

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 20, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN
SORROWS OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST XVII
SS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM

¶ PENTECOST XVII

Today is the Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. Catechism Class enrollments are available after the morning Masses in the church office.

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

Please note, there are **no Vespers** today.

¶ THIS WEEK

We have a very busy week! St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist has his feast **tomorrow**. The **St. Monica Club** meets on **Tuesday** after the 11:25 AM Mass. The **Knights of St. Martin** meet on **Thursday**, the feast of Our Lady of Ransom, with Mass at 5:30 PM. **Saturday** is the great feast of the North American Martyrs. The **Sodality of Charity** has their meeting after the High Mass.



The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss in the Temple
4. Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary
5. The Crucifixion & Death of Jesus
6. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross
7. The Burial of Jesus



¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The **Blessing of Children** will be given after all Masses, in honor of their Guardian Angels. **Catechism Classes resume** next Sunday at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XVIII, second collect of Ss. Cosmas & Damian, third of the Holy Angels. Trinity Preface.

¶ REVERENCE IN CHURCH

Teach your children to be *reverent* in church. They should not be permitted to chatter, run or hurry in church at any time, nor should they go **in and out** all through the Mass, *especially* on Sundays. If one is absent from the church **without sufficient reason** (parents who must be outside with a fussy or nursing child have sufficient reason) during one of the principal parts of the Mass (Offertory, Consecration, and Priest's Communion) they have **missed Mass**, and **have not fulfilled** their Sunday obligation. Children should learn to use the restroom and get their sip of water before Mass, and

should not be permitted to leave the church unless in extreme necessity, such as illness. Very small children may be an exception, but certainly this applies to any child who has made their First Communion. This is a serious matter and should be treated seriously. Thank you for your cooperation!

Collection Report

Sunday, September 13th.....\$6,737.62
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

SHARING MARY'S FORTITUDE

Mary's glories are not only for the sake of her Son, they are for our sakes also. Let us copy her faith, who received God's message by the angel without a doubt; her patience, who endured St. Joseph's surprise without a word; her obedience, who went up to Bethlehem in the winter and bore our Lord in a stable; her meditative spirit, who pondered in her heart what she saw and heard about Him; her fortitude, whose heart the sword went through; her self-surrender, who gave Him up during His ministry and consented to His death....

What shall bring you forward in the narrow way, if you live in the world, but the thought and patronage of Mary? What shall seal your senses, what shall tranquilize your heart, when sights and sounds of danger are around you, but Mary? What shall give you patience and endurance, when you are wearied out with the length of the conflict with evil, with the unceasing necessity of precautions, with the irksomeness of observing them, with the tediousness of their repetition, with the strain upon your mind, with your forlorn and cheerless condition, but a loving communion with her! She will comfort you in your discouragements, solace you in your fatigues, raise you after your falls, reward you for your successes. She will show you her Son, your God and your all. When your spirit within you is excited, or relaxed, or depressed, when it loses its balance, when it is restless and wayward, when it is sick of what it has, and hankers after what it has not, when your eye is solicited with evil and your mortal frame trembles under the shadow of the Tempter, what will bring you to yourselves, to peace and to health, but the cool breath of the Immaculate and the fragrance of the Rose of Sharon.

— John Henry Newman



✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

Rosary Sunday: October 4. Blessing of Roses, Rosary Procession, Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity, and a breakfast. **Contact the office to sign up for the Enrollment!**

Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession: Tuesday, October 13, 7:15 PM. Arrive early to get your candle on our final Fatima Rosary Procession of the year!

Forty Hours Devotion: Friday to Sunday, October 23-25. Harvest Chili Supper after opening ceremonies on Friday (*abstinence dispensed for those who attend the opening ceremonies*). Bring your favorite chili to share!

All Saints Day: Sunday, Nov. 1. Saint costume presentations and a party follow the High Mass. Parents, help your children prepare a costume and a brief presentation about their chosen saint.

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

✠ FALL CRAFT BOOTHS

Two weeks left for enrollments! If you are interested in running a craft booth pick up a flyer in the vestibule for the details. October 4th is the last day for enrollments so don't miss out!



Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention
(Maureen Scanlon)

PRAYER BEFORE THE PIETA

Weeping Mother! all thy anguish
Deeper than the deepest sea,
All thy tears and soulful languish
Crushed thy heart because of me!

I with sin untold have driven
This cruel sword into thy heart,
But though time on time forgiven
I neglected Magdalen's part.

Now repentant, list my pleading—
I who drove that sharp sword there,
I who caused thy grief exceeding—
Mother! hearken to my prayer:

When the sword of sorrow spends me
(And life's bitterness I feel)
Help me clasp it though it rends me
To my heart with bands of steel.

Mother! though my heart be riven,
Help me suffer silently.
Tears alone will open Heaven
For a sinner such as me!
— Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.



PIETA

A little while she lingered still,
A little while with wistful eyes
In silence on a lonely hill
She gazed beyond the purple skies.

Ah, Mary, was it Bethlehem
Come back to rest within your arms;
Or did you think your mother's love
Could shelter Him again from harms?

A little while she lingered still
Where silent angels softly trod,
Where men have sought her through
the years
And caught in grief a glimpse of God.
— Richard D. Lord, S. J.

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Bishop Sanborn is with us today. Some of you might not have thought of this, but all of the priests and bishops here at SGG and in Nigeria, with the exception of **Fr. McKenna** (who was trained by †Fr. Valaincourt) and the two youngest priests in Nigeria (both trained by **Bishop Nkamuke**) were trained by Bishop Sanborn. So we welcome him with a sentiment of gratitude for all that he has done. His Excellency will be with us until tomorrow when he returns to Pennsylvania. I know many of you have expressed a desire to speak with him. I do hope you get that opportunity if you have not already.

The roofing project is nearing completion. We are very happy with the company and would recommend them to anyone. They went the extra mile for us and fixed many parts of the roof that they did not have to. The other workers have finally begun work on the corner classroom and are progressing nicely. We thank you for your patience while these things are being done.

Some of the seminarians had a bit of an adventure getting back to Seattle this past week. They had a delay of a few hours because one of the engines on the airplane was not working. They ultimately made it there safely though. Poncho Capetillo and Chris Brueggemann are now joined in the seminary by another of our parishioners, Dominic Simpson. This will mean we must find replacements for many jobs around the church since Dominic was not only an MC, but cleaned our thuribles, helped in the sacristy, and played a major role in Holy Week set up. He actually did a lot when I stop and think about it. We will miss seeing our seminarians here, but they will be back. God willing, they will become priests one day and play a much bigger role here or elsewhere. Fr. McKenna will join the seminary faculty this year. **Fr. Lehtoranta** already teaches a couple of dogma classes; **Fr. Brueggemann** teaches Latin and Philosophy, and now Fr. McKenna will begin teaching courses in Liturgy and Medical Ethics.

Choir season begins today. Our organist, Andrew Richesson, is taking a bit of a break from the keyboard, but we hope he will return soon. He has a God given talent that was well used for the past ten years. Ben Capetillo has graciously agreed to fill in for him. Welcome back, choir members! May you always remember for Whom you are singing, and may God reward you for your sacrifices.

I am going to the Philippines this week to visit **Fr. Joven Soliman's** chapels and to give the Sacrament of Confirmation. The entire trip from here to Manila will take 28 hours and connects in Montreal and Vancouver. I have never been on a flight this long, but it should be quite the adventure. Fr. Soliman has two chapels: one in Manila

and the other in Davao City. Father has some severe health issues that have forced him to take a quick rest in the middle of Mass and even sit while he administers Holy Communion. Do say a prayer for him. I will fill you in on all the news of the trip once I return.

There must be other news, but that is all for now. May Our Lady of Sorrows comfort you in all your trials, and may we all learn how to bear our crosses as she did.

— **Bishop McGuire**



One of our English poets has described us as “the prisoners of death,” but death can hold us only on this earth. When death comes for those who love God above all things, it is the beginning of their true life. While on this earth, all their aspirations and hopes have been directed to the unseen world, why should they fear now they are freed from this prison house? Their heart has long been in heaven and the Treasure they most prize is there; there is their King and their Lord, their dearest and unfailing friend; and there too is their Mother Mary, and with her, the angels and the saints, the very elite of God’s creation. The soul in love with God has all this in mind and so is detached from all earthly things and ever looks to the world to come.

Death reminds us to grow in this love of God, to live ever more entirely for Him, continually to push out self-love so that He may find room wholly to possess us.

It is not difficult for a good Catholic to arrive at a pure love of God, loving Him for Himself alone and His ineffable goodness. The thought alone that the greatest pain of the damned in hell is the loss of this Infinite Good is enough to convince our intellect and to stir our will, so that (as has been pointed out in another conference) we love Him with the whole of our minds and our hearts. Fear, such as the thought of hell may inspire, is—especially in the initial stages of conversion, as St. Augustine points out in his *Confessions*—a motive for serving God; but this fear should by degrees give way to love, so that love becomes the dominating motive in our lives and sanctifies them as nothing else can.

It is then that we shall be able with all sincerity to say with St. Paul, quoting from the prophet Osee, “O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?” (1 Cor. xv 55)

— “*Lift Up Your Hearts*,” Christopher J. Wilmot, S.J.

✠ CALENDAR

MON 9/21/26	ST. MATTHEW, APEV
8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Simon (<i>Cecilia Brueggemann</i>) (from 9/17)
11:25 AM	High Mass Elizabeth Young – Happy 1 st Communion & Confirmation (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
TUE 9/22/26	ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC
	SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM
7:00 AM	Low Mass †Mr. & Mrs. Albert Barre (<i>Karen Simpson</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Simpson: Happy Anniversary
11:25 AM	High Mass For our fallen-away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>)
	St. Monica Club Meeting
5:00 PM	Low Mass Jason Miller – Final Perseverance (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>)
WED 9/23/26	ST. LINUS, PM • ST. THECLA, VM
7:00 AM	Low Mass My Godparents (<i>Anna Brueggemann</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass †Claude Bonang (<i>Karen Simpson</i>)
11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:10 PM	Low Mass Antonio Siqueira – Happy Birthday 5/14 (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
THU 9/24/26	OUR LADY OF RANSOM
8:00 AM	Low Mass Fallen Away Catholics (<i>Jim Soli</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass September Quadriduum Intentions
5:30 PM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Joe! (<i>Nana & Grandpa</i>)
	Knights of St. Martin Men's Group Meeting
FRI 9/25/26	FERIAL DAY
8:00 AM	Low Mass Howard C. Soli, special intention (<i>Jim Soli</i>)
11:00 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	Low Mass Thou knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM	Low Mass Our Children, Grandchildren, Godchildren (<i>The Wilker Family</i>)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 9/26/26	SS. ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MM
	SS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM
7:05 AM	Confessions
7:30 AM	Low Mass Clara Young – Happy Birthday! (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
8:05 AM	Salve, Sermon
8:15 AM	High Mass Special Intention (<i>Anthony Caggese</i>)
	Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN 9/27/26	PENTECOST XVIII – ANGEL SUNDAY
	SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM
	BLESSING OF CHILDREN AFTER ALL MASSES
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass Lois Brueggemann (<i>Paul & Lisa McConnell</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass Sister Magdalen – Happy Birthday! (<i>Sister Enlalia & Sister Ulrica</i>)
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Vivian Young – Happy Birthday! (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

Christ has the most tender Heart that ever beat. He shed tears at the tomb of Lazarus, He wept over the evils that were to fall upon Jerusalem. Never did son love his mother as He did; when He met her so desolate upon the road to Calvary, every fiber of His Heart must have been torn. And yet, He passes on, He continues His way towards the place of His execution, because it is His Father's will. Mary is one with Him in all that He feels, she knows that all things must be accomplished for our salvation; she takes her share in the sufferings of Jesus in following Him as far as Golgotha where she will become co-redemptrix.

Nothing that is human should hold us back in our path towards God; no natural love should trammel our love for Christ; we must pass onwards so as to remain united to Him.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to associate us with her in the contemplation of the sufferings of Jesus, and to make us share in the compassion that she shows towards Him, that we may gain therefrom the hatred of sin which required such an expiation. It has at times pleased God to manifest sensibly the fruit produced by the contemplation of the Passion, by imprinting on the bodies of some saints, such as St. Francis of Assisi, the stigmata of the wounds of Jesus. We ought not to wish for these outward marks; but we ought to ask that the image of the suffering Christ may be imprinted upon our hearts. Let us implore this precious grace from the Blessed Virgin: *Sancta mater istud agas, crucifixi fige plagas cordi meo valide.*

– “Suffering with Christ,” Dom Columba Marmion



Servers

FRI 9/25	5:45 PM Low : J. & I. Smith BENEDICTION : MCs: F. Caggese, I. Smith TH : M. Caggese TBS : J. & S. Smith
SAT 9/26	7:30 AM Low : Brueggemanns 8:15 AM High : MCs: M. Simpson, F. & Ma. Caggese
SUN 9/27	7:30 AM Low : M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM High : MCs: T. Lawrence, N. Kolenichs TH : A. McClorey ACS : M. Kolenich, T. England TBS : J. Kolenich, B. Constantino, I. & D. Wright, E. Garcia, V. Siqueira 11:30 AM Low : Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION : TH : I. Smith ACS : J. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS : A. Constantino 5:45 PM Low : P. McClorey



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Procession & Breakfast

Sunday, October 4th

You don't need to be a member to enjoy the breakfast and the talk — please come!

ROSES FOR THE PROCESSION

1 for \$3 • 2 for \$5 • 5 for \$15

Roses are for sale before Mass. They will be blessed and carried in the procession during the High Mass.

**MEMBERS SIT ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY'S SIDE & WEAR YOUR PIN**

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Immediately after the High Mass

\$10 each • \$35 a family

Tickets are available in the bookstore, and will be for sale after Masses the two weeks previous to the event.

Serving sausage links, scrambled eggs, cheesy potato casserole, fruit & assorted desserts, coffee & orange juice.



FR. HENICK &
BISHOP SANBORN

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Reid Hennick

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Fr. Reid Hennick read his way into the Catholic Faith during his last year of high school. Before long he entered St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, Minnesota. Ordained in 2016 by Bp. Alfonso de Galarreta of the SSPX, he spent his SSPX career serving the faithful in England and Scotland. Since then he has left the SSPX and now works under Bp. Sanborn. Presently he is pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

WANT TO BE PART OF THE CONFRATERNITY?

Each member strives to pray fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week — this does not bind under sin — and must have his or her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity. Wonderful for the whole family.

**Contact the parish office by the end of September to be
enrolled on October 4th.**

RAFFLE PRIZES

- ♦ Beautiful Crucifix
- ♦ Handmade Rosary
- ♦ Basket of Books

Sign your ticket to be entered in the prize drawings.

Keep your ticket for entry • Sign your ticket for the prize drawings

PARISH PICNIC

Today from 1-5 PM in Winton Woods Park at the **Butterfly Bluff Shelter** (circled in blue).
Please bring a dish to share if you would like, but most of all bring yourself! Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.



Enter park at Harper Meadows Entrance off Lakeridge Drive. Follow signs for Butterfly Bluff Shelter on right

NOTE: Parking in the grass is **not permitted** by the park.

Please try to find parking in the lot across from ours if there is no more parking available at our shelter.