

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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September 13, 2026 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY PENTECOST XVI

¶ PENTECOST XV

We congratulate two of our oblates today who renew their Oblation after the High Mass. Catechism Class enrollments are available today in the church office, after the morning Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Don't forget the Fatima **Rosary Procession** at 7:15 PM!

¶ THIS WEEK

Tomorrow is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The blessing and veneration of the relic of the True Cross will be given after all Masses. **Tuesday** is the feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. **Thursday** is the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, and the beloved St. Joseph Cupertino has his feast on **Friday**. St. Januarius and Our Lady of La Salette close the week on **Saturday**.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Fall Ember Days. Catholics between the ages of 21-59 are bound to the Laws of Fast; those who have reached their 7th year may eat meat only once, at the principal meal, on Wednesday and Saturday. The Ember Days were instituted for a good harvest and to draw down God's blessings upon the September ordinations. Pray for priests!

Congratulations

to Tyler & Elisabeth
Wooden, who were married on
Saturday, September 12.



From the Church of the Most Holy Name of Mary, Rome

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEVEN SORROWS/PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows. Catechism Class **enrollments** will be available after the morning Masses in the church office.

The **Parish Picnic** takes place at Winton Woods Park from 1 to 5 PM. All are invited! The church will provide hot dogs, burgers and drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring sides and desserts.

Please note, there will be **no Vespers** next Sunday.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVII. Third collect of Ss. Eustace & Companions. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Catechism Classes resume:

Sunday, September 27

Rosary Sunday: October 4.

Blessing of Roses, Rosary Procession, Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity, Rosary Confraternity Breakfast

Forty Hours: Oct. 23-25

All Saints Day: Sunday, November 1. Saint costume presentations and party follow the High Mass.

Fall Festival (craft booths only!): Sunday, November 8

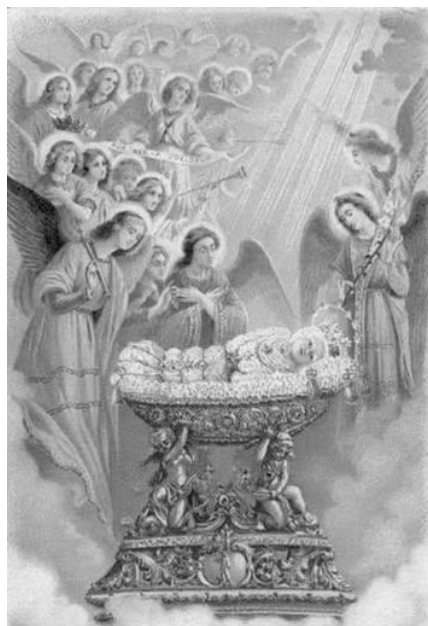
Collection Report

Sunday, September 6th.....\$8,144.62
Second Collection.....\$4,212.00
Thank you for your generosity.
Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

If the winds of temptations surge, if you run aground on the shoals of troubles, look to this star, call upon Mary! If you are tossed by the winds of pride or ambition or detraction or jealousy, look to this star, call upon Mary! If anger or greed or the allurements of the flesh dash against the boat of your mind, look to Mary! And if you are troubled by the enormity of your sins, confused by the foulness of your conscience, terrified by the horror of the Judgement, so that you begin to be swallowed up in the pit of sadness, the abyss of despair, think of Mary! In dangers, in straits, in perplexity, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let her name be always in your mouth and in your heart, and, if you would ask for and obtain the help of her prayers, do not forget the example of how she lived. If you follow her, you will not go astray. If you pray to her, you will not despair. If you think of her, you will not be lost. If you cling to her, you will not fall. If she protects you, you will not fear, if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is favorable to you, you will reach your goal. Thus you will experience personally how rightly it was spoken "And the Virgin's name was Mary."

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Bernard of Clairvaux (†1153) is considered the last of the Fathers of the Church and is a Doctor of the Church.



TO THE INFANT MARY

Sweet Infant Mary, who wast destined to be the Mother of God, and thereby to become also our august Sovereign lady and our most beloved Mother, through the wonders of grace which Thou hast accomplished for us, deign mercifully to hear my humble supplication.

In all the needs and troubles which surround me from every quarter, and more especially for that one need which now troubles me, all my trust and confidence are placed in thee. O, holy little one, in virtue of the many privileges which have been granted only to thee, and because of the merits which thou hast acquired, show thyself again today merciful to me.

Show me that the spring of thy spiritual treasures and of the good gifts and favors which thou distribute, is inexhaustible, because thy power hast no limit with the Fatherly Heart of God.

So by the immense profusion of grace with which the most High God has enriched thee from the first moment of thy Immaculate Conception, I beg thee, O most heavenly Babe, to grant my supplication, and I will praise the goodness of thy Heart forever. Amen.

THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR QUEEN

Last night I knelt, dear Mother mine,
And watched the evening star,
And on its steady rays my heart
Was borne to thee afar.
I tried to think what heaven is like,
And how in courts above
The angels keep thy birthday feast,
And how they prove their love.

And while I gazed I saw the stars
In clusters bright appear,
And swift this thought came to my heart:

Each star is as a year,
That God has placed in heaven's arch
Since Mary's wondrous birth,
That brought true light, just as the stars
Give joy to poor, dark earth.

And then I tried to count them all,
The twinkling stars above, and told
them each to greet thee, Queen,
And tell thee of my love.
Then as I watched I saw them go,
As plain as plain could be;
They swift returned—I hope they left
My birthday thoughts with thee.



Masses sent to the Missions:

John Kustra – Happy Birthday
(Grandma & Grandpa Young)

Maria Kustra – Happy Birthday
(Grandma & Grandpa Young)

Steven Kustra (Mom & Pop Young)

Dana Kustra – Happy Birthday (Mom & Pop)

Mark & Annie Fischer – Happy Anniversary
(Mom & Pop Young)

For the conversion of all our relatives & friends (Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III)

✧ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✧

Last Tuesday was the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady and it looked like we had a full house for the High Mass and birthday party. I only caught the tail end of the party as I was under the weather, like so many of you have been. In any event, it looked and sounded like Our Lady was truly honored on her birthday, and that is all that matters.

The shrine in honor of the Infant Mary was stunningly beautiful, I thought. The colors, the flowers, including the mums to be blessed, were all perfect! Even the butterflies looked like they fit right in. It seemed a lot like a cloister garden, but with Our Lady as the center of attention. The flower arrangements for the altar were also perfect for the feast. Job well done, Sisters!

Fr. Lehtoranta says that school has been going well. We have 32 students this year, only one less than last year. It is a good group of students that seems very enthusiastic. Sometimes, the children really surprise us with their thoughtful questions, as was the case this week. One of the middle school children asked Father during one of the classes, "How do you know if you have a right conscience or a scrupulous conscience?" Father and I were both very impressed by the question. It shows that the children really do want to learn. In my public school days, it was very clear that many of the kids were there to goof off rather than to learn. It seemed that only a few actually enjoyed learning, but that is what you get in any state-run education system. Here at St. Gertrude's, the teachers strive to give the best of a classical Catholic education, and welcome any question from the students.

Fr. McKenna was here this week. More and more, it is getting to be like Bigfoot sightings where some people claim to have seen him but no one is really sure if he exists or not. In fairness, he was supposed to be home on Wednesday, but because I got sick he had to cover the funeral at St. Hugh's. He is in Texas right now, but will be back tonight. Bring your binoculars and look carefully and you just might catch a rare sighting of the elusive Fr. McKenna!

Fr. Brueggemann went to Chillicothe to see Joseph Murphy this past Thursday. I am glad he keeps up with him. Joseph has been a much-loved part of our family here at St. Gertrude's. Do you remember the letters he used to write? They were fantastic! Joseph does a lot of evangelizing in prison. I am sure that he will convert some souls through his prayers and by talking about the Faith. Certainly, many of you do not need a reminder, but please keep Joseph in your prayers.

Congratulations to Tyler and Elisabeth (Rabjohns) Wooden on their reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony yesterday. May Our Lady grant them a grace-filled life together and an eternity of happiness in heaven.



Don't forget to come back tonight for our penultimate Fatima Rosary Procession. Also, don't forget the parish picnic and **Bishop Sanborn's** visit next Sunday!

— Bishop McGuire



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**1-5 PM in Winton Woods Park,
Butterfly Bluff Shelter.**

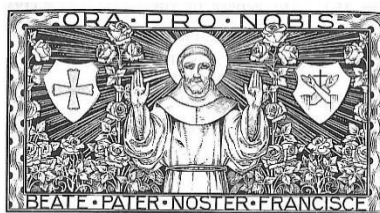
The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like, but most of all, bring yourself!

PRAYER TO BE SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF MASS



Eternal Father, I unite myself with the intentions and affections of our Lady of Sorrows on Calvary, and I offer Thee the sacrifice which Thy beloved Son Jesus made of Himself on the Cross, and now renews on this holy altar: First: To adore Thee and give Thee the honor which is due to Thee, confessing Thy supreme dominion over all things, and the absolute dependence of everything upon Thee, Thou Who art our one and last end. Second: To thank Thee for innumerable benefits received. Third: To appease Thy justice, irritated against us by so many sins, and to make satisfaction for them. Fourth: To implore grace and mercy for myself, for..., for all afflicted and sorrowing, for poor sinners, for all the world, and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. (*300 Days Indulgence. St. Pius X, 1904.*)

MON 9/14/26	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS BLESSING & VENERATION OF THE TRUE CROSS RELIC AFTER ALL MASSES
	8:00 AM Low Mass Anthony Giese & Dominic Simpson (Theresa)
	11:25 AM High Mass Medical staff that saved & cared for Hugh – thank you! (Dan & Diane Stanislawski)
TUE 9/15/26	SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY ST. NICOMEDES, M
	7:00 AM Low Mass †Monica Condit, †Suzanne Clingman (AMB)
	8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday John (Cecilia Brueggemann)
	11:25 AM High Mass September Quadriduum Intentions
	5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday John! (Maria Brueggemann)
WED 9/16/26	EMBER WEDNESDAY SS. CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BPM SS. EUPHEMIA, LUCY & GEMINIANUS, MM
	7:00 AM Low Mass John Reiss (Capetillo family)
	8:00 AM Low Mass Maryann Allen (The Allen Family)
	11:25 AM High Mass In thanksgiving for my safe delivery (Renee Fernandez)
	5:10 PM Low Mass †Sr. Gerard Vincent, O.S.F. (Karen Simpson) (from 9/12)
THU 9/17/26	STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS
	7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (AMB)
	8:00 AM Low Mass The suffering souls in Purgatory (The Allen Family)
	11:25 AM High Mass Sister Ulrica – Happy Birthday! (Sister Eulalia & Sister Magdalen)
	5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Godfather (Anna Brueggemann)
FRI 9/18/26	EMBER FRIDAY • ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C
	8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention deceased (Cleo Speckert)
	11:00 AM Confessions
	11:25 AM Low Mass Annie Fischer – Happy Birthday! 3/24 (Mom & Pop)
	5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM Low Mass Our wedding anniversary 5/13 (Bruno & Anna Siqueira)
SAT 9/19/26	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
	EMBER SATURDAY ST. JANUARIUS, BPM & COMPANIONS, MM OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE • ST. EMILY RODAT, V
	7:05 AM Confessions
	7:30 AM Low Mass “Thou Knowest, O Lord” (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fernandez)
	8:05 AM Salve, Sermon
	8:15 AM High Mass Happy Mother’s Day Patsy McConnell (Paul & Lisa McConnell)
SUN 9/20/26	SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS PENTECOST XVII • SS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:05 AM Rosary
	7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday †John (Judy)



OUR STIGMATA

There are other marks of Christ besides the Five Wounds which may be reproduced in a Christian, honorable

marks that will cause no unbeliever to sneer, and no Catholic theologian to squabble, marks that may be wished for without danger of pride.

To remain meek and humble when others are harsh and overbearing, is a mark of Christ: “Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of Heart.”

To remain pure in thought, word, and deed, while all manner of unchaste things are presented to the senses, is a mark of Christ, who was “born of the Virgin Mary.”

Not to seek revenge on those who hurt us, is a mark of Christ: “Pray for those who persecute and revile you, and say all manner of evil against you.”

To be helpful to others even though they are lazy, shiftless, undeserving, is a mark of “Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good.”

To sympathize with sinners is a mark of Christ, whose big prayer on the cross was: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

To stay poor when by trickery one could become rich, is a mark of Christ, “who had not a stone whereon to lay His head.”

One may peruse the Gospels again and again, and always find new characteristics, new marks of Christ, that may be imprinted on one’s own life. Honorable marks these, which cannot be faked; marks which the Father in Heaven recognizes as those of His Son.

Servers

FRI 9/18	5:45 PM Low: A. & B. Constantino
	BENEDICTION: MCs: F. & P. Caggese TH: A. Constantino
	TBs: Ma. Caggese, B. Constantino
SAT 9/19	7:30 AM Low: Rabjohns
	8:15 AM High: MCs: M. Simpson, J. Stewart, M. Caggese
SUN 9/20	7:30 AM Low: M. Schneider, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM High: MCs: C. Richesson, M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence
	ACs: S. Richesson, J. Rabjohns MITRE: I. Smith CROZIER: F. Caggese
	CROSS: M. Caggese TBs: T. Stanislawski, V. Horton, S. & J. Smith, Ma. Caggese, A. Constantino
	11:30 AM Low: Kolenichs
	5:45 PM Low: P. McClorey

9:00 AM High Mass	†Therese Lamb, 3 rd Anniversary (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski)
11:05 AM Rosary	
11:30 AM Low Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
1-5 PM Parish Picnic at Winton Woods	
NO VESPER	
5:45 PM Low Mass	†Ryan Greenwell (Colleen Greenwell)