

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 26, 2026
ST. ANNE, MOTHER
OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST IX



¶ ST. ANNE

Today is the feast of St. Anne. Cars will be blessed during all Masses in honor of St. Christopher, whose feast was yesterday. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is this week, **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. Boys who are First Communion age and up are welcome. *Anyone who wishes to attend the camp MUST be signed up before Tuesday. Anyone who is not a regular parishioner at St. Gertrude's MUST call 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.

Camp begins with Mass at **10 AM on Tuesday**. Rosary will be at 5 PM, followed by supper at 6. Boys who are not staying overnight may be picked up anytime after the rosary. Mass is at **8 AM on Wednesday**, and the pickup time is **7:30 PM**. The boys will be going swimming on Wednesday, so they should bring a swimsuit, goggles, etc., if they are interested in swimming. On **Thursday** Mass is at **8 AM**, and the camp ends at **3 PM** with rosary.

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.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 19th.....\$7,986.85

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary, Confessions

7:30 AM Low Mass

8:05 AM Salve, Sermon

8:15 PM High Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for the offenses of those who outrage the Blessed Virgin directly in her holy images.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. The Second Collection will be taken up for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. The Little Church will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X, second collect of St. Alphonsus Liguori, third of St. Stephen I. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Mardones, Anthony Brueggemann (Fr. Brueggemann's nephew),

Jason Miller, Susan Ackley, Rhonda & Michael Soeder, and the repose of the soul of †Ana Stenvert.

Tamen Christi

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

Mr. David Bayer & Family – In thanksgiving for kindnesses bestowed
(Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lyle)



RECOMMENDATION TO ST. ANNE

Hail, O illustrious St. Anne, blessed among women because thou hadst the happiness of bearing in thy womb the holy and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God. I participate in the joy thou didst experience on giving birth to her and offering her in the Temple to the Eternal Father. I pray thee, good mother, to present me to thy well-beloved Daughter and to her Son, Jesus. Be my protectress and advocate with Jesus and Mary; be my intercessor, my refuge, my consolation. Amen.



PRAYER FOR A WAYWARD CHILD

Holy Mother, St. Anne, so rich in graces! Thou wilt never leave unheard the pleadings and tears of a mother who invokes thee for a wayward child. Thou knowest my grief and the anguish of my heart. Look down with thy maternal eyes upon this poor erring child, and bring him [her] back upon the way of salvation that he [she] may again serve God faithfully and thus obtain eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Hail Mary 3 times)*

ST. PANTALEON

Feast July 27. Martyr, Lay Physician, one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Patronages: against consumption or tuberculosis, bachelors, doctors, physicians, midwives, torture victims.

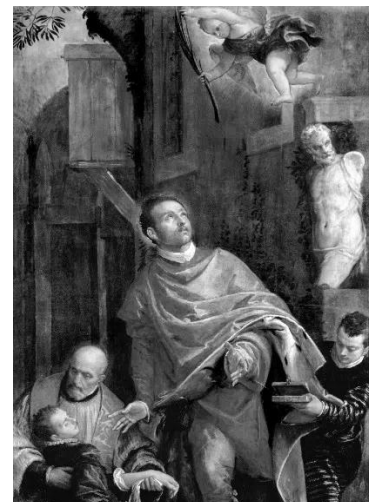
According to tradition, Pantaleon was the son of a rich pagan, Eustorgius of Nicomedia, and had been instructed in Christianity by his Christian mother, Eubula. He became estranged from Christianity for a while as a young man. He studied medicine and became physician to the Emperor Maximinianus.

He returned to the faith when he encountered a zealous priest, Hermolaus, who by prudent exhortation awakened Pantaleon's conscience to a sense of his guilt, and brought him back into the faith of the Church. Henceforth he devoted himself ardently to the advancement of the spiritual and temporal welfare of his fellow citizens. First of all he sought to convert his father, who was still a heathen, and had the consolation to see him die a Christian. As a physician, he was intent on healing his patients both by physical and spiritual means. Christians he confirmed in the practice and confession of the Faith, and the heathens he sought to convert. Many suffering from incurable diseases were restored to health by his prayer and the invocation of the holy Name of Jesus. His presence was everywhere fraught with blessings and consolation. Upon the death of his father he came into possession of a large fortune, which he divided amongst the poor and the sick. Envious colleagues denounced him to the emperor during the Diocletian persecution. The emperor wished to save him and sought to persuade him to apostasy. Pantaleon, however, openly confessed his faith and as proof that Christ is the true God, he healed a paralytic. Notwithstanding this, he

was condemned to death by the emperor, who regarded the miracle as an exhibition of magic.

Pantaleon's flesh was first burned with torches; upon this Christ appeared to all in the form of Hermolaus to strengthen and heal Pantaleon. The torches were extinguished. Then a bath of liquid lead was prepared, but Christ in the same form stepped into the cauldron with him, and the fire went out and the lead became cold. He was then thrown into the sea, but the stone with which he was loaded floated. He was thrown to the wild beasts, but these fawned upon him and could not be forced away until he had blessed them. He was bound on the wheel but the ropes snapped and the wheel broke. An attempt was made to behead him, but the sword bent and the executioners were converted. Pantaleon implored Heaven to forgive them, for which reason he also received the name of *Panteleemon* (the all-compassionate). It was not until he himself desired it that it was possible to behead him, nailed to a tree. The priest Hermolaus and the brothers Hermippos and Hermocrates suffered death with him, in the year c 305.

A phial of St. Pantaleon's blood is preserved at Constantinople and is reported to become liquid and bubble on his feast day. Some of his relics are enshrined at the church of Saint Denis in Paris, France, and others at Lyons, France.



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

There are so many things to write about this week that limiting myself to the allotted space will be difficult. Mexico really is as dangerous a place as you hear about in the news because of drug trafficking and cartel wars. Because there is so much corruption in the government and police force Mexico has become a bit like the Wild West. Some police officers work as law enforcement during the day but act as cartel members at night. Major highways are unsafe, and even in the safest towns in Mexico, residents told me they are cautious and avoid going out after a certain hour.

Fr. Siordia, who was ordained by Bishop Dolan in Sharonville in 1997 and worked here for a little bit after ordination, owns the oldest church in Cocoyoc (it was built in 1585), which possesses the miraculous image of Our Lord of the Expiration. There is one Cartel killing per day in Cocoyoc! Father has to deal with this constantly. One of his neighbors is a cartel leader. Father, being the good pastor that he is, does not hesitate to speak about the evils of participating in that kind of life when it becomes necessary. As a result, they have actually tried to kill him! Still, Father stays cheerful and goes about his apostolate as if there were no problems in the world. That was highly edifying to me. I suppose once a person has performed as many exorcisms and seen as many cases of diabolic possession as he has, there is nothing else that can frighten him. Please keep him in your prayers.

My visit to Fr. Siordia's chapel was most pleasant. His church, though old, is kept immaculately clean. His altar servers were well trained. His choir sings very beautifully. His people are so very loyal and look out for his safety. I have the impression that the people trust him very much. There were a few First Holy Communions and 25 Confirmations in Cocoyoc—including one young lady who is from northern Alabama!

I took a day trip to San Jose Church in a suburb of Mexico City, where **Fr. Roberto Mardones** has a very beautiful church owned by a wealthy family. The church and the rest of the property are most impressive with their green gardens, elegant walls, and fancy decorations. There were 7 Confirmations at San Jose. Father, as you know, has had a lot of health issues, recently losing a leg because of diabetes. Still, he says daily Mass seated in a wheelchair, hears the people's confessions, and does as much as he can. Father attended my Mass, meanwhile directing the servers from his position close



Fr. Mardones assisting at Confirmations

to the Gospel side of the altar, and helped with Confirmations as well. Father and his parishioners were most welcoming. I only wish I could have stayed longer to visit with them, but we had to hurry back to Cocoyoc before it got too late.

The other stop was to Dos Ríos, where **Fr. Martín Gomez** works. The area is very verdant and nestled in a mountainous region. Father is very poor, but he works hard to save up enough money to maintain and improve his church. He goes door to door asking for alms. Those who do not have money to give offer to do work at the church instead. Some of the ladies got together and collected items to recycle, thus gaining a little extra money for the patronal feast. Father proudly told me that he has earned the nickname “Basurero” among the people of the village. Imagine the surprise when I learned that basurero means “scavenger!” That was probably one of the funniest things I heard on this trip! There were a number of First Holy Communions and about 40 Confirmations at his church.

This was truly one of the best trips to Mexico. The priests all say there is so much work to do—so many souls to save, so many churches to take care of—but there aren't any vocations. This is the same thing that Our Lord complained of during His time: The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. The priests whom I met are already well-seasoned veterans, and are beginning to wonder who is going to continue their work. They wonder, but they are confident that Our Lord will provide. Pray for vocations.

As nice as this trip was, there is no place like home. It is so great to be back to St. Gertrude's. Unfortunately, I will be gone on vacation beginning mid-week and will be back before the next Fatima Rosary procession. The rest of the year is booked up with trips to do Confirmations in the Texas missions, as well as Milwaukee and our other missions in Illinois, Wisconsin and North Dakota, a trip to the Philippines in late September, and another trip to Mexico. It is good to have such capable clergy here at St. Gertrude's. I never have to worry about being gone since they do such a wonderful job of looking after things.

– Bishop McGuire



Fr. Siordia & his servers

✠ CALENDAR

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

MON 7/27/26	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY ST. PANTALEON, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Anniversary, Levi & Jacinta! (Theresa) 11:25 AM Low Mass In gratitude for singing at funeral (Doloris Ritze)
TUE 7/28/26	SS. NAZARIUS & CELSUS, MM, VICTOR I, PM, INNOCENT I, PC BOYS' CAMP BEGINS SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM Low Mass †Isabelle Brandenburg (Sister Eulalia) 10:00 AM Solemn High Mass Victor Horton – Happy Birthday! (Mom & Dad) 5:00 PM Low Mass Elena Kustra – Happy Birthday 3/24 (Grandma & Grandpa Young)
WED 7/29/26	ST. MARTHA, V • ST. FELIX II, PM SS. SIMPLICIUS & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Caggese – thank you for being our sponsors (The Allens) 11:25 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (James Lawrence) 5:10 PM Low Mass Special Intention (Cleo Speckert)
THU 7/30/26	SS. ABDON & SENNEN, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass Hudson Family's Intentions (Levi Giese family) 8:00 AM High Mass Special Intention Deceased (James Lawrence) 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Easter Dad & Mom & Family (Maria Brueggemann)
FRI 7/31/26	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Jacinta Young (Mom & Pop Young) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass †Lorie Mikesell – 3 rd anniversary of death (Michelle Mikesell) 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Mary Rake 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 8/1/26	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. PETER'S CHAINS THE HOLY MACHABEES 7:05 AM Rosary, Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Thou Knowest, O Lord (Arlinghaus Family) 8:05 AM Salve, Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass Happy Birthday, Jacinta! (Theresa)
SUN 8/2/26	PENTECOST X • ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD ST. STEPHEN I, PM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Helen Jean Schmidt (Angela M. Schmidt) 9:00 AM High Mass Claire Kosovich (KR) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass In honor of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (James Lawrence) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



THE DIVINE OFFICE OF THE KITCHEN

Lord of the pots and pipkins, since I have not time to be

*A saint by doing things and vigiling with Thee,
By watching in the twilight dawn and storming
heaven's gates,*

*Make me a saint by getting meals and washing up
the plates.*

*Lord of the pots and pipkins, please, I offer Thee for
souls*

*The tiresomeness of tea leaves and the sticky porridge bowls.
Remind me of the things I need, not just to save the stairs,
But so that I may perfectly lay tables into prayers.*

*Accept my roughened hands because I made them so for Thee;
Pretend my dishmop is a bow which heavenly harmony
Makes on a fiddle frying pan; it is so hard to clean,
And oh, so horrid! Hear, dear Lord, the music that I mean.*

*Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind,
And when I black the boots, I try Thy sandals, Lord, to find,
I think of how they trod our earth, what time I scrub the floor.
Accept this meditation when I haven't time for more.*

*Vespers and compline come to pass by washing supper things
And, mostly, I am very tired, and all the heart that sings
About the morning's work, is gone, before me, into bed.
Lend me, dear Lord, Thy tireless Heart, to work in me instead.*

*My matins are said overnight to praise and bless Thy Name
Beforehand for tomorrow's work, which will be just the same,
So that it seems I go to bed still in my working dress.
Lord, make Thy Cinderella soon a heavenly Princess.*

*Warm all the kitchen with Thy love and light it with Thy peace,
Forgive the worrying and make the grumbling words to cease.
Lord, Who laid breakfast on the shore, forgive the world which saith,
"Can any good thing come to God out of poor Nazareth?"*

– Cecily Hallack

Servers

TUE 7/28	10:00 AM SOL. HIGH: MCs: D. Simpson, N. Kolenich TH: S. Richesson ACs: M. Kolenich, I. Smith TBs: J. Kolenich, T. Young, E. Garcia, V. Siqueira, J. Smith, L. Rabjohns
FRI 7/31	5:45 PM LOW: P. Caggese, A. Constantino BENEDICTION: MCs: F. Caggese, D. Simpson TH: P. Caggese TBs: A. & B. Constantino
SAT 8/1	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:15 AM HIGH: Brueggemanns
SUN 8/2	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: Seminarian TH: F. Caggese ACs: C. Lorenz, J. Hudson TBs: T. Stanislawski, S. Smith, Ma. Caggese, N. Hudson, J. Stewart, A. Constantino 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: A. Constantino ACs: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: J. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: Brueggemanns