OF ST. MARTIN

The Knights of St. Martin men's group meets this **Thursday**, with Mass at 5:30 PM and supper following.



St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for us

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST V

We have a rare quiet Sunday next week. Vespers & Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost V, second collect of St. Irenaeus. Trinity Preface.



Congratulations to David & Jane Wessel, who were married on Saturday, June 20.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

O Father of mercies, from whom cometh all that is good, I offer my humble petitions unto Thee through the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and Redeemer, in whom Thou art always well pleased and who loves Thee so much; vouchsafe to grant me the grace of a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity toward Thee and toward my neighbor. Grant me also the grace to be truly penitent for all my sins together with a firm purpose of never offending Thee again; that so I may be enabled to live always according to Thy divine good-pleasure, to do Thy most holy will in all things with a generous and willing heart, and to persevere in Thy love even to the end of my life. Amen.

(Indulgence of 3 years)

¶ LOOK AHEAD

YAG 2026: July 10-12
Boys' Camp: July 28-30

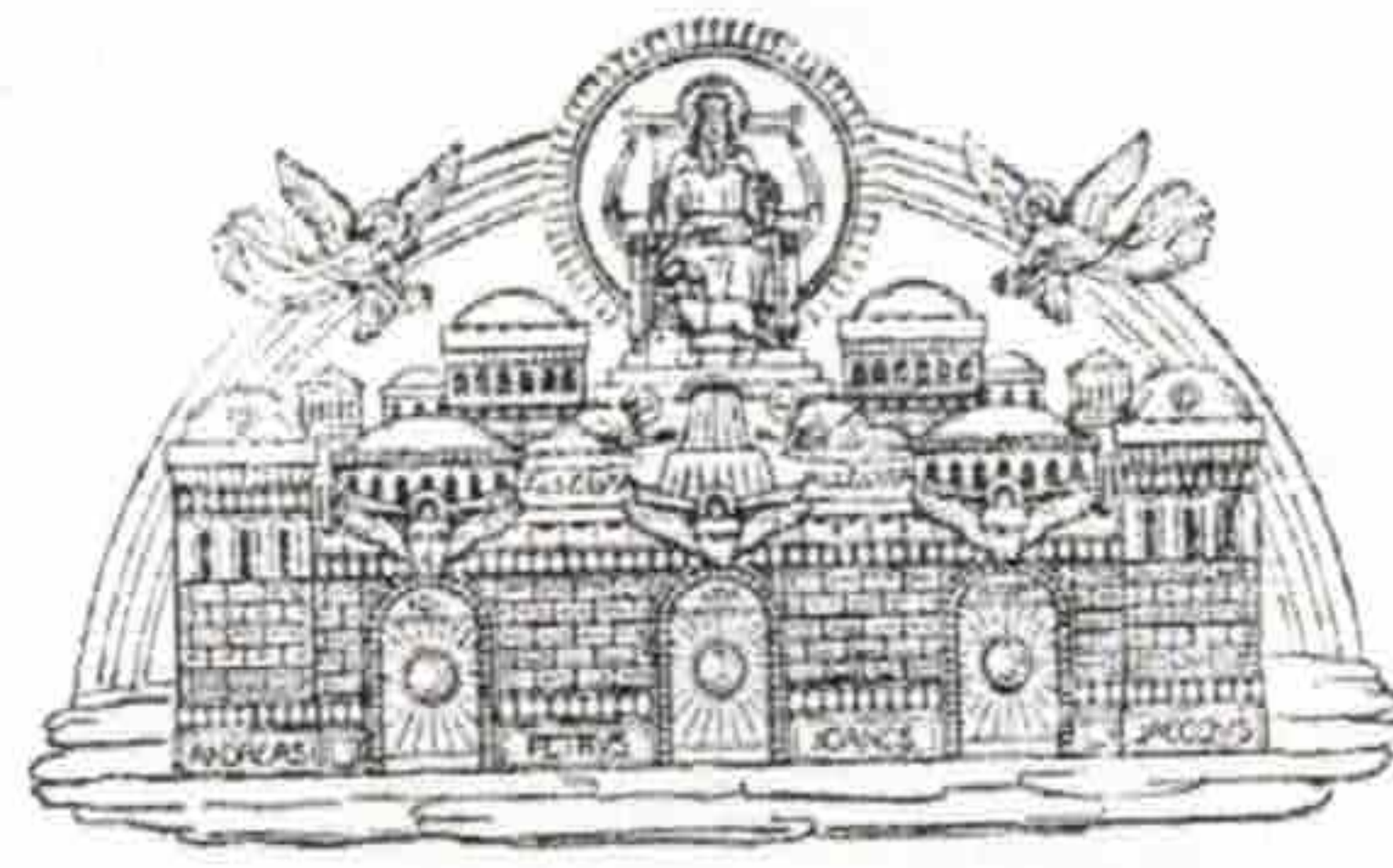


Collection Report

Sunday, June 14th.....\$6,782.62
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST FOR HIS FATHER

The heart of Christ is an immense furnace of love. The great love of Christ is that which He bears toward His Father. All His life can be summed up in these words: "I do always the things that please My Father." Let us meditate these words in our prayer: only thus shall we be able to penetrate a little into their secret. This unspeakable love, this tending of the Soul of Christ towards His Father is the necessary consequence of His hypostatic union. The Son is altogether *ad Patrem*, as the theologians say: this is, if I may thus express it, His essence; the holy Humanity is carried along by this divine current; having become, by the Incarnation, the Humanity of the Son of God, it therefore belongs entirely to the Father. The fundamental disposition, the primary and habitual sentiment of the Soul of Christ is necessarily this: I live for My Father, "I love my Father." It is because He loves His Father that Jesus gives Himself up to all He wills.



OUR FATHER

Our Father is God. Our Divine Lord would have us always realize this most consoling truth. His own conduct to His Father was one of sweetest filial love. He begs us to practice the same. The Father also loveth you. If He loves us, then what will He not do for us. What will He not give us. It is good to often have a heart-to-heart talk with the Father. A most entertaining and profitable subject for conversation with Him, is to talk to Him about His Son. Ask Him to teach you to know the Son. "This is eternal life, to know Thee, the one true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent." We will find eternity too short to thank God the Father for sending us His Son. What would the world be without this act on the part of the Father? What would the world be without Jesus Christ? The Father hath sent Him. Therefore we owe the Father immense, limitless gratitude for this greatest of all gifts. Let us often thank the Father for His Son.

SERVERS

TUE 6/23: 5:30 PM SOL. HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, N. Kolenich **TH:** F. Caggese **ACS:** M. Kolenich, A. Constantino **TBS:** I. & J. Smith, Ba. & B. Constantino, J. Kolenich, Ma. Caggese

WED 6/23: 5:00 PM HIGH: MC: S. Richesson **ACS:** I. & J. Smith

FRI 6/26: 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos **BENEDICTION: MCS:** T. Capetillo, F. Caggese **TH:** J. Capetillo **TBS:** E. Garcia, J. Smith

SAT 6/20: 7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns **8:15 AM HIGH:** M. Simpson, Brueggemanns

SUN 6/21: 7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann **9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:** C. Richesson, N. McClorey **TH:** D. Hudson **ACS:** T. England, J. Stewart **TBS:** D. & G. Wright, B. Constantino, N. Hudson, J. Smith, L. Rabjohns **11:30 AM LOW:** Kolenichs **4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH:** I. Smith **ACS:** J. Smith, B. Constantino **CROSS:** A. Constantino **5:45 PM LOW:** Brueggemanns



FROM THE FATHER

When you're worried
or forsaken,
Love My Son,
Love My Son.
When you think
the world has left you,
Love My Son.

Know that *He* is with you,
Know that *I* love you, too;
You never have to worry,
When you
Love My Son,
Love My Son.

— *A parishioner*



PRAYER TO GOD THE FATHER

Eternal Father, I offer unto Thee the infinite satisfaction which Jesus rendered to Thy justice in behalf of sinners upon the tree of the Cross; and I pray that Thou wouldst make the merits of His Precious Blood available to all guilty souls to whom sin has brought death; may they rise again to the life of grace and glorify Thee forever.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the fervent devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in satisfaction for the lukewarmness and cowardice of Thy chosen people, imploring Thee by the burning love which made Him suffer death, that it may please Thee to rekindle their hearts now so lukewarm in Thy service, and to set them on fire with Thy love, that they may love Thee forever.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the submission of Jesus to Thy will, and I ask of Thee, through His merits, the fullness of all grace and the accomplishment of all Thy holy will. Blessed be God! — *St. Margaret Mary, Indulgence of 3 Years*

This month of the Sacred Heart has been a wonderful one thus far. Certainly, it has brought many crosses for so many of you, but this must not discourage you. The cross is a token of God's love and is often a sign that many graces are on the way. The Gift of Wisdom teaches us to relish the cross. We might not quite be at the point of rejoicing in our trials, but at least we should be able to bear them patiently and in reparation to the Sacred Heart.

From what I have heard, the Girls' Camp was a success. I am looking forward to getting more of the details though. Fifty young ladies attended this year! That is a lot! Theresa wrote that everyone had to move into Helfta Hall due to the tornado warnings. Thank goodness no harm was done, though I believe a tornado was in the area of Hamilton and another actually touched down on the same street where one of our parishioners lives, destroying a few houses yet leaving theirs untouched. The angels were on duty that night!

The weather in Seattle was sunny and pleasant, making for a cheery few days during the retreat. This year's theme was the Holy Ghost and His seven Gifts. It is a really rich subject for preaching. I had no idea how interesting the topic is. It really opens up a whole new world for the spiritual life. At the end of the retreat, Chris Brueggemann received Clerical Tonsure, while Josh Balancio and Poncho Capetillo received the Minor Orders of Porter and Lector. It was nice to see Mr. and Mrs. Capetillo and their son Ben there. **Fr. Brueggemann** did an excellent job leading the ceremonies. Some of the Brueggemanns, Arlinghauses, and Hudsons were there to serve in the sanctuary or assist in the pews. How very edifying! The seminarians still have a few more weeks in Seattle where they will help **Fr. Ercoli** with Boys' Camp, and a roofing project. **Bishop Sanborn** is also paying them a visit next weekend and will do Confirmations while he is there. One of the seminarians, Peter Gray, will be spending much of July with us here at St. Gertrude's.

Fr. Benegas is with us this weekend. Father is the first and only priest whom I have ordained. He is from Argentina, but works in Guadalajara, Mexico with **Fr. Manuel Odriz**. He doesn't know much English, but he has been wanting to visit our church for some time. Unfortunately, I was not able to be here when he arrived, but good ole **Fr. Simpson** has kept him entertained.

Fr. Lehtoranta has been working diligently on attaining his American citizenship, but the paperwork did not get processed in time for him to be able to go back

to Finland for his vacation. Poor Father! Say a prayer for him. It must be hard to cancel his trip after he was looking forward to it so much. Hopefully, he will be able to visit his native land soon.



Don't forget the parish bonfire on the Vigil of St. John the Baptist! Our Rosary processions have been lightly attended these last two months, but I trust that we will have good attendance at the Solemn Mass, barbecue, and the traditional blessing of the bonfire!

— Bishop McGuire

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.



✠ CALENDAR

- MON 6/22/26 ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC**
8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Suzanne Clingman
(Karen Simpson)
11:25 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our
devoted drivers *(The Fathers)*
- TUE 6/23/26 VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph for Mike & Jill
Koehler *(A friend)*
8:00 AM Low Mass My husband – happy anniversary
(Florence Swinney)
11:25 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Regina Gilliam *(Lisa
McConnell)*
5:30 PM Solemn High Mass Happy Birthday, Dominic!
(Your family)
St. John's Eve Barbecue & Potluck
Blessing of the Bonfire
- WED 6/24/26 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
8:00 AM Low Mass Mary Dorantes *(Jim Soli)*
11:25 AM Low Mass †Monica Condit *(Jane Childers)*
5:00 PM High Mass Special Intention deceased
(Michelle Mikesell)
- THU 6/25/26 ST. WILLIAM, AB**
7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased *(Cleo Speckert)*
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad *(The Brueggemann girls)*
11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:30 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad *(Brueggemann girls)*
Knights of St. Martin Meeting
- FRI 6/26/26 SS. JOHN & PAUL, MM**
8:00 AM Low Mass Tori Hopkins *(KR)*
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Declan – Happy Birthday *(Mom & Dad)*
5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory *(Elizabeth Prell)*
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 6/27/26 VIGIL OF SS. PETER & PAUL**
WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
7:05 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Rose Beckerich
8:05 AM Salve, Sermon
8:15 AM High Mass The intentions of St. Monica's Club
(Jim Stanislawski)
- SUN 6/28/26 PENTECOST V • ST. IRENAEUS, BPM**
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Rob Brockman *(Mary L.)*
9:00 AM High Mass †Suzanne Clingman *(Mr. & Mrs. Victor
Ritze)*
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Rob F. Brockman *(Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell)*
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



The feast kept on June 24th in honor of St. John the Baptist commemorates his birth, for according to the teaching of theologians, it is possible that he was delivered from original sin while still in his mother's womb (Luke 1, 15). But this is not the only reason why the Church keeps his birthday with more solemnity than the day of his martyrdom (August 29th): the birth of the Forerunner was the immediate preparation for the coming of that Greater One who followed after. All the titles which holy Scripture and the Church have given to John bring out the mysterious relationship between this solitary man and Christ. He is the Baptist, because the Lord went down into the waters of the Jordan to receive baptism at his hand; he is the Forerunner, because he disappears when that other comes for whom the nations long; he is the Bridegroom's Friend (John 3, 29), who knows His mysteries but remains in the background. Zachary, his father, calls him the Prophet of the Most High, the last prophet of the Old Testament. He is the angel whom God sends beforehand to prepare the way (Luke, 7, 27); the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the last voice before Christ to utter the mysteries of God. It is he who proclaims that last and greatest prophecy concerning the Messiah: "He is here in your midst." Already the angel had told Zachary that the birth of his son would cause many hearts to rejoice (Luke 1, 14). And day by day, repeating Zachary's hymn, the Church for her part commemorates the birth of this predestinate solitary, this ambassador of penitence, concerning whom Christ Himself spoke these remarkable words: "God has raised up no greater son of woman than John the Baptist" (Matt. 11, 11). Everything relating to him is great and wonderful; his conception, his birth, his humility, his penitent life, his boldness in speaking the truth and proclaiming the greatness of Jesus Christ, the praises which he received from the Son of God, his imprisonment, and his death. It is our duty to imitate his mortified and penitent life, and, like him, to confess the faith of Jesus Christ, even at the peril of our life, and to bear witness of Him and His Gospel upon all occasions, remembering that Jesus Christ will be ashamed before His Father of those who shall have been ashamed of Him, and of the precepts of the Gospel. Beg of God to grant you the spirit of St. John. Prepare ways worthy of Jesus Christ, that you may be able to walk, during the whole of your life, in justice and in holiness.

– *The Manual of Catholic Prayer*