

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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July 19, 2026
PENTECOST VIII
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C

¶ PENTECOST VIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. **Please note, there are NO Vespers today.**

¶ SODALITY MEETING

The Sodality of Charity's July meeting will be tomorrow, **Monday**, beginning at 9 AM.

¶ SUMMER NOVENA

Our Summer Novena continues each **Tuesday**. Bring your petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony of Padua, and venerate St. Anthony's relic.

¶ MEN'S GROUP

The Knights of St. Martin Men's Group meets on **Thursday**, with Mass at 5:30 PM.

¶ PARISH PARTICIPATION

Looking for a way you can participate more actively in the parish? Perhaps you are a new parishioner, or an old one who has never heard about it, but we have a website which gives parishioners the opportunity to volunteer to **drive a priest to the airport** for a mission trip, or to make a meal for the clergy. If you are interested in being added to the contact list for either of these groups, please email the office.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 12th.....\$6,994.12
Alter Christus.....\$524.00

Thank you for your generosity.



O God, Who didst strengthen blessed Vincent with apostolic virtue to preach the Gospel to the poor, and to promote the dignity befitting the ecclesiastical order, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who venerate his holy merits, may be instructed by the example of his virtues. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ ST. JAMES THE GREATER

Saturday is the feast of the apostle St. James the Greater, as well as that of St. Christopher. Masses will be at the usual times of 7:30 & 8:15 AM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of St. Anne, the Mother of Our Lady. **Cars will be blessed during all Masses** in honor of St. Christopher, the patron of motorists, whose feast is Saturday. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** St. Anne, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost IX. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Teresa Boyd, Michael Soeder, Roseanne Elflein, Susan Ackley, and Teresa Collier.

¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys Camp is July 28-30. **Boys must be signed up in advance to attend.** Use the

sign-up sheet in the vestibule, or email the office at parishoffice@sgg.org.



¶ MAIL IN YOUR TITHES!

With summer vacation and travels, things like your weekly envelope might easily be overlooked. Please mail in your weekly contribution if you are away from home. Utilities never take a vacation!

FOR YOU AND FOR MANY

On account of the prominence assigned by the Apostles themselves to the Blood of Christ as the instrument and price of our redemption, and as the cause of the triumphs of the blessed in Heaven, this devotion is pre-eminently called the "Devotion of the elect." "Thou hast indeed redeemed us, O Lord God, in Thy Blood, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation; and has made us to our God a kingdom and priests." (*Apoc. V, 9*)

At the consecration of the chalice the priest uses these words: "For this is the chalice of My Blood of the new and eternal testament, the mystery of faith which shall be shed for you and for many, to the remission of sins." While Christ indeed died for all men that all men without exception might be saved, the words, "for you and for many," imply that the fruits of His Precious Blood are not applied to all, because all men do not reach out for them, or co-operate with the proffered graces. In this sense we must also understand the prayer of Our Lord: "I pray for them whom Thou hast given Me: because they are Thine" (*John XVII, 9*).

"This is the chalice of My Blood which shall be shed for you." For me? My beloved Redeemer, I want to belong to those for whom Thou dost shed Thy Blood mystically every morning at Mass; for by this Blood I have become Thine own. "You are not your own, for you are bought with a great price. Glorify and bear God in your body" (*I Cor. VI, 19-20*). By venerating Thy Sacred Blood in a special manner, O Jesus, I want to become Thine own, in a particular manner, and to participate in a greater measure in the fruits of the Redemption.

— *The Devotion of the Elect*



❖ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is next week, July 28-30. Boys who are First Communion age and up are welcome. *Anyone who wishes to attend the camp MUST be signed up before next Tuesday. Anyone who is not a regular parishioner at St. Gertrude's MUST contact the office in order to attend the camp.* Those attending should have a missal, rosary, church clothes, play clothes, and a tent if they are staying overnight. The boys will be going swimming one of the days, so they should bring a swimsuit, goggles, etc., if they are interested in swimming.



The boys will be playing sports at Keehner Park, so if they have any sports equipment they would like to bring they should do so. The usual games are Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, baseball and kickball. Rollerblading is usually very popular at camp, so the boys may want to bring those as well.

The Fathers and some fathers will be supervising the camp, but will not be able to babysit—boys who need more supervision should come with their dads.



The Blood of Our Lord, wherever it is found, must produce great confidence in God; confidence in God is its primary and principal effect. Not only does it give us confidence through the belief that we have been bought at so great a price, but it gives confidence by a kind of heredity, a psychological transformation in the spirit that receives it. We become spiritually, supernaturally sanguine. We expect everything from God, precisely because we have in our veins that Precious Blood that makes the Heart of the Son of God throb with unlimited confidence in the goodness of the Father.

— *Dom Anscar Vonier, O.S.B.*

MAGDALEN

The Hebrew girl, with flaming brow,
The banner-blush of shame,
Sinks at the sinless Savior's Knees
And dares to breathe His Name.
From the full fountain of her eyes
The lava-globes are roll'd—
They wash His feet; she spurns them
off
With her ringlet-scarf of gold.

The Meek One feels the eloquence
Of agonizing prayer,
The burning tears, the suppliant face,
The penitential hair;
And when, to crown her brimming
woe,
The ointment box is riven—
"Rise, daughter, rise! Much hast thou
loved,
Be all thy sins forgiven!"

Dear God! The prayer of good and
pure,
The canticles of light,
Enrobe Thy throne with gorgeous
skies,
As incense in Thy sight;
May the shivered vase of Magdalen
Soothe many an outcast's smart.
Teaching what fragrant pleas may
spring
From out a *broken heart!*

— *James Ryder Randall*



✠ NOTE FROM FATHER ✠

It seems like just about every day I watch as another priest here leaves for a trip...until I look around and find I am the only one left at St. Gertrude's for the Sunday! **Bishop McGuire** left for Mexico on Tuesday and arrived eventually. He laid over in Atlanta and boarded his flight to Mexico, only to have to later de-plane because the brakes were not working. I suppose it's probably better to learn that there is something wrong with the breaks when sitting at the gate rather than when you are touching down at landing!! They found him a new plane, and he traveled on to Mexico City, a couple of hours late. While he is there, he is doing Confirmations for the chapels of **Frs. Martin Gomez, Jamie Siordia, and Roberto Mardones**. **Fr. Arnoldo Villegas** is also coming out from Tijuana to lend a helping hand. Quite the busy trip!

Meanwhile, back here, **Fr. Lehtoranta** left Thursday for a well-deserved vacation, **Fr. Brueggemann** left Friday with a couple of seminarians in tow for Milwaukee, and **Fr. Simpson** departed Saturday for Dallas. So, it's just me and the cats here with you all this weekend! Unfortunately, they aren't particularly helpful for things like Masses and Confessions...or really anything in life. It's pretty much all take and no give with those little guys.

We will quickly shift from me being alone to having a plethora of people with collars at St. Gertrude's. Frs. Simpson and Brueggemann return Sunday night. They will be joined by the three seminarians, who will stay with us for a couple weeks in order to do their summer apostolic work and also help with the boys' camp. Bishop McGuire arrives back Monday night and **Fr. Julian Larrabee** comes in the same day for a few days of vacation. On Thursday we will even add **Fr. Daniel Ahern** for a night... There will be no vacancy in the inn.

Last weekend's Young Adult Get-Together was a great success. It seemed to all go very smoothly, we had a decent crowd, and everyone seemed to have a good time. In addition to sermons and talks, I joined the kids for trivia. I joked with the people on my team that we should win, because a lot of what they will look at as history questions was at one point just "the news" for me, haha!

The YAG followed into Monday's Fatima Rosary Procession. In the July apparition, Our Lady stressed to the children the importance of praying the Rosary for the end of the war going on, which was World War One. She told them that only Our Lady could obtain

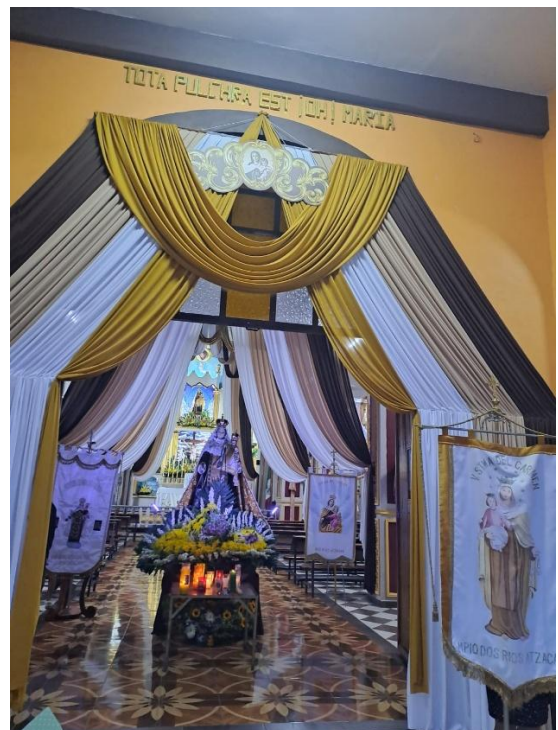
the sufficient graces necessary to end the war, which was more terrible than any war the world had ever seen to that point. It is a great reminder for us to pray with confidence for the various problems which plague society around us and to which we often are tempted to feel helpless to be able to effect...the waging of new wars, the corruption of society, the crisis in the Church, etc. Happily, many of you did just that, by joining us for the Rosary Procession, which had 118 attendees! Let's try to make it even more next month!!



In Christ,
Fr. McKenna



Eve of the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Dos Ríos, with Fr. Martín



✠ CALENDAR

MON 7/20/26	ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C • ST. MARGARET, VM <i>ST. ELLAS THE PROPHET</i>
8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Jim Peter (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
11:25 AM	Low Mass Our godparents (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>)
TUE 7/21/26	ST. PRAXEDES, V • ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Anthony Gray (KR)
5:00 PM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
WED 7/22/26	ST. MARY MAGDALEN, PENITENT
7:00 AM	Low Mass “Thou Knowest, O Lord!” (<i>Eddie & Renee Fernandez</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Sr. Magdalen of the Holy Relics (<i>Your family</i>)
11:25 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Victor Ritze (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
5:10 PM	Low Mass Madeline Anne – God bless you! (<i>Your Godmother</i>)
THU 7/23/26	ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM • ST. LIBORIUS, BPC
7:00 AM	Low Mass For our children & godchildren (<i>Chad & Christina Horton</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Monica Prell – Happy Birthday! (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
5:30 PM	Low Mass †Victor Ritze (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) Knights of St. Martin Meeting
FRI 7/24/26	VIGIL OF ST. JAMES • ST. CHRISTINA, VM <i>ST. FRANCIS SOLANO, C</i>
8:00 AM	Low Mass For the intentions of our church (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>)
11:00 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Michael E. Osborn (<i>Jane Childers</i>)
5:15 PM	Confessions, Rosary
5:45 PM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Cassius Clay (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 7/25/26	ST. JAMES THE GREATER, AP <i>ST. CHRISTOPHER, M • OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY</i>
7:05 AM	Confessions
7:30 AM	Low Mass Dale Wilker (<i>His Family</i>)
8:05 AM	Salve, Sermon
8:15 AM	High Mass Poor Souls in thanksgiving (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
SUN 7/26/26	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY • PENTECOST IX BLESSING OF CARS DURING ALL MASSES
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass Special Intention for our family (<i>Hudson Family</i>)
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Reparations for Blasphemies Against Our Lord (<i>Elizabeth Prell</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

CALLED BY NAME

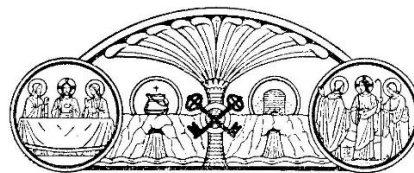
The apostles were called by their proper names...to show the faithful that they, too, will be recorded in the Book of Life by name. They are listed in pairs as a testimony to their mutual love and the bonds that united them: they strengthened one another in bearing witness to the faith before the wicked, and enduring the torments the preaching of the Gospel entailed.

Augustine says of them, “He chose His apostles, as He had His disciples, from those of humble birth, dishonorable and illiterate, so that whatever greatness they attained or performed, it would be clear that He had in fact done these things in them.” Ambrose agrees: “Observe the heavenly strategy: He did not choose men who were learned, wealthy, or aristocratic; He chose fishermen and tax collectors whom He could direct, lest they seem to have won people by their wisdom, or enticed them with riches, or attracted them by some innate nobility and authority. In this way the victory would be gained by the presentation of the truth rather than the power of human eloquence.”...

Lord Jesus Christ, Thy inestimable mercy prompted Thee to come into this world to call erring sinners to repentance, and from among these Thou hast chosen many deputies and special disciples. Merciful God, call me back, miserable sinner that I am, embrace me upon my return, comfort me in sorrow, and instruct my ignorance. Although I am unworthy, at length count me among Thy disciples; lift me up completely from earthly desires and carry my spirit wholly to divine realities. Grant that I may hear and understand Thy words and put all Thy commands into action!

— Dom Ludolph of Saxony, O. Cart.

Dom Ludolph of Saxony († 1378) was a German theologian who became a Carthusian monk.



Servers

TUE 7/21	5:00 PM HIGH: T. Lawrence, B. & A. Constantino
FRI 7/24	5:45 PM LOW: I. Smith, Ma. Caggese BENEDICTION: MCS: D. Simpson, I. Smith TH: M. Caggese TBS: J. Smith, Ma. Caggese
SAT 7/25	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: A. Capetillo, T. & J. Capetillo
SUN 7/26	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, Seminarian TH: D. Hudson ACS: M. Caggese, J. Rabjohns TBS: V. Siqueira, V. Horton, G. & D. Wright, B. Constantino, F. Caggese 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: J. & I. Smith CROSS: B. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: N. McClurey