Saint Joseph Church

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Maternity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Pentecost XX - October 11th, 2026

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"That anyone could doubt the right of the holy Virgin to be called the Mother of God, fills me with astonishment. Surely she must be the Mother of God, if our Lord Jesus Christ is God and she gave birth to Him!" – St Cyril of Alexandria

❊ Mass Times This Week ❊

Sunday, October 11th	**Maternity of The Blessed Virgin Mary** (Pent. XX) In honor of the BVM *(Mrs. Yvonne Neer)*	**5:30 P.M.**
Monday, October 12th	**Ferial Day** *(resumed Mass of the Sunday)* Fr. Carlos Ercoli *(Mrs. Joan Pang)*	
Tuesday, October 13th	**St. Edward the Confessor**, King of England Almighty God *(Mrs. Coleen Cortese)*	.
Wednesday, October 14th	**St. Callistus I**, PM Brandon Tibbetts -birthday *(Michael Tibbetts)*	
Thursday, October 15th	**St. Teresa of Avila**, V In honor of St. Therese for our Priests & Seminarians *(Mrs. Neer)*	
Friday, October 16th	**St. Hedwig**, W ✠Michelle Tibbetts -birthday *(Michael Tibbetts)*	
Saturday, October 17th	**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, V Chris Josefiack *(Mrs. Elaine Andreski)*	
Sunday, October 18th	**St. Luke Evangelist** (Pent. XXI) In thanksgiving to the Holy Guardian Angels *(Mrs. Yvonne Neer)*	**5:30 P.M.**

❊ Announcements ❊

- **Teenagers Gathering**. Mrs. Gangwish is organizing a social gathering for teen ages 13 and up on Saturday, October 24th. Please contact her for more information and sign-up at 253-232-0225 (Auburn).
- **All Saints' Day Costume Party at Holy Redeemer Chapel** will follow the 10:30 A.M. Mass on All Saints Sunday. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Wisdom of the Saints

Divine Maternity

• "The prayers of Mary, have the force of command with Jesus Christ. Hence, it is impossible for the Son not to grant a grace for which the Mother asks." - *St. Antoninus of Florence*

• "You have guarded the integrity of the temple [of your body]; you have kept your tabernacle free from all sin, so that the Father becomes your guest, the Holy Ghost overshadows you and the Only-begotten Son Incarnate is born of you." - *St. Hesychius of Jerusalem*

• "May the Blessed Virgin, unique in her merits, stand in the presence of her Creator interceding always in our favour. She will be radiant in the fullness of glory, she who brought forth, from her virginal womb, the King of glory." - *St. Amadeus of Lausanne*

❊ THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ❊

The Divine Maternity: its Eminent Dignity

by Rev. Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange O.P.

THE EMINENT DIGNITY OF THE DIVINE MATERNITY is revealed in a new light if we consider that it is the reason why the fullness of grace was given to Mary, that it is the measure and end of that fullness, and that it is superior to it.

The reason why Mary was given a fullness of grace from the first instant was that she might be enabled to conceive the Man-God in holiness, by uttering her fiat with the utmost generosity on the day of the Annunciation in spite of the sufferings which she knew had been foretold of the Messiah; it was given her, too, that she might bring forth her child while remaining a virgin, that she might surround Him with the most motherly and most holy devotion; it was given her, finally, that she might unite herself to Him in closest conformity of will, as only a most holy mother can, during His hidden life, His apostolic life, and His suffering life—that she might utter her second fiat most heroically at the foot of the Cross, with Him, by Him, and in Him.

As Fr. Hugon has so well put it: "The divine maternity postulates intimate friendship with God. Since a mother is bound both by a law of nature and an express precept to love her son, and he to love her, Mary and Jesus loved each other mutually; and since the maternity in question here is supernatural, the love must be of the same order. But this means that it is a sanctifying love, since by the fact that God loves a soul He makes it lovable and sanctifies it". There is thus the most complete conformity between the will of Mary and her Son's oblation which was, as it were, the soul of the sacrifice of the Cross.

It is clear that it was for the reason we have given and for none other that Mary was given an initial plenitude of grace followed by a consummated plenitude in glory. The same reason or end was the measure of her grace and glory: therefore it surpassed them. Admittedly it is not possible to deduce from the divine maternity each and every one of the privileges received by Mary, but all derive ultimately from it. If, finally, she was predestined from all eternity to the highest degree of glory after Jesus, the reason is that she was predestined first of all to be His most worthy mother, and to retain that title during eternity after having enjoyed it in time. The saints who contemplate in heaven the sublime degree of glory, so far surpassing that of the angels, in which Mary is enthroned, know that the reason why she was predestined to it is that she might be and might remain for eternity the most worthy Mother of God: Mater Creatoris, Mater Salvatoris, Virgo Dei Genetrix.

Prayer to the Mother of God

VIRGIN MOST HOLY, MOTHER OF THE WORD INCARNATE, Who dost dispense graces, Refuge of us poor sinners; we fly to thy maternal love with lively faith, and we ask thee to obtain for us grace ever to do the will of God and thine own. Into thy most holy hands we commit the keeping of our hearts; beseeching thee for health of soul and body, in the certain hope that thou, our most loving Mother, wilt hear our prayer. Wherefore with lively faith we say Ave Maria three times.

❊ A Note to Newcomers ❊

Welcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel reject the changes of Vatican II. They want to preserve the Roman Catholic Faith by maintaining everything that was taught and done by the Church prior to Vatican II. In order to receive the sacraments here, it is therefore necessary that you attend exclusively the traditional Latin Mass, and avoid the new Mass and reformed sacraments. We also invite you to take our booklet entitled *The Traditional Latin Mass*, which is very informative. We encourage you to visit our bookstore for some additional reading & information about the present crisis in the Church.

❊ Please, observe our Dress Code ❊

For Men: A shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes on Sundays and holy days of obligation. No earrings. **For Ladies:** A dress or skirt is required; no pants. The skirt must at least cover the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut. **For Everyone:** No tennis shoes, sandals, denim, even on weekdays. The standards of Catholic modesty must be observed.

❊ Appointments & Other Information ❊

If you wish to make an appointment with the priest, please call the rectory at **(206) 299-1522**. **Baptisms** are by appointment. At least one of the **Parents & Godparents** must be practicing Catholics in good standing who reject the changes of Vatican II. If you are contemplating **Matrimony**, catechism instructions may be needed; depending on the case, you may need to contact the priest as early as one year in advance of your wedding. When making arrangements for **Funerals**, please contact the priest before contacting the funeral director. **Extreme Unction & Sick Calls**, please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a member of the Chapel is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death. For any emergency, please call **Fr. Ercoli** at **(586) 215-3251**.

- **Confession Schedule:** Sundays & Holydays, 30 minutes before Mass. Saturdays after Mass.
- **Blessing of Religious Articles:** Every First Sunday of the month at the communion rail.
- **Mass Intentions:** For your Mass requests there are Mass Intention envelopes available in vestibule.
- **Building Fund:** A 2nd Collection is taken on the *First Sunday* of each month. This Special Collection will go toward remodeling and building expenses.
- **St. Lawrence Poor Box:** Donations will help the poor and needy. *"He who gives to the poor suffers no want, but he who ignores them shall suffer indigence."* (Prov. 28:27)
- **Purgatory League:** Holy Mass & Prayers for our deceased parishioners are offered on the First Sunday of each month. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
- **Registration at Holy Redeemer Chapel:** If you intend to attend Holy Redeemer Chapel regularly, please complete the Registration Card in the vestibule.