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The Unjust Steward

July 14, 2024 PENTECOST VIII ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD

¶ PENTECOST VIII

Please note: There are NO Vespers today.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and the closing of our Triduum in her honor. Bring your intentions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony of Padua for the Summer Novena. **Thursday** is the feast of St. Camillus of Lellis, a patron of the sick. **Friday** is great St. Vincent de Paul. There are many more wonderful saints this week—take your pick, come to an extra Mass!

¶ SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

Enrollments for St. Gertrude the Great School are now open. Please email sggschool@sgg.org.



SS. LEANDER & BONAVENTURE

Lumen Christi

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

Return of fallen away Catholics to the truth faith
(Annaliza Constantino)



My dearest Mother Mary, I beseech Thee with confidence, obtain for me, although thy unworthy child, the blessing of God the Father, by covering me with the merits of thy Son Jesus, that I may regain my eternal birthright in Heaven. Clothe me every evening, Sweet Lady of Mount Carmel, but especially on the eve of my life, with the "Dyed Garments" of the Precious Blood. Amen.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Cars will be blessed during all Masses next Sunday, in honor of St. Christopher. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IX, second collect of St. Praxedes, third of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS

to Jeannine Reaux, who was Confirmed on Tuesday, July 9, 2024; and to Gabriel & Lauren Wertz on the baptism of their son, Stephen Gabriel, on Friday, July 12, 2024.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Denise Riggs.

¶ MASS REQUESTS

Now is a good time to submit Mass intentions, both for the parish and the missions.

¶ LOOKAHEAD

Boys Camp: July 23-25. *Remember to sign your boys up on the sheet in the vestibule!*

The Transfiguration: August 6

The Assumption: Thursday, August 15

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 15

Collection Report

Sunday, July 7th.....\$8,844.00
Second Collection.....\$2,734.00



DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER

In one thing saints are all equally fierce and equally unrelenting: in their struggle to expropriate the self, to kill the false self that wants to be its own master and refuses to be the child of God. For this is a thing in which there can be no half-measures. It is the whole heart that has to be exchanged. Sometimes there is an obvious and clear-cut choice to be made: I know that this is what I want, and that God's will is different; and you choose the will of God. That is something, but it is only a beginning. There are other choices to be made, when the thing you want is not wrong in itself and yet may not be God's will for you at this particular moment: and if you can school yourself to choose always the will of God in these things, that is something much more.

But still it is only a beginning. You have not yet allowed the power of God to transform you wholly into Christ. You must learn to be able to say *beforehand*, of whatever may befall, that your will is to do the will of Him who sent you into the world to praise Him. And you must learn to say it utterly and of everything. It means that there **must be nothing, however small, or however good, to which you would cling for a moment against God's will:** there is nothing about which you have not already said, Thy will be done.

That is the daily struggle and death of the Christian. There is no easy way.

— Father Gerald Vann, O.P.



OUR LADY'S HUMILITY—JULY 17

"Humility," according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, "is to see ourselves as God sees us." It is a simple enough definition, but as we all know it is not an easy definition to live out. We prefer to "see ourselves" better than we truly are; we want to see ourselves as stronger, kinder, nobler, smarter. We also, strangely enough, want God to see those things too, even though none of them are real, none of them are true.

It is fitting then that one of the Blessed Virgin Mary's many titles is Our Lady of Humility, for which saint more than Mary saw herself "as God saw her?" As she prays in her canticle at the Visitation: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.* Mary knew that she only needed the grace of God to make her "better" as His chosen vessel for His Son.

But perhaps it is even more fitting that this Feast of Our Lady of Humility (hidden away on July 17) is a lesser-known feast day. It is simply there on the liturgical calendar as a reminder of Our Lady's continuing role in our salvation. Saint Thomas goes on to say that humility is to know "that every good thing we have comes from God as pure gift." And this is most especially true of Our Lady in our lives. She has been given to us as a pure gift from God, for in her we can see ourselves as God sees us.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!

— Rev. James M. Sullivan, O.P.



THE LEGEND OF THE ROSE THORNS

Once the Christ-Child had a garden
Full of roses blushing red,
And He planned to make a garland
For His sacred Head.

When the roses all were blooming
Came the Jewish children there,
Plucking each a flaming rosebud
Till each bush was bare.

"How, then, will you make a garland?
Not a rose your path adorns."
"You forget," the Christ-Child
answered,
"You have left the thorns."

Of the thorns He made a garland,
Placed it on His sacred Head;
And where roses should have
blossomed,
Blood-drops bloomed instead.

(This beautiful legend of the childhood of our Blessed Savior was translated from an old Latin hymn by an unknown author.)



Why do saints feel like sinners, and sinners like saints? A thorough and authoritative study of this question could be made only by the most gifted and holy of spiritual writers. But the answer probably lies in the keen perception, or lack of perception, by the individual, of the difference between God and man. — Ambrose Bonner

It is the last day of a very busy YAG weekend. It was nice to see so many practicing Catholics together to have fun, meet new people, and to pray. The Fatima Rosary Procession was especially nice to see, and even more awesome to hear. I know Our Lady must have been pleased.



I am leaving for Mexico this afternoon to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with **Fr. Martín Gomez** and his parishioners, as well as to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Fr. Arnoldo** of Tijuana will be joining us. I am looking forward to seeing them both. After all the festivities, the Padres and I are going to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of El Niño Doctor. Be assured that I will remember you and your intentions while I am there. Please remember to pray for a safe and supernaturally successful journey for me!

This week, we have the wonderful feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and I sure hope that each and every one of you who wear her Brown Scapular and count on her to fulfill her Scapular Promises to you will come to Mass and receive Holy Communion in her honor. We must keep the Marian feasts—but this is a special one. Through her gift of the Scapular Our Lady has made it so easy to win her favor. Isn't it only right that we should do a little something extra for her?! Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

– **Bishop McGuire**



P.S. Sister Regina fittingly began her three-month postulancy as an Oblate of the Holy Face on Friday, July 12th, the feast of St. Veronica. Sister will receive her religious name on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, October 13th. Keep Sister in your prayers!

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

O blessed Virgin, full of grace, Queen of all Saints, how sweet it is for me to venerate thee under the title of our Lady of Mount Carmel. It takes me back to the days of the prophet of Elias, when thou wast pre-figured on Mount Carmel under the form of the little cloud, from which, as it increased, there fell a kindly rain, symbolic of the sanctifying



graces that come to us from thee. Even from the days of the Apostles, thou hast been honored under this mystic title; and today I am filled with joy at the thought that we are united with those first clients of thine, and in union with them we salute thee, saying: O beauty of Carmel, glory of Libanus, thou purest of lilies, mystic rose in the flowering garden of the Church. Meanwhile, O Virgin of virgins, be mindful of me in my misery, and show thyself my Mother. Shed upon me ever more and more the living light of that faith which made thee blessed; inflame me with that heavenly love wherewith thou didst love thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. I am filled with miseries both spiritual and temporal. I am straitened by many sorrows in body and soul, and I take refuge, like a child, in the shadow of thy motherly protection. Do thou, Mother of God, who hast such power and might, obtain for me from blessed Jesus, the heavenly gifts of humility, chastity, and meekness, which were the fairest ornaments of thine immaculate soul. Do thou grant me to be strong in the midst of the temptations and bitterness which so often overwhelm my spirit. And when the days of my earthly pilgrimage are accomplished according to God's holy will, grant that my soul may obtain the glory of paradise, through the merits of Christ and thine intercession.

Amen. *500 days indulgence*

ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS



O God, Who didst adorn blessed Camillus with a special gift of charity for the help of souls struggling in their last agony, pour upon us, we beseech Thee, by his merits, the spirit of Thy love, that in the hour of our death we may be worthy to overcome the enemy and attain unto the heavenly crown. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

- MON 7/15/24 ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C**
DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL DAY II
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Bishop McGuire – For the advice given
(Pierce Kiernan)
- 11:25 AM Low Mass** †Elsie Kloberdanz anniversary of death
(Mary Christensen)
- TUE 7/16/24 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**
SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL DAY III
- 7:00 AM Low Mass** Joe & Jean Vitrano – return to Faith,
 salvation of soul *(D. Rentschler)*
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony *(The*
Arlinghaus Family)
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** Repose of the soul of †Larry Baker
(Mirinda Mikesell)
- WED 7/17/24 ST. ALEXIUS, C • HUMILITY OF MARY**
CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE
- 7:00 AM Requiem Low Mass** †David Rettig Jr. *(JCS)*
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Our country & Soldiers of God *(KIV)*
- 5:10 PM Low Mass** My boss and his family *(Cora Arlinghaus)*
- THU 7/18/24 ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C**
ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM
- 7:00 AM Low Mass** Paul & Marlys Arlinghaus intentions
(Dan & Mary)
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** †Helen Laub *(A.M.B.)*
- 11:25 AM Low Mass** Special intention *(KLB)*
- FRI 7/19/24 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C**
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Repose of the soul of †Larry Baker
(Michelle Mikesell)
- 11:00 AM Confessions**
- 11:25 AM Low Mass** Our children/Godchildren *(Mr. & Mrs.*
Arlinghaus)
- 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** †Ryan Greenwell – birthday *(Colleen*
McMahon)
- 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 7/20/24 ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C • ST. MARGARET, VM**
ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET
- 7:10 AM Confessions**
- 7:30 AM Low Mass** For Nick & Katie on their marriage
(Sr. Ulrica)
- 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon**
- 8:20 AM High Mass** Happy Birthday Mom/Lauren *(From her*
children)
- SUN 7/21/24 PENTECOST IX • ST. PRAXEDES, V**
ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET
- 7:05 AM Rosary**
- 7:30 AM Low Mass** Steve Weigand, Bible Study teacher
(Margaret Sutton)
- 9:00 AM High Mass** John & Julie – Marriage blessings *(Levi*
Giese family)
- 11:05 AM Rosary**
- 11:30 AM Low Mass** †Mrs. Patricia Kolb *(Clare Lotarski)*
- 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

PRAY TO ST. ANTHONY

He roams the streets of Heaven
 Yet his eyes are turned towards earth,
 He hears the faintest whimper
 That is mingled with the mirth.

He sees the smallest sparrow
 That has fallen from its nest,
 And his hands go out in pity
 For He loves the weakest best.

He longs to aid the fallen
 If they would but turn from sin
 He'd comb the court of Heaven
 For the grace to help them win.

His face is turned from Heaven
 When a tiny cry he hears
 And his faithful eyes are clouded
 With the salt of human tears.

So pray to him and ask him
 That he keep you in his care,
 The brown-robed Saint of Padua
 Will hear your humble prayer!

– Lucille Boesken



Our Beloved Dead – July

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| Jean Bischel | 7-02-2023 |
| James Paul Peter | 7-04-2003 |
| Melissa C. Brown | 7-05-1985 |
| Peter J. Gebel | 7-08-2020 |
| James N. Zambo | 7-11-1990 |
| Clifford A. Breitenstein | 7-11-2004 |
| Frances R. Mattingly | 7-11-2017 |
| Paul O'Connor | 7-12-2020 |
| Rev. Philip S. Sheridan | 7-14-1990 |
| Joan I. Briggs | 7-15-1990 |
| Mary A. Kolb | 7-15-1997 |
| Barbara Cordes | 7-27-2009 |
| William J. Bendel | 7-31-2008 |
| Loretta Mikesell | 7-31-2023 |

Servers

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| FRI 7/19 | 5:45 PM LOW: I. Smith, A. Constantino |
| SAT 7/20 | 7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Capetillos |
| SUN 7/21 | 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, C. Brueggemann TH: C. Arlinghaus ACS: F. Caggese, I. Smith TBS: V. Horton, N. Hudson, Ma. & P. Caggese, B. & A. Constantino 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: Volunteer Please |