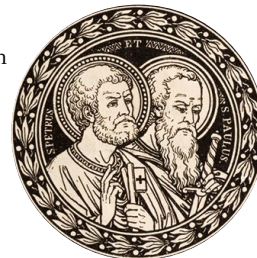


# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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## June 30, 2024

### SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL PENTECOST VI

#### ¶ PENTECOST VI

Today is the Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

A busy holiday week! **Monday** is the feast of the Most Precious Blood. **Tuesday** is the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady, and the Summer Novena will take place as usual after all Masses. Remember St. Joseph on **First Wednesday**, the feast of St. Leo II. **Independence Day** falls on **First Thursday** this year. Masses are at 7, 8 (with hymns) and 9 AM. Note **First Friday** and **Saturday** as well, and All Night Adoration.



#### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass  
5:00 PM Exposition  
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary  
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena

#### All Night Adoration

*First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His Precious Blood.*



#### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary  
7:30 AM High Mass, Salve  
8:20 AM Benediction, Meditation  
8:40 AM Low Mass

*First Saturday Intention: In reparation for every offense in word or writing against the Mother of God in our own land.*



#### *Congratulations*

to Leo & Katelyn  
Arlinghaus on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. The Second Collection will be taken up for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal: Low Masses:* Pentecost VII, second collect of Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VII. Preface of the Holy Cross.

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Henry Sieverding, Jane Fitzgibbon, and all of our sick and shut-in.

#### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**YAG 2024:** July 12-14  
**Boys Camp:** July 23-25

#### *Lumen Christi*

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

**Julia Scanlon & Brenda Withers,  
good health and peace of mind**  
(Maureen Scanlon)

#### Collection Report

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.....\$5,690.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

**FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES STS. PETER & PAUL**



On the great festival of the princes of the Apostles, as the second Response *Si diligis me\** was chanted at Matins, St. Gertrude asked Our Lord what flock she should feed to testify her love for Him. Our Lord replied:

“Feed five lambs which are most dear to Me. Feed your heart with Divine meditations, your lips with edifying words, your eyes with pious reading, your ears with charitable admonitions and your hands with continual labor; for your attachment and application to such things will be the greatest testimony of your affection which you can bestow on Me.”

...At Mass, as she returned thanks for the special privileges bestowed on St. Peter, and particularly his having heard these words from Our Lord Himself, “Whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven,” the Saint appeared to her, vested as a Pope, and, extending his hands, he gave her his benediction, that it might work in her the same effects as it had worked in others, through the power which God had given him. As she approached the holy altar, and trembled for her unworthiness, St. Peter and St. Paul appeared to her, one on her right hand and the other on her left, as if to conduct her thither with great pomp; and when she had reached it, the Son of God received her Himself, saying to her: “I have brought you thither with the same arms with which I embrace you; but I have done this through the ministry of My Apostles, that your devotion might be fully satisfied.”

Then, as she remembered she had

not returned thanks for the graces bestowed on St. Paul, she besought Our Lord to supply for her negligence. After Communion, as she prayed, she seemed to be seated, as a queen beside a king, on the same throne with our Divine Lord; before whom the Apostles knelt as soldiers receiving gifts from a prince; for her Communion had appeared to increase their merits. And as she was surprised at this, and thought that those Saints must have acquired sufficient merit for having offered the Adorable Sacrifice so frequently on earth, she was told that the Saints took special delight in a soul when it has received Holy Communion with devotion and piety, even as a bride is congratulated on the day of her nuptials.



**PRAYER OF MARRIED PERSONS TO ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNE**

O models of pious and virtuous married persons, St. Joachim and St. Anne! Through the wondrous blessing with which God gladdened your hearts when He chose you as the parents of the ever blessed Virgin, the mother of Our Savior, obtain for us, we beseech you, the grace to desire nothing but virtue and piety; that, in fidelity and love, we may share each other’s joys and sorrows, and together with our children lead such a life as to insure our entrance into the kingdom of heaven! Amen.

O holy Joachim, spouse of St. Anne and father of the Most Blessed Virgin, bring to thy clients on earth help and salvation. (300 days once a day)

**ACT OF CHARITY**

O good and merciful Savior, it is the desire of my heart to return Thee love for love. My greatest sorrow is that Thou art not loved by all men, and, in particular, that my heart is so cold, so selfish, so ungrateful. Deeply sensible of my own weakness and poverty, I trust that Thy own grace will enable me to offer Thee an act of pure love. And I wish to offer Thee this act of love in reparation for the coldness and neglect that are shown to Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love by Thy creatures. O Jesus, my sovereign good, I love Thee, not for the sake of the reward which Thou hast promised to those who love Thee, but purely for Thyself. I love Thee above all things that can be loved, above all pleasures, and in fine above myself and all that is not Thee, protesting in the presence of heaven and earth that I will live and die purely and simply in Thy holy love, and that if to love Thee thus I must endure persecution and suffering, I am perfectly satisfied, and I will ever say with St. Paul: “Nothing shall separate me from the love of Christ.”

O Jesus, Supreme Master of all hearts, I love Thee, I adore Thee, I praise Thee, I thank Thee, because I am now all Thine own. Rule over me, and transform my soul into the likeness of Thyself, so that it may bless and glorify Thee forever in the abode of the Saints. Amen.

**A DAILY OBLATION**

Jesus! My only Treasure! Out of the grateful love I bear Thee and to make reparation for my unfaithfulness to grace, I give Thee every one of my thoughts, words, actions, breathings, steps and movements from this till the hour of my death. Come for me, then, dear Jesus! and grant me the grace I most humbly and ardently crave, that of dying in Thy Sacramental embrace, and the privilege of being presented by Thee to Thy Eternal Father, spotless from the Fountain of Thy Precious Blood. Amen.

\* *“If thou lovest Me, Simon Peter, feed My sheep. Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee, and that I would give my life for Thee”; ii. Response, i. Nocturn.*

## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Just the other day, towards evening, I heard the soothing sound of the locusts off in the distance. It is one of those things I have always enjoyed about the summer months for some reason. The birds have been active, too. A young robin which didn't yet have all its tail feathers managed to fly right through the kitchen doorway one day this week. I thought I must have imagined it because I couldn't find any bird inside and so I went about my business. The next morning, after letting the cats in, I heard a bird screeching inside the rectory and eventually found the little thing on the floor trying not to get eaten. Actually, it did a good job of catching Black Cat by surprise and causing him to run into the corner. So I scooped up the bird and let him go outside. Fluffy, the church cat, left a mouse on the porch for Sister. Sister was touched by such kindness, but turned down the gift (understandably so). It is the thought that matters!

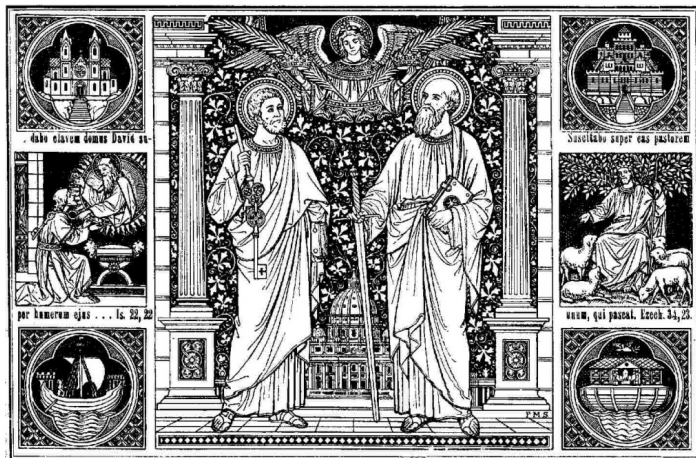
The St. John Bonfire was not as well attended as in previous years, but was still such a wonderfully edifying and fun time. Thanks to Mr. Hudson for the grilling and Theresa for the shopping! The young men from the Capetillo and Simpson families (including **Fr. Simpson!**) brought their guitars and banjos and sang some songs for us. They have really gotten quite good and are very enjoyable to watch. The younger England boys showed me their boomerang and are quite expert at throwing it! I never could get mine to work as a kid. The kids all had a nice time doing what kids do. It was so nice to spend time with them again. Many of the younger boys spent much of their time showing off their cowboy boots (little Casimir loves the noise they make).

Last Thursday was **Fr. Hecquard's** priestly anniversary. **Frs. Lehtoranta** and **Brueggemann** were trying to figure out how many years it has been but none of us could remember. It has been fourteen years now since Father was ordained in Rennes, France. We managed to pull off a Solemn Pontifical even though most of the servers had probably never even seen one. Fourteen years! Time flies. Father runs a nice apostolate in France, taking care of a few different missions, giving spiritual retreats, and writing an edifying newsletter called "Les feuilles du Sacré-Cœur." Please remember this good priest in your prayers.

Congratulations to Leo and Katelyn (McConnell) Arlinghaus who were married yesterday on the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. They will make a very nice couple. Congratulations to Nick McClorey and Katie Bucheli who were betrothed after the High Mass today.

This week we will have High Mass on Monday and Tuesday, the feasts of the Precious Blood (**Fr. Larrabee's** priestly anniversary) and that of the Visitation of Our Lady. Don't forget to come to Mass and pray for our country on July 4<sup>th</sup>! We have First Friday and First Saturday to think about, too. So much to choose from! Come to at least one extra Mass and bring the children, especially the First Communicants.

– Bishop McGuire



### CALM IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS' LOVE

In your trials, don't give up turning to God with filial trust. If you call upon Jesus with faith and trust, I assure you, your prayer will be heard by Him. Remember Jesus is sensitive to our ills and has compassion on all our suffering.

In days of trial, rekindle your confidence. Recall that God has promised His aid to those who persevere in prayer. You should pray to Jesus like this: "Yes, my God, precisely because You delay in answering me, I have hope You will hear me, and the more You reject me, the more will I surrender myself with greater trust and ardor into Your paternal arms." Jesus has promised to help us in all circumstances. He will never be the first to abandon us. If Jesus delays in hearing you and seems to refuse you the grace you seek, you must convince yourself that this is in the plan of His fatherly love for you. He wants to try you, to increase your faith and your merits and form you by making you practice patience. Adore His plans and bless Him always.

"Think of Me," Jesus tell us, "and I will look after you and everything that concerns you." Abandon yourself to God and He will lead you wherever He wants. Knowing that He is leading you, you should remain peacefully in His hands.

– Sister Clelia Merloni

*Sr. Clelia Merloni (†1930) founded the Congregation of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1894.*



<b>MON</b>	<b>7/1/24</b>	<b>THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD</b> OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers ( <i>The Fathers</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Propagation of the Faith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>7/2/24</b>	<b>VISITATION OF OUR LADY</b> ST. PROCESSUS & MARTINIAN, MM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Jean Bischel – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Matthew D. Hardin</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention deceased ( <i>Uilliam Downes</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Jean Bischel – 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of death ( <i>Kirby</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>7/3/24</b>	<b>ST. LEO II, PC</b> FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention ( <i>Wilker Family</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Richard T. Dailey – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary 7/3 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †John Dombrowski ( <i>Francis Caggese</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>7/4/24</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY • FIRST THURSDAY</b> WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ALL HOLY ROMAN PONTIFFS
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Chad Horton ( <i>Wife &amp; children</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass with hymns</b> †Jim Peter – 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>ACC</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>7/5/24</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C</b> WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom & †Carol Leffler ( <i>Mike Hagle</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention Deceased – M.A. ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7/6/24</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY • OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER &amp; PAUL</b>
	<b>7:10 AM</b>	<b>Confessions, Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> For the conversion of my family ( <i>Jason Murray</i> )
	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Salve, Devotions</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>Benediction</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Meditation</b>
	<b>8:40 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Andrew Christensen ( <i>Keith &amp; Mary Christesen</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>7/7/24</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD</b> PENTECOST VII • SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS, BPPCC ST. LAWRENCE BRINDISI, C
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Lisa McConnell ( <i>Laura &amp; Abi</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Estrella C. Abella – 39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 7/7 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Rafael Kuebler – Blessed 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday ( <i>K/V</i> )
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers, Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THANKSGIVING

*Thanks be to God for His goodness to me,  
Thanks be to God now and in eternity.  
Thanks be to God for the wonders He has done,  
Thanks be to God for His dear and only Son.  
Thanks be to God for our sweet Virgin Mother,  
Thanks be to God for becoming our Brother.  
Thanks be to God for His Body and His Blood,  
Thanks be to God for this legacy of love.  
Thanks be to God for His Sacred Heart benign.  
Thanks be to God for this treasure divine.  
Thanks be to God for my Angel Guardian bright,  
Thanks be to God, morning, noon and night.  
Thanks be to God in all ages and all climes,  
Thanks be to God one hundred thousand times.  
Thanks be to God in my joy and in my sorrow,  
Thanks be to God for today and for tomorrow.  
Thanks be to God in my illness and my health.  
Thanks be to God both in poverty and in wealth.  
Thanks be to God at my work and at my prayers.  
Thanks be to God in my troubles and in my cares.  
Thanks be to God in my life and at my death,  
Thanks be to God when drawing my last breath.  
And when, lifeless, my poor heart shall lie under the green sod,  
May my soul sing in Heaven, Thanks be to Thee, O good and generous God.*



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Joseph Vines  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Kirby Bischel, Tim Giese  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Collin Smith, Justin Soeder  
**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM:** Nathan McClorey, *Volunteer Needed*  
**11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:** James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli  
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:** Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & John Brueggemann  
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:** McConnell Brothers  
**4:00 AM - 5:00 AM:** Matthew Giese, Nathaniel Arnold  
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman  
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:** John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

SERVERS

**FRI 7/5** 5:45 PM LOW: T. Lawrence  
**SAT 7/6** 7:30 AM HIGH: F. Caggese, I. Smith  
 8:40 AM LOW: M. Simpson  
**SUN 7/7** 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: T. England  
 ACS: M. Caggese, C. VanderPutten TBS: N. Hudson, Ma. & P. Caggese, I. Smith, V. Horton, A. Constantino  
 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos  
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith  
 5:45 PM LOW: *Volunteer Please!*