

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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May 26, 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY • PENTECOST I

ST. PHILIP NERI, C • ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM



## ¶ TRINITY SUNDAY

Today is Trinity Sunday, the last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masse. Final Catechism Classes of the season are at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ MEMORIAL DAY

Pray for all of our dear deceased **tomorrow**, and especially our soldiers, veterans, and all who have died in our wars. Masses are at 8 AM (followed by May Devotions) and 9 AM.



## ¶ FUNERAL FOR †HELEN LAUB



Please pray for the repose of the

soul of †Helen Laub, who died suddenly on Wednesday, May 15.

**Visitation:** Tuesday, May 28, 5-7

PM at Mueller Funeral Home, with Rosary at 7. **Requiem Mass:** Wednesday, May 29, 11:25 AM. **Burial:** Immediately following Mass, at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton.

## ¶ UPCOMING FEASTS & EVENTS

**Feast of the Sacred Heart:** Friday, June 7  
**Fatima Rosary Procession:** Thurs. June 13  
**Opening of Summer Novena:** June 18  
**St. John's Bonfire:** Monday, June 24  
**Ss. Peter & Paul:** Saturday, June 29  
**Girls Camp:** June 18-20  
**YAG 2024:** July 12-14  
**Boys Camp:** July 23-25



## ¶ CORPUS CHRISTI

On **Thursday** of this week we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. Perhaps you could stir yourself to hear Holy Mass, or visit the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. All Day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8 AM Mass. High Mass is at 11:25. Closing Benediction is at 3:15. Adorers are needed especially before Mass, and afterwards until 2 PM.

## Collection Report

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.....\$8,518.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions

7:30 AM Low Mass

8:10 AM First Saturday Devotions

8:30 AM High Mass & Benediction

**First Saturday Intention:** *In reparation for false devotion and false apparitions.*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**First Holy Communions** will take place during the High Mass next Sunday. The annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** follows the Mass. If you are attending the 11:30 Mass, why not come a little early (*approximately 10:40 AM*) for outdoor Benediction, and to join in the Procession. Rosary Confraternity members should wear their medals and take part as a group in the Procession.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is at 6:30 AM and adoration continues all day. Plan to make a visit!

Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day. (Please note, the Blessing of Religious will be moved to the following Sunday.)

📖 **Set Your Missal: High Mass:** Corpus Christi, with commemoration and proper Last Gospel of the Sunday within the Octave; Preface of the Nativity. **Low Masses:** Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, with commemoration of the Octave. Nativity Preface.

*"O Trinity, eternal Trinity! Fire, abyss of love ... Was it necessary that You should give even the Holy Trinity as food for souls? You gave us not only Your Word through the Redemption and in the Eucharist, but You also gave Yourself in the fullness of love for Your creatures." – St. Catherine of Siena*

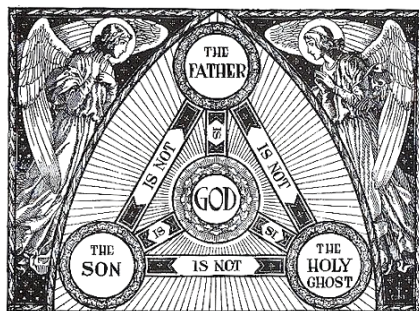
FAREWELL TO MAY

If spring in general symbolizes growth, in particular does life belong to the month of May. March with its howling winds blows away the traces of winter. April soaks the earth with rain. But it is May that produces the fruit of this labor, for May is the month of new life. How fitting, then, that May is Mary's month. Is she not the bearer of Life itself, bringing Supernatural life to mankind? Is it not she who awakens a dormant world by bringing Christ into it? Is not one of her most glorious titles the *radix Jesse*, the root or bud of Jesse, flowering forth Christ? As the summer sun brings to maturity the buds of May, so Mary's Son reaps the harvest of souls by His redemption. Yes, how fitting the parallel! May the natural giver and Mary the bearer of the Supernatural; May, the bringer of roses and Mary the Mystical Rose. As in the calendar year the blooms of May precede the fruits of June, so Mary must come before Christ brings mankind to a fulfillment. How orderly the plan of the Church! May dedicated to Mary; and June to her Son's Saving Heart.

— *The Ave Maria, 1951*

Our Beloved Dead – May

Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Diane Powell	5-04-2012
Patrick Harpen	5-06-2014
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Robert Brockman	5-08-2020
Janet Becker	5-10-2018
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Maria Duff	5-11-2013
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Helen Mariam Laub	5-15-2024
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
William Sandmyer	5-25-2011
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Paul T. Grau	5-28-2022
Anne McMahon	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990
Elizabeth Reis	5-31-2013



**The true objects of enjoyment,** then, are the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, Who are at the same time the Trinity, one Being, supreme above all, and common to all Who enjoy Him, if He is an object, and not rather the cause of all objects, or indeed even if He is the cause of all. For it is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: The Trinity, one God, of Whom are all things, through Whom are all things, in Whom are all things. Thus the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, and each of these by Himself, is God, and at the same time they are all one God; and each of them by Himself is a complete substance, and yet they are all one substance. The Father is not the Son nor the Holy Ghost; the Son is not the Father nor the Holy Ghost; the Holy Ghost is not the Father nor the Son: but the Father is only Father, the Son is only Son, and the Holy Ghost is only Holy Ghost. To all three belong the same eternity, the same unchangeableness, the same majesty, the same power. In the Father is unity, in the Son equality, in the Holy Ghost the harmony of unity and equality; and these three attributes are all one because of the Father, all equal because of the Son, and all harmonious because of the Holy Ghost. — *St. Augustine*



THE NIGHTINGALE

As the mute nightingale in closest groves  
Lies hid at noon, but, when day's piercing eye  
Is locked in night, with full heart beating high  
Poureth her plain-song o'er the light she loves;

So, Virgin ever pure and ever blest!  
Moon of religion, from whose radiant face  
Reflected streams the light of heavenly grace  
On broken hearts by contrite thoughts oppressed—  
So, Mary! they who justly feel the weight  
Of Heaven's offended majesty, implore  
Thy reconciling aid, with suppliant knee;  
Of sinful man, O sinless Advocate!  
To thee they turn, nor Him the less adore:  
'Tis still His light they love, less dreadful  
seen in thee.

— *Gerald Griffin*



*I vow and consecrate to God all that is in me: my memory and my actions to God the Father; my understanding and my words to God the Son; my will and my thoughts to God the Holy Ghost.*

*I consecrate my heart, my body, my tongue, my senses and all my sorrows to the sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ, who consented to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men and to suffer the torment of the Cross for me.*

— *St. Francis de Sales*



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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All glory, laud and honor be given to the Holy Trinity. I don't know why, but these are the words that come to mind on this feast of the Most Holy Trinity. All glory, laud and honor to the Almighty, One God in Three Divine Persons, for all of creation. Something that has always made an impression on me is the immensity, the depth, and the beauty of space. Growing up in the country, I would often lie on the hood of our broken down Honda Accord after an evening of basketball or bicycle riding, and just look up into the night sky to watch the stars. One could see a lot more stars out there than we see here from our city homes. Oh! how far away those stars are; they look so tiny from where we are; but they are so enormous in reality. To think that there are so many more stars out there that we cannot see with our own eyes—galaxy upon galaxy, a whole solar system! Beyond this is the creation of the angelic hierarchies. We know that each star, each planet, has its own guardian angel; each man, each woman, each child, every home, every church, every town, has its own guardian angel. Think of the enormity of space, think of the number of men, the number of insects and animals on land and in the ocean, and you may have some idea of the number of angels. There is some being Who is greater than all this, a Being Who created all of this out of nothing, a Being Who was not made and Who exists from all eternity, a Being Who made you and me and Who created us for Himself, that we might share in His happiness—this Being is the Blessed Trinity. Truly, all glory, laud and honor be given to the Holy Trinity!

This week will prove to be another busy one with a funeral on Wednesday and Corpus Christi on Thursday. I hope you will come for Corpus Christi. We clergy will be in church all day, reciting the entire Divine Office before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Bring the children (and a lunch) and do the homeschooling at church that day, allowing them to make extra visits between classes, and to attend parts of the Office, the Solemn High Mass, May Devotions, a Holy Hour! There is so much to do that day and Our Lord, I'm sure, would love to see you.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** said that exams for our school children begin this week. That is always a stressful time for the teachers as well as the students, but this time does mean that we have reached the end of another school year. We are proud of our faculty and our students and wish them a happy ending of the year and a restful summer. I do hope that there will be many more children in the school next year. It certainly is a great grace to have a Catholic school and daily Mass.

**Bishop Nkamuke** has given quite a good amount of news and **Fr. Ojeka** sends his greetings to everyone

here at SGG. His Excellency's father, after a leg amputation, is just now learning how to walk again after exactly one year spent lying in a hospital bed. His doctor says he is making progress and will leave the hospital at the end of May. Here is a little bit of the news directly from an email I received from Bishop Nkamuke:



Come 28th of this month, Fr. Ojeka will be relocating to his home in Alifokpa, Cross Rivers State, the same place I went to pray for Agnes (thank you for the mention in your newsletter, I should have taken pictures!). He needs to be close to his two sick parents (both of whom have nothing less than heroic fortitude. You feel refreshed when you visit them). But he will also develop our various upcoming missions in Northern Cross Rivers (three for now). The fourth mission, Calabar, is closer to the Seminary, so we will continue to take care of it. He will go with a monk, Stephen...who has been helping us and who wishes to contribute his efforts to our mission. He will be under the direction of Fr. O and eventually will start a monastery in Alifokpa. Fr. Ojeka has met the head of the village who has given permission to undertake that project.

Meanwhile, **Fr. Jonathan Okafor** will take over from him in Owerri, Imo State, (St. Louis de Montfort) where we have a chapel and a Nursery/Primary (grade) school. He will be staying with a seminarian, and both will continue to receive classes online from the Seminary.

The Sisters, (three for now and a possible fourth) who have been with Fr. Ojeka in Owerri, will eventually stay with **Fr. Okerulu** in Portharcourt (St. Philomena). Fr. Okerulu has two seminarians staying with him. Next month, I am going to leave the car with Fr. Okafor Jonathan in Owerri. And although we will be without a car in the Seminary, it would be better that Father take the car. He has to make quite a few trips to missions, not too far from the Owerri Chapel. I have been working on the car, to put it in good shape for that purpose.

So much for the news from Nigeria for now. **Fr. Valerii** says that Ukrainian refugees in an Irish town only 8 km from where he lives have been told to pack up and move to an undisclosed location. Say a prayer for him and his family. His is a life of many crosses and much to offer up. May the Holy Ghost fill his soul with much consolation and fortitude.

That is all for now. I wish you a blessed Memorial Day weekend. Don't forget the Poor Souls in Purgatory!

– **Bishop McGuire**

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# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/27/24</b>	<b>ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CD • ST. JOHN I, PM</b> MEMORIAL DAY <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Guy Macchia – 46 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 4/13 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ), <b>May Devotions</b> <b>9:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Patricia Bendel ( <i>TRCS</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/28/24</b>	<b>ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> †John & †Pat Kolb ( <i>Maria Miller</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>K.R.</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> †Bishop Dolan Birthday 5/28 ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/29/24</b>	<b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, V</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>K.R.</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Marianne Appelhantz ( <i>Keith &amp; Mary Christensen</i> ) <b>11:10 AM Reception of the Body</b> <b>11:25 AM Requiem Mass &amp; Absolution</b> †Helen Laub <b>Burial at Calvary Cemetery, Dayton</b> <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b> <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> A friend ( <i>Cora Arlinghaus</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/30/24</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>K.R.</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Patricia Kolb & †Patricia Bendel ( <i>A.M.B.</i> ) <b>followed by Exposition</b> <b>9:00 AM Offices of Matins, Lauds, Prime, Tierce</b> <b>11:25 AM Solemn High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> Special intention ( <i>Cora Arlinghaus</i> ) <b>2:00 PM Offices of Sext &amp; None</b> <b>2:30 PM Vespers, May Devotions, Compline</b> <b>3:15 PM Benediction</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/31/24</b>	<b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Brother's reversion to the Faith ( <i>Eddie Fernandez</i> ) <b>11:00 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †Patricia Kolb ( <i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i> ), <b>Benediction</b> <b>3:10 PM May Devotions</b> <b>5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> †Charles E. Simpson – 33 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary 5/14 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) <b>6:40 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>6/1/24</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. ANGELA MERICI, V <b>7:10 AM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> People of St. Gertrude's – Thank you for prayers and kind words ( <i>Becky Uhlenbrock</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions, Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM Exposition, High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> †James D. Hanna Sr. – 43 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary 4/15 ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William Oleyar</i> ) <b>Benediction</b>

## CHRIST ON THE WATERS

Catholics must not experience shocked surprise, hearing of defections in the Catholic body or among Catholic spiritual leaders in communist controlled countries. They should recall Christ's wistful question, "Will you also go away?" addressed to some of His hesitant following. Judas, called to Apostleship, was bribed out of his loyalty with thirty pieces of silver. Peter, the first in a long line of chief shepherds, was frightened into a triple denial by the taunts of menials in the outer court of Herod's house. The mercy of a look saved him. The folly of the challenge projected by Thomas would have pushed him into apostasy had not the divine condescension of his Master restored him to loyalty. The religious upheavals in Germany and England are strewn thick with defections when the gibbet challenged the Cross. John Fisher and Thomas More express a conspicuous brightness in withholding from Caesar the loyalties that belong to God.



Gilbert Chesterton, who found with seeming facility a simile to fit a situation, compared the Catholic Church to an extended battle line: advances here and recessions there; but generally pushing the line forward. And Cardinal Newman found comfort in the growth of the Catholic Church in the United States when so much of Europe was receding into atheism. Christ still walks upon the waters. He says to the membership of the Catholic Church, as He said to the frightened fishermen, "Be not afraid, it is I." – *Ave Maria, 1951*

### SERVERS

<b>FRI 5/31</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Capetillos
<b>SAT 6/1</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Rabjohns <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, Brueggemanns
<b>SUN 6/2</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH:</b> MCS: C. Richesson, M. Simpson, N. McClorey <b>TH:</b> T. Lawrence <b>ACS:</b> D. Simpson, S. Richesson <b>MITRE:</b> I. Smith <b>CROZIER:</b> F. Caggese <b>CROSS:</b> A. McClorey <b>UMBRELLA:</b> A. McClorey <b>TBS:</b> J. Smith, P. & M. Caggese, J. & D. Hudson, B. & A. Constantino, C. VanderPutten <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, I. Smith <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> C. & J. Plucker

<b>SUN</b>	<b>6/2/24</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b> SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE • PENTECOST II SS. MARCELLINUS & COMPANIONS, MM <b>6:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> My Children & Grandchildren ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed</b> Our First Communicants <b>First Communions, Corpus Christi Procession</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Lydia Puglielli – Happy Birthday ( <i>Mom &amp; Dad</i> ) <b>Adoration continues all afternoon</b> <b>4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
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