

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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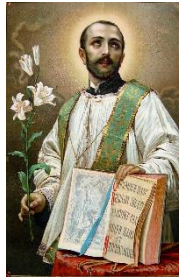
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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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July 5, 2026

**SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER
& PAUL • PENTECOST VI**

**ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C
WITHIN THE OCTAVE**

¶ PENTECOST VI

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

¶ THIS WEEK

We have a quiet first week of the month of the Precious Blood, with the Octave of Ss. Peter & Paul on **Monday**, the Summer Novena on **Tuesday** (you can still submit your intentions!), St. Elizabeth Queen of Portugal on **Wednesday**, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More on **Thursday**, and St. Pius I on **Saturday**. Check the schedule and see where you can "recharge your spiritual batteries" with one of the lovely quiet weekday Low Masses.

¶ CMC MEETING

The **Catholic Mothers' Consortium** meets on Thursday after the 5 PM Mass.

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, July 13: Fatima Rosary Procession, 7:15 PM

Boys Camp: July 28-30

Transfiguration: First Thursday, August 6

Assumption: Saturday, August 15



¶ YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER

The 2026 YAG is this weekend. Please see yagincincy.org for the schedule for this event.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. Vespers & Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal: High Mass:** The Precious Blood, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VII. Preface of the Cross. **Low Masses:** Pentecost VII, second collect of St. John Gualbert, third of Ss. Nabor & Felix. Trinity Preface.

¶ SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

Enrollments for St. Gertrude the Great School are now open. Please email the school at sggschool@sgg.org.

There's only one field where we need not fear to go into excess and that is in the love of Jesus, our Savior. In the beginning of this month we reflect how He shed all His Blood for us. As long as we are not doing as much for Him, we have reasons to fear that we are not loving Him enough, let alone too much.

— Fulgence Meyer, O.F.M.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 28th.....\$6,380.00

THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

But who do you say that I am? Peter saith to Him: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

At once the Heart of Jesus responded. All these months He had looked for this moment and it had come at last; one man had been found who would own Him for what He was. With all his faults and impetuositities and reactions, in faith Simon had never yet failed. Step by step as month succeeded month, he had gone forward and with each step he had been given further light. True, he was still only Simon, human, over-zealous, imprudent, rash and then timid Simon. He would yet fail in many ways; he would need all the grace that the prayer of Jesus Himself could gain for him; yet was he faithful in his heart. He had trusted Jesus utterly; utterly, whatever the results, Jesus would trust him. In generosity Jesus would not be outdone. The reward to Simon is overwhelming, so overwhelming that even to this day wise and prudent men will not credit it; nonetheless, to one who understands even a little of the lavish outpouring of the Heart of Jesus Christ, it is a reward that is only consistent with the gift of Christ, it is a reward that is only consistent with the gift of Bethlehem, the gift of the Cenacle, the gift of Calvary, the gift of Pentecost:

And Jesus, answering, said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but My Father who is in heaven. And I say to thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven....

A carpenter of Nazareth, hiding from the Law, in a pagan district which knew nothing of Him, at a time when His work seemed most to have failed, says this to a fisherman of Bethsaida, a man particularly prone to spoil good work begun by his imprudence and impetuosity. Either that carpenter of Nazareth was a wild enthusiast, or He was what Simon had declared Him. Let history, not ourselves, decide.

– “The Public Life,” Archbishop Goodier



ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

If we discern as best we can the prayer that is given us to pray, then we must be able to leave it, simply and confidently, in God’s hands, not looking too anxiously to see whether or not anything comes of it. Often we should not really be able to recognize an answer to prayer if it came. Maybe the Holy Spirit was using our little prayer for some much larger purpose of His own, and His prayer may be answered even if our little prayer seems to remain unnoticed. It is in God’s hands from start to finish, and we must accept that and not try to wrest it from Him....

We have noticed often enough that all prayer originates with God, and this is particularly true of petitionary prayer at least when it reaches its full maturity. Saint Catherine of Siena was taught that when God wishes to bestow some blessing on mankind, He stirs His servants to pray for it. “I am ground of thy beseeching,” He revealed to Julian of Norwich. – *Father Simon Tugwell O.P.*



AMERICA’S UNCROWNED QUEEN

“The River of Mary Immaculate,
I name this western stream,”
Said the black-robed Jesuit Father,
As the crystal waters gleamed
Under the wand of the moonlight
And the night birds in the tree
Sang to the Great Creator
Their song of jubilee.

“To the care of the Immaculate
Mother
I commend this western land,”
Said a saintly Roman Pontiff,
And he raised his anointed hand
To implore the blessing of Heaven
On America’s valleys and plains,
Where freedom greets the exile
And hope forever reigns.

Then this is the Land of Mary,
And she cares for it as her own;
As the Queen of a loyal people,
She sits on her starry throne;
And her subjects offer her ever
Their tributes of love and praise—
Fair shrines and richly-gemmed
temples
In honor of her they raise.

In the city by the Potomac,
Near whose shores our heroes sleep,
We shall build her a shrine of glory,
And there God’s Mother greet.
And our children’s children shall
know her
As the guardian of hill and stream,
As the keeper of Columbia’s empire,
As America’s Uncrowned Queen!

– Gertrude White



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE

July, the month of the Precious Blood, has begun a little more quietly than June ended. **Fr. Benègas** seems to have enjoyed his stay with us. While he was here he managed to fix two or three of the miters, which had been crushed by servers and clergy over the years, and had generally started to wear out from years of use. This week, our seminarians return home. Peter Gray, who just finished his first year of seminary, is staying with us for all of July. We are looking forward to his visit.

Fr. McKenna is back from vacation and looks pretty well rested. It is a good thing, too, since he is on the road again this weekend to offer Mass in Dallas, Austin, and El Paso. Upon his return, Father must start preparing for the YAG, which begins this Friday. **Fr. Simpson** is in the northern missions, covering Milwaukee and Park Falls, Wisconsin, as well as Grand Forks and Minot, North Dakota, and then returning to Milwaukee. It is a long drive, but he doesn't seem to mind at all.

The rectory addition project is taking much longer than I had liked or thought, but we are making progress, albeit at a snail's pace. The final draft of the building plan is being made now. I am not sure what the next step is. This is all brand new to me, so I will keep you posted. I am very thankful to Billy Young for his generosity in helping to coordinate this project. In reality, we would not have made it this far without him. Keep praying for this project. When the renderings are complete, I will include a picture in the bulletin. We do have the majority of the funds for this project, but any contribution toward its completion will be most welcome.

Fr. Desposito, from the RCI, had open heart surgery this past Wednesday. Apparently, he has a genetic heart problem. Please remember him in your prayers as he recovers.

Hopefully, you enjoyed your July 4th celebrations. Do not forget, however, to pray for your country every day. Pray for its conversion above all. Patriotism does not mean merely waving flags and drinking red, white, and blue slushies; nor does it mean turning on Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." and feeling all patriotic. There is a virtue of patriotism, which is part of the fourth commandment. Right now, what our country needs most is prayer. We need to pray for the conversion of our leaders and make reparation for the sins that we have committed as a nation and as individuals. America is dedicated to Our Lady. Where Our Lady is there is always hope. May she lead our country back to Christ. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!

– Bishop McGuire

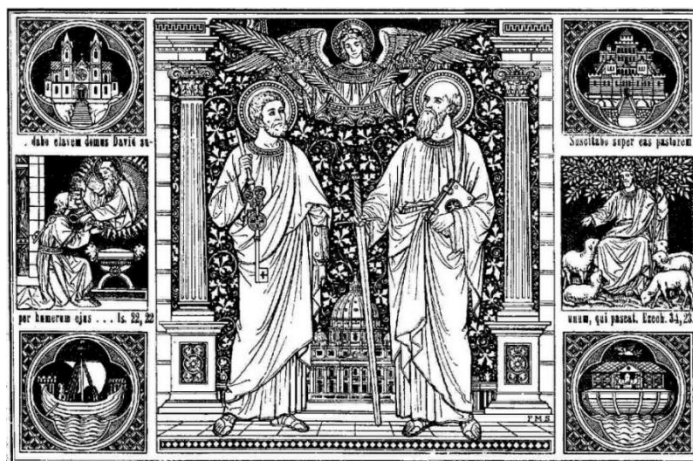
THE APOSTLES AND THE AGONY

His heart was filled with kindness, despite His anguish and grief. Deeply yearning for sympathetic companionship, He turned His eyes to Peter, who shortly before they had come to the garden, had so staunchly insisted that he would rather die than deny Jesus. Now the Lord cautioned him: "Simon, dost thou sleep? Couldst thou not watch one hour?" (Mark 14:37.) In the midst of His agony He was still concerned about their future: "Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

Scarcely anything is so depressing in anguish as to plead for help and find no real understanding among one's friends, among those most naturally expected to be kind and considerate. This is what happened to Jesus when He turned to His three chosen disciples. It was vain to seek sympathy from these three lying asleep before Him in the full light of the moon. They were far away, remote. Not even Peter, always impetuous, sensed what was taking place.

Well after the Agony, St. Paul (who as Saul had caused Christ to suffer so!) wrote: "For you have been given the favor on Christ's behalf—not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him" (Philip. 1:29). The words of St. Paul agree with the following from St. Peter: "But rejoice, in so far as you are partakers of the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice with exultation in the revelation of His glory" (I Pet. 4:13).

The one who suffers not only secures his own salvation—this ideal is always before Paul's eyes—but he also works in a mysterious way for the strengthening of Christ's mysterious work. Paul says: "I rejoice now in the sufferings I bear for your sake; and what is lacking of the sufferings of Christ I fill up in my flesh for His body, which is the Church" (Col. 1:24).



✠ CALENDAR

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| MON 7/6/26 | OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER & PAUL |
| 8:00 AM | Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) |
| 11:25 AM | Low Mass †Rose Beckerich |
| TUE 7/7/26 | SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS, BPPCC <i>ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, C</i> SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES |
| 7:00 AM | Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (<i>Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus</i>) |
| 8:00 AM | Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>) |
| 5:00 PM | Low Mass †Marianne Youngworth – Birthday (<i>Diane Pugliesi</i>) |
| WED 7/8/26 | ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W |
| 7:00 AM | Low Mass †Victor & Doloris Ritze (<i>Doby Curran</i>) |
| 8:00 AM | Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Jim Soli</i>) |
| 11:25 AM | Low Mass †Peter J. Gebel, Jr. – 6 th death anniversary (<i>Willia</i>) |
| 5:10 PM | Low Mass For the conversion of America (<i>Dan, Mary & Family</i>) |
| THU 7/9/26 | FERIAL DAY • OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE <i>SS. JOHN FISCHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM</i> <i>MARTYRS OF GORKUM • ST. MARLA GORETTI, VM</i> <i>ST. VERONICA GUILLANI, V</i> |
| 7:00 AM | Low Mass †Ryan Sherwold & Aunt Shelly (<i>S. Kurtz</i>) |
| 8:00 AM | Low Mass Our deceased relatives (<i>The Wilker Family</i>) |
| 5:00 PM | Low Mass Intentions of the CMC Catholic Mothers Consortium Meeting |
| FRI 7/10/26 | SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM <i>SS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>KR</i>) |
| 11:00 AM | Confessions |
| 11:25 AM | Low Mass †Rose Beckerich |
| 5:15 PM | Confessions, Rosary |
| 5:45 PM | Low Mass Sr. Mary Perpetua (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) |
| 6:30 PM | Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction |
| SAT 7/11/26 | OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • ST. PIUS I, PM |
| 7:05 AM | Confessions |
| 7:30 AM | Low Mass †Rose Beckerich |
| 8:05 AM | Salve, Sermon |
| 8:15 AM | High Mass Joe Brueggemann (<i>Maria McConnell</i>) |
| SUN 7/12/26 | SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST VII • <i>ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB</i> <i>SS. NABOR & FELIX, MM • ST. VERONICA, W</i> |
| 7:05 AM | Rosary |
| 7:30 AM | Low Mass †Salvatore Zuccaro – Rest in peace (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) |
| 9:00 AM | High Mass Our children, grandchildren & godchildren (<i>S. & C. Hudson</i>) |
| 11:05 AM | Rosary |
| 11:30 AM | Low Mass John & †Nancy Seyfried (<i>Doby Curran</i>) |
| 4:45 PM | Vespers & Benediction |
| 5:45 PM | Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great |



TO ST. PETER

Most venerable chief of the Apostles, first Vicar of Christ on earth, to whose keeping the Savior of mankind gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, remember, we beg of you, our father in the faith, those thrilling words of Jesus, “feed My lambs, feed My sheep,” by which He entrusted us all to your care and guidance and made you the shepherd of our souls. Dearly beloved and most honored father, surely, in the great joy of heaven, your heart is full of burning love and compassion for us all, who still wander in this place of exile in such need of your loving intercession.

Great penitent, who, being converted, confirmed your brethren, obtain for us also the mighty grace of conversion, that we may at last put off the old man and put on the new, being made after the model of Christ. Chief of the Apostles, beg for us the fullness of the apostolic spirit, that we may do our part in spreading the truth of the gospel and in toiling and suffering for the salvation of souls.

Foundation stone, on whom Christ declared that He would build His Church so that the gates of hell might not prevail against it, intercede for all the needs of holy Church, protect her against her enemies, shepherd the lost sheep and bring them back to the fold, and call to the truth of Christ the sad thousand million souls who are still in the darkness of paganism, and the hundreds of millions who wander in erroneous forms of Christian belief. We ask your constant intercession, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose love delights your faithful heart in heaven, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, He lives and reigns, one God, for all ages. Amen.



SERVERS

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| FRI 7/10 | 5:45 PM LOW: F. Caggese, B. Constantino BENEDICTION: MCS: D. Simpson, F. Caggese TH: A. Constantino TBS: B. Constantino, S. Smith |
| SAT 7/11 | 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, I. & J. Smith |
| SUN 7/12 | 7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TH: T. Lawrence ACS: N. McClorey, D. Simpson TBS: S. Richesson, A. McClorey, D. & J. Hudson, T. England, J. Rabjohns 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey |