

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

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October 4, 2026

ROSARY SUNDAY

PENTECOST XIX

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¶ ROSARY SUNDAY

Today is **Rosary Sunday**. Please bring your roses to the Communion Rail to be blessed after the High Mass. The Rosary Confraternity will then lead the outdoor rosary procession. The annual Rosary Confraternity Breakfast follows the procession. Don't forget your tickets! (*Tickets may still be purchased in the social hall.*) Join us for a delightful breakfast, as well as to hear the talk prepared for us by Fr. Reid Hennick.

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail after the *Low Masses*. The second collection is taken up for our Oblates.

There are **no Sunday Classes**, due to the Procession and Breakfast. Rosary, **Vespers** and Benediction are at **4:30 PM**. Please note the special time and be sure that at least some of you attend upon Our Lord and Our Lady.

¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited on school days at **3:00 PM**. On Wednesdays at 2:45 it is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, with Benediction and Holy Communion at 3:10 PM. Join our children in prayer!

¶ FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR. MCKENNA

Join us on **Tuesday** after the evening Mass for a farewell party for Fr. McKenna. It is a **potluck**, so please bring a dish to share.

Collection Report

Sunday, September 27th.....\$7,432.94
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention
(Paul Mugar)

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Soliman, Regina Gilliam, Susan Ackley, Loretta Turpin, Jane Fitzgibbon, and Victoria Tellez. Please also remember the soul of †Christine Martin, who died this past week.

¶ THIS WEEK

First Wednesday is the great feast of the Most Holy Rosary. The CMC has their meeting after the 5:00 PM Mass on **Thursday**.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The **Autumn Bake Sale** will take place after the morning Masses next Sunday. (Drop off your baked goods on Saturday or Sunday.) Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. October Devotions, Vespers, and Benediction will be at 4:30 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Maternity of Our Lady, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XX. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.



¶ 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!



October brings one group of pictures to poets: fading leaves, blue haze, gossamer threads and spaces of listening silence. To college folk it brings football even though war has dulled the edge of competition. Farmers see in October a near end to hostilities in the battle to save crops. October rains do not slow down planting, October dry spells do not ration corn.

And there is the October of the rosary. In sermons, in books of devotions, in Catholic magazines there is generally a rosary recall when October returns from its annual tour. Yet how many Catholic poets, Catholic football coaches and players, Catholic farmers, big and little, Catholic housewives, stenographers, business and professional men, steel workers and college professors say to themselves when October marches in, sobered and aging, but withal beautiful—how many of these worthies say to themselves on the eve of the hallowed month, “Tomorrow October comes in dangling her beads?”

Not being an optimist in this matter, you rather lean to the acceptance that the number is small. And you have some returns to justify your pessimism. For not in your experience, if you except certain religious of both sexes, have you heard any man, woman, or child say this, or anything like this: “Tomorrow is the first day of October—rosary month.” Why? Well, we think so much in terms of time things, that we forget to link hours, days, months in association with eternal values. What we think most about we remember best. Hence a major football game is a deep red date in our calendar, whereas the feast of the Holy Rosary is a near fade-out.

There is a ready-to-wear reason why every Catholic should remember

October precisely because it is rosary month. What we call the “beads” is the most democratic instrument of devotion in the Catholic Church. (The word *beads* is used as a singular noun, so you must not give a low grade in grammar.)

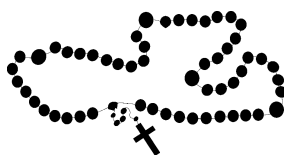
This five-decade counter of every size, color and make is seen in every size, color and type of hand: large hands rough from work and exposure, stubby hands, lean or fat hands, hands the fingers of which are red-stained and taper out to sharp points.

This counter of Hail Marys is used during almost every form of Catholic service: in the open or in private oratories; in high-roofed churches of imported windows, of columns that rise like great trees at either side of a road.

At Benediction, Holy Hour, Mass, visit, wedding or funeral, prayer count is kept on our rosary beads.

We are very properly advised to follow the Mass, in made-easy-to-use missals; to adore at Benediction, to say Eucharist prayers at Holy Hour. However, we must not stamp out the smoking flax. Better some prayer than none. And if we pray the rosary, by giving it direction through intention, by inserting invocations to the Holy Eucharist, or, little heart calls in favor of the living and the dead, the dear beads may fill the measure of our yearnings.

— *The Ave Maria*



¶ FALL CRAFT TABLES

If you're planning on running a craft booth this is your last chance to enroll! Today is the deadline. For those who have enrolled, look for an email this week with confirmation of your booth. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far!

September

Earl Eugene Roth	9-02-1988
Edmund Strauss	9-02-2020
William Harris	9-03-2014
Paulina Strauss	9-03-2017
Dennis Kramer	9-04-1981
Josephine Boyce	9-05-1982
Bernard Reid	9-08-1983
Don Gilker	9-08-2012
Eliza B. Kohlbrand	9-09-1985
Rev. Anthony J. Cekada	9-11-2020
Sr. M. Gerard Vincent	9-12-2002
Jill Wright	9-15-2012
Michael C. Briggs	9-16-2021
Ryan Greenwell	9-20-2017
Frederick G. Herington	9-21-1990
Dennis C. Hille	9-26-2020
Matilda Hauserman	9-29-2000
Ronald E. Kitchen	9-30-2002
Kenneth J. Ripperger	9-30-2005
Henry Sieverding	9-30-2024



October

Marie B. Bludau	10-01-1983
Laverne Elmlinger	10-02-1992
James Lehman	10-03-1984
Belvie M. Mills	10-03-1995
Matilda E. Hamer	10-04-1981
Elizabeth M. Richter	10-05-2006
Susan Schmidt	10-06-1999
Joan Weigand	10-06-2012
Joseph M. Andreotta	10-06-2021
Victor William Feighery	10-09-1988
Nadine E. Henry	10-10-2009
C. Baumgartner	10-14-1987
Mark Moser	10-15-1987
Edwin Lavern Newman	10-22-1984
Rev. Gunther Richter	10-19-2008
Agnes Bandy	10-20-1985
Marie F. Borger	10-20-1988
Nicholas J. Bischak	10-21-2005
Vera L. DuBroca	10-21-1988
Ken Brown	10-24-2004
Laurence Brueggemann	10-24-1995
Frank J. Koerner	10-25-2005
Michael George	10-29-2021
Patricia Patton	10-30-2018

✧ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✧

Blessed Rosary Sunday to all of you! St. Francis de Sales said, "The greatest method praying is to pray the Rosary...Every Hail Mary is a gentle knock at the door of heaven, where the Blessed Mother herself answers, ready to shower us with graces. Those who persevere in this devotion will find themselves guided, protected, and consoled at every step of their earthly journey." Travel the world over and it is always the same. Those who pray the Rosary are guided to the true Faith, and once there, are protected by the prayers of the Mother of God. Clutch to your beads and pray them daily!

My trip to the Philippines was a very fruitful one, thanks to your prayers. The flights, although very long, went without a hitch. **Fr. Soliman** is a former SSPX priest who was ordained by Bishop Fellay just over 25 years ago. His apostolate is relatively small, although he has over a hundred parishioners. Still, he takes very good care of his people and they are very devoted to him. There are over 7,600 islands that make up the Philippines, but there are three main ones. The first of his chapels is in Manila on the island of Luzon; the second chapel is in Davao City on the third main island, Mindanao. Mindanao was significantly warmer than Luzon as it is nearer to the equator. There were approximately 24 confirmations in Manila, and 27 in Davao City. Father coordinated everything perfectly. He even flew servers and schola to Davao City so that we could have a High Mass there. There are only two servers at the chapel, and they did an impeccable job, even managing to serve a High Mass with incense with just the two of them. The Schola consists of four men who chant beautifully.

What would this note be without a mention of cats? When Fr. Soliman and I were eating outside at Denny's (yes, Denny's exists down there), a cat came up and lay down on the seat beside me. It was a pretty little cat and must have belonged to someone living nearby because it was well kept. I only have two pictures from the trip but expect to receive more soon.



Bishop Sanborn was here two Sundays ago. One of his priests, **Fr. Hennick**, is with us today to give this year's speech at the Confraternity Breakfast. We are looking forward to meeting him.

Later this week, **Fr. Simpson** and I will be going to Texas. I will first go to San Antonio to bless Fred Woods' grave. Then Father and I will meet in Dallas for Confirmations on Sunday morning; then drive to Austin for Confirmations on Sunday evening. From there

he will go on to El Paso and I will make my way home. This is the penultimate trip of the year...the last being to Tijuana and Mexicali just before Thanksgiving. Please pray for our confirmands.



Fr. McKenna goes on a long mission trip to Milwaukee and the "northern missions" in upper Wisconsin and North Dakota this Friday. From there he will begin his long drive out to Seattle, where he will assist **Fr. Ercoli** at the seminary and continue working in the missions. I hope you will come to the going-away party this Tuesday evening! Details are posted in the hallway and in the bulletin. We will miss Father, but know that he will do good work "out west!"

Fr. Lehtoranta and **Fr. Bruggemann** will hold down the fort this weekend. Don't forget the Bake Sale that takes place next Sunday, the feast of the Maternity of Our Lady.

– Bishop McGuire



The chapel in Manila

Servers

FRI 10/9	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos BENEDICTION: MCs: T. Capetillo, I. Smith TH: J. Capetillo TBS: E. Garcia, Ba. Constantino
SAT 10/10	7:30 AM LOW: Bruggemanns 8:40 AM HIGH: C. Richesson, J. Stewart, F. Caggese
SUN 10/11	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Bruggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: C. Richesson TH: J. Rabjohns ACS: M. Caggese, A. Constantino TBS: T. & W. Young, V. Horton, J. & S. Smith, V. Siqueira 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: A. Constantino ACS: I. Smith, B. Constantino CROSS: J. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

MON	10/5/26	SS. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MM
	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 Conversion & salvation of relatives (<i>Ball Family</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
TUE	10/6/26	ST. BRUNO, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Karen Kunkel (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass The intentions of Judy Metz (<i>James Stanislawski</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass SGG School Faculty – Thank you! (<i>Dean & Carolyn McClorey</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Robert Brockman (<i>Superior Structures, Inc.</i>) Farewell Potluck for Fr. McKenna
WED	10/7/26	THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
		SS. MARK, PC & COMPANIONS, MM FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Easter & thank you Fr. Simpson (<i>Judy</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Thou Knowest Oh Lord (<i>Matthew Giese Family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Bishop McGuire & his intentions (<i>A Friend</i>)
	2:45 PM	Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction
	3:10 PM	(approx.) Holy Communion
	5:10 PM	Low Mass For our deceased relatives & friends (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
THU	10/8/26	ST. BRIDGET, W
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Robert F. Brockman (<i>Karen Simpson</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Thank you Dad (<i>Mary Lacy</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Kathy Verity (<i>Sr. Ulrica</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Intentions of the CMC Catholic Mothers' Consortium Meeting
FRI	10/9/26	ST. JOHN LEONARD, C
		SS. DENIS, BP & COMPANIONS, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Easter & thank you Fr. Brueggemann (<i>Judy</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass †Elsa Bowman (<i>Cleo & Layla Speckert</i>)
	3:00 PM	October Devotions
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Austin & Maryann Allen (<i>The Caggese</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	10/10/26	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA, C
	7:05 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Robert Brockmen Jr. (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>)
	8:05 AM	Salve, October Devotions, Simple Benediction
	8:30 AM	Sermon
	8:40 AM	High Mass Susan Ackley – Restore to good health (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>)

SAYING THE BEADS

I ask you, daily pilgrim of the beads,
Do you pause a while before an empty tomb?
Do you watch the sky to see a white Ascension?
Do you catch high tumults in an Upper Room?

Do you hear young Mary's fiat to the angel?
Journey with her to that hill country far?
Do you visit the stable where a little Child
Sees from His crib the shepherds and a star?

Do you stay a precious while within the Garden?
Follow the Way of Sorrow to the Hill?
Do you hear them dicing for His seamless Garments?
Do you watch His transfixed Body, white and still?



MY ROSARY

A precious strand that binds me close
To God—who stands so near,
And will not let me wander out,
Into the doubt and fear.
That waits to grasp unfettered souls,
And laden them with care,
But I am safe within the fold,
And it will hold me there.

The pangs of sorrow may pierce deep,
But still I cannot stray
In search of pleasure's false relief,
For that's the coward's way,
But close to Him, who knows my pain,
Forever I will be,
Because I'm bound, and who am I
To break my rosary?

– Ruth Cain Farrell

SUN	10/11/26	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY• PENTECOST XX
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Karen Kunkel (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Keith Lawrence, his family & Intentions – Thank you! (<i>Zver Family</i>)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Adam Young – Happy Birthday! (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
	4:30 PM	Rosary, Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great