

June 13, 2010---Prayers for the Blessing of the Memorial Gardens:

1. Lord, listen to our prayer. As your faithful people honor this image of your Son, may they be one in mind and heart with Christ. May they treasure in their hearts, with thanksgiving, the memory of Sacred Heart Parish which sustained the faith of the Slovenian people and others; and may your Son nurture in the hearts of the former members and clergy the gifts of Faith, Hope and Love that they may follow him through this life to the fullness of joy with his Saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
2. Lord God, Father all Holy, you will the cross of your Son to be the fountain of all blessings and the source of all grace. In your goodness be near to us who have raised this cross as a sign of our faith and in loving memory of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish whose members found strength and comfort in their faith and Slovak culture. May they always hold fast to the mystery of Christ's suffering knowing that he is with them in the joys and sorrows of this life to bring them to the joy of risen life. May they, the clergy and religious who served them, and those honored on this stone for having given their lives in defense of our country come to share eternal life with Christ who is Lord forever and ever. Amen
3. Lord God, we acknowledge your infinite glory and the abundance of your gifts. You chose the blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of your Son, the image and model of your Church, and the Mother and advocate of us all. Bless these icons of Our Lady and the stepping stone rosary surrounding them, which have been erected in memory of Saint Mary Parish and the Polish people and clergy who served you so faithfully there. May they always know her motherly protection and trace in their hearts the pattern of her holiness as they pursue their journey through life toward your heavenly city. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
4. Lord God, although your glory lies beyond our sight, you have revealed yourself as a Trinity of Persons, one eternal God. May the Hungarian people and their clergy who worshiped you at Holy Trinity Parish ever be aware of your Fatherly care, take up their crosses and follow your Son, and be renewed in the joy of your Holy Spirit. Bless this garden and their parish statue of your Son which now graces the front of our school. May they stand as a lasting testament to the faith and perseverance of the people of Holy Trinity. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
5. Finally Lord, we ask your blessing upon the sacred images located in the votive prayer shrine within this church. May they honor you, your Saints, and the memory of the former ethnic parishes and Saint George Parish. In your great mercy, hear the prayers of your people, comfort their hearts, and fill them with your blessings now and forever through Christ our Lord. Amen.