

# 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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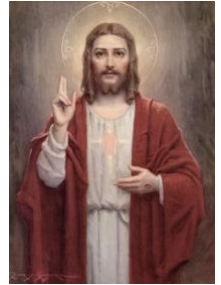
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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**June 28, 2026**  
**PENTECOST V**  
**ST. IRENAEUS, BPM**

## ¶ PENTECOST V

Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

**Monday** is the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. The 5:45 PM High Mass remembers †Bishop Dolan's 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. The Summer Novena continues on **Tuesday**. **First Wednesday** is also the feast of the Most Precious Blood, and **First Thursday** the Visitation of Our Lady. **Holy Hour** for priests at 5 PM, followed by the altar boys' pizza party. We also have **First Friday** and **Saturday**, with the usual schedules. Independence Day falls on First Saturday this year. Remember to pray for our country on this day. High Mass with hymns will be at 7:30 AM; Low Mass at 8:40.

## ¶ 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** Low Mass, Devotions

### *All Night Adoration*

*First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His Precious Blood.*

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Confessions, Rosary  
**7:30 AM** High Mass, Salve  
**8:10 AM** First Saturday Devotions  
**8:20 AM** Benediction, Meditation  
**8:40 AM** Low Mass

*First Saturday Intention: In reparation for every offense in word or writing against the Mother of God in our own land.*



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, and the first Sunday of the month. The Second Collection will be taken up for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religions Articles will be available after all Masses, and the "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers & Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* **High Mass:** Ss. Peter & Paul, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VI. Preface of the Apostles. **Low Masses:** Pentecost VI, second collect of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, third of the octave of Ss. Peter & Paul. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Susan Ackley, who has cancer, and for all of our sick and shut-in.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joseph and Gabrielle Vines on the baptism of their son, Henry Boniface, on Sunday, June 21.



## Lumen Christi

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

**Good health for Anne Scro**  
(Maureen Scanlon)

## Collection Report

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.....\$6,792.62

**MARY'S HUMILITY IN THE VISITATION**

Mary, in the exquisite delicacy of her charity, has such a profound sense of the needs of others, that as soon as she hears of them, she acts spontaneously and decisively to bring help. Having learned from the Angel Gabriel that her cousin was about to become a mother, she goes immediately to offer her humble services.

If we consider the difficulty of traveling in those days, when the poor, such as Mary, had to go on foot over difficult roads, or at best, by means of some rude conveyance, and also the fact that Mary remained three months with Elizabeth, we can readily understand that she had to face many hardships in performing this act of charity. However, she was in no way disturbed: charity urged her, making her wholly forgetful of herself, for as St. Paul says: "Charity seeketh not her own" (1 Cor 13:5)....

Charity makes Mary forget not only her hardships but also her own dignity, which was greater than that given to any other creature. Elizabeth is advanced in years, but Mary is the Mother of God; Elizabeth is about to give birth to a man, but Mary will give birth to the Son of God. Nevertheless, before her cousin as before the Angel, Mary continues to look upon herself as the humble handmaid of the Lord, and nothing more. Precisely because she considers herself a handmaid, she comports herself as such, even in respect to her neighbor.... Mary's dignity approaches the infinite, yet she considers herself and behaves as if she were the least of all creatures.

– Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.



**DAVID'S WEAPONS**

Let us see now just what David's weapons were. "And he took his staff, which he had always in his hands: and he chose him five smooth stones out of the brook and put them into the shepherd's scrip, which he had with him. And he took a sling in his hand, and went forth against the Philistine." What do these weapons signify? In one of his Psalms, David himself will say: "Thy crook and thy staff, these comfort me." The staff, therefore, which he had always in his hands, aptly represented the discipline of the Lord, and holy fear of Him that should never leave us and should be our support and consolation. St. Augustine gives us another interpretation, that is very beautiful and salutary: "Christ, the true David, when He went forth to fight against the spiritual Goliath, that is, the devil, went forth carrying His cross... And also that stone with which Goliath was stricken was a figure of Jesus Christ." The five stones stand for the Five Holy Wounds.

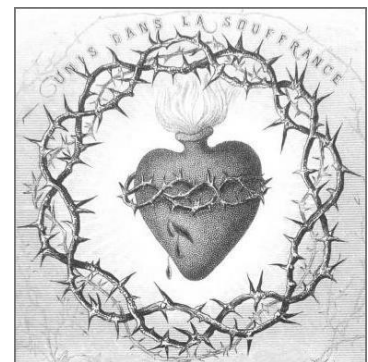
Let then, your weapon against the devil be the cross of Christ. Let your strength lie in meditating on His Five Wounds, from which His Precious Blood alone is capable of driving you to crucify your vices and your concupiscence.



**SONNET XX: INTELLECTUS**

When I upon Thy universe to look  
 And Thou, my Liege, evince Thyself  
 its cause,  
 The world seems but the binding of a  
 book  
 Whose inner pages explicate Thy  
 laws:  
 The once-dark substance of Thy  
 mysteries  
 No more the brilliance of Thy love  
 reveals.  
 Tis then I order all my thoughts and  
 deeds  
 To Thy sweet will, and willingly  
 dispose  
 My soul to win each grace Thy love  
 concedes  
 And move with every breeze Thy  
 Spirit blows.  
 For, Understanding draws from  
 things divine  
 The reason of my being, and life's  
 design.

– Joseph Charles MacKenzie



*Our Beloved Dead - July*

Jean Bischel	7-02-2023
James Paul Peter	7-04-2003
Melissa C. Brown	7-05-1985
Peter J. Gebel	7-08-2020
James N. Zambo	7-11-1990
Clifford A. Breitenstein	7-11-2004
Frances R. Mattingly	7-11-2017
Paul O'Connor	7-12-2020
Rev. Philip S. Sheridan	7-14-1990
Joan I. Briggs	7-15-1990
Mary A. Kolb	7-15-1997
Barbara Cordes	7-27-2009
William J. Bendel	7-31-2008
Loretta Mikesell	7-31-2023

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Last week started out on a good note with a full Sunday schedule. **Fr. Lehtoranta** once more gave a very good sermon, and performed the baptism for Joseph and Gabrielle Vines' new baby, Henry Boniface. That is a very nice name! **Fr. Benegas** offered the High Mass for us, and even said the evening one. Two Masses in one day is a bit of a break for Father as he usually offers three, and sometimes four Masses, on a Sunday. Father will be staying with us a little longer than originally planned. He was supposed to depart this past Tuesday, but will be staying until early this week.

Monday was a bit of a recovery day for the clergy and sisters, although there is never truly a "day off." The clergy have been either been travelling or taking on some extra work over the last week or more, while the Sisters were busy with camp and their normal duties. A little respite was needed by all. Tuesday, however, was all hustle and bustle as everyone prepared for St. Anthony Devotions, a Solemn High Mass, and the parish bonfire. I did all that I possibly could to arrange the priests' retreat so that I could be here for the bonfire, but ended up missing it and the Mass anyway. Susan Ackley was in the hospital with cancer and other maladies, so I decided she had better be anointed that night instead of the next day. When I came back you all were about to wrap things up. The kids were making S'mores, while Sr. Ulrica was doing my old job of passing out marshmallows to the kids. When their little bellies got sufficiently full we prayed the Rosary—a beautiful ending to a parish family event!

The Sisters and some Simpsons were kind enough to come back in on Wednesday evening to sing High Mass for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Requiem Mass for the Purgatorial Society on Thursday morning. It has been a little difficult to find servers for the 11:25 Masses this summer, so if you are able to volunteer for one or two, that would be most helpful. I know that you already do so much. Perhaps some of the mothers can work it out amongst themselves and then let Sr. Eulalia know what you come up with. We are thankful for the dedicated work of our choir members and servers!

Tomorrow is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul and the anniversary of many of the clergy with whom we associate. It would have been Bishop Dolan's 50th anniversary and Fr. Cekada's 49th. Remember to pray for the repose of their souls on that day. It is a duty incumbent upon us since they themselves did so much for us over the years. May the good God reward them with eternal bliss for all of their apostolic labors! We plan to have a semi-Pontifical High Mass in the evening and hope that you can come!

**Fr. McKenna** returns from his vacation this week. He has been away a long time, it seems. I find it funny that someone as sanguine as him enjoys vacationing alone, but he does. And he doesn't mind not staying in touch while he is away. I

often wonder if he got lost in a forest or eaten by a bear. But he did call on Thursday and I have to give him credit for usually responding when we try to reach him! It is vacation after all! Hopefully, he enjoyed it and is ready to come back tomorrow.

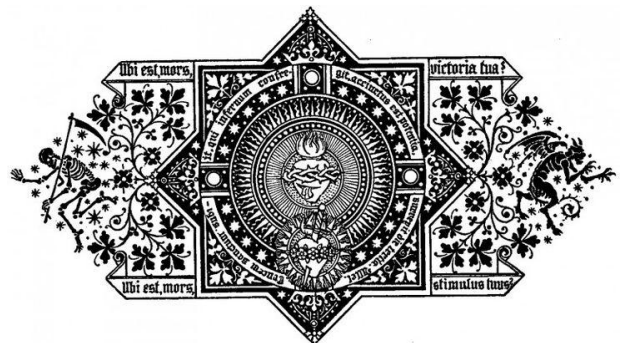


Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allen on the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in their home. May He be King of their home and their family. Little Melita, who is 3 years old, was delighted when it started raining. We all know someone who really likes rainy weather, but Melita's excitement was different. She was *truly* delighted when it rained. Her parents explained that this was because they used to live in desert country and saw rain only once a year. That explains it! We should all be grateful to God for whatever weather He sends us. If it suits our taste, fine; but if not, God knows what He is doing. Anyway, back to the Enthronement! Have you had the Sacred Heart enthroned in your home? If not, you really should get it done. So many graces come from this practice.

**Bishop Nkamuke** and **Fr. Okerulu** have quite the project lined up for Nigeria. They are working on building a school. It is getting more and more dangerous for travel over there. So they are hoping to buy a couple of buses to lessen the risk of the children being kidnapped. His Excellency is also rearranging the location of his priests so that there is less travel and so that the people are not cut off from the priests. This is a prudent idea and requires a lot of organization. If you wish to contribute to them, please send a check (or you can donate online) made out to "St. Gertrude the Great Bishop's Apostolate" and send it to SGG.

I wish you all a blessed month of the Precious Blood which begins this Wednesday. So many great feasts this week. So many Masses to choose from (or just come to all of them!).

– Bishop McGuire



### Masses sent to the Missions:

Thomas Kustra – Happy Birthday! (*Grandma & Grandpa Young*)  
Steven & Dana Kustra – Happy Anniversary! (*Mom & Pop*)  
Luke Kustra – Happy Birthday! (*Grandma & Grandpa Young*)  
2x Poor Souls (*Mr. & Mrs. William Young III*)  
3x Poor Souls (*Terri Young*)  
6x Special Intention Deceased (*Shawn O'Connor*)

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## ✠ CALENDAR

**MON 6/29/26 SS. PETER & PAUL, APP**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart for Home Enthronement (*The Allens*) (from 6/25)  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** Happy Birthday Dad! (*Vincent Brueggemann*) (from 6/25)  
**5:45 PM Semi-Pontifical High Mass** †Bishop Dolan – 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary (*Albert D. Kinnett*)

**TUE 6/30/26 COMMEMORATION OF ST. PAUL, AP**  
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE  
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Suzanne Clingman (*Clearmont Soil & Water*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Rose Beckerich  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** Dan, Mary & family (*Brueggemann Bros.*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Matt & Leanne Giese*)

**WED 7/1/26 THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD**  
 FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH  
 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Bernadette Horton – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Happy Birthday Theresa! from 3/7 (*C. Simpson family*)  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** For Cindy & Meghan (*Anny Reilly*)  
**5:10 PM Low Mass** †John Christopher Zander (KR)

**THU 7/2/26 VISITATION OF OUR LADY**  
 FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS  
 SS. PROCESSUS & MARTINIAN, MM  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Father Brueggemann (*Cecilia Brueggemann*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Jean Bischel – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death (*Sr. Ulrica*)  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** My dear mother – †Jean Bischel (*Jennifer Richesson*)  
**5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass** For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)  
**Altar Boys' Pizza Party**

**FRI 7/3/26 FIRST FRIDAY • ST. LEO II, PC**  
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** In thanksgiving to Poor Souls – favor received (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)  
**11:00 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction** †Alan C. Lotarski (*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski*)  
**5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** Jerald & Kathleen Barnett – 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (*Kathleen Barnett*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena**  
**All Night Adoration**

**SAT 7/4/26 FIRST SATURDAY • WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
 ALL HOLY ROMAN PONTIFFS • INDEPENDENCE DAY  
**7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary**  
**7:30 AM High Mass** Magdalena Horton – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)  
**8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions**

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor: July 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 office 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

**MON 6/29 5:45 PM HIGH: MCs:** C. Richesson, D. Simpson **TH:** S. Richesson **ACs:** W. Young, I. Smith **TBs:** E. Garcia, T. Stanislawski, T. & A. Young

**FRI 7/3 11:30 AM LOW & BENEDICTION:** Capetillos  
**5:45 PM LOW:** I. Smith, A. Constantino

**SAT 7/4 7:30 AM HIGH:** L. Rabjohns, I. Smith  
**BENEDICTION: MCs:** D. Simpson **TH:** L. Rabjohns **TBs:** I. & J. Smith  
**8:40 AM LOW:** D. Simpson

**SUN 7/5 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:** M. Simpson, N. Kolenich **TH:** T. England **ACs:** A. Constantino, L. Rabjohns **TBs:** J. Kolenich, I. & C. Wright, T. Stanislawski, V. Siqueira, B. Constantino  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Capetillos  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH:** D. Simpson **ACs:** I. & J. Smith **CROSS:** F. Caggese  
**5:45 PM LOW:** C. Lorenz

**8:20 AM Benediction**  
**8:30 AM First Saturday Meditation**  
**8:40 AM Low Mass** For our country (*Elizabeth Prell*)

**SUN 7/5/26 SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APP**  
 PENTECOST VI • ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C  
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE

**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** In honor of St. Joseph for all the souls for whom I have ever said I would pray (*Regina Gilliam*)

**9:00 AM High Mass** Thou Knowest, O Lord (*Arlinghaus Family*)

**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Reparations for blasphemies against Our Lady (*Elizabeth Prell*)

**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**

**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great