

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <i>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas</i>	1 Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord	2 <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	3	4 <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.</i>	5 <i>Blessing of Epiphany Water, Sacramentals (No Homeschool events)</i>	6 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> <i>Confessions 4 p.m.</i>
7 <i>Christmas Party & Talent Show</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.</i>	12 <i>Abortion Prayer Vigil at noon</i>	13 <i>Young Roses</i> <i>Confessions 4 p.m.</i>
14	15 <i>Bible Study 7 p.m.</i>	16 <i>Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.</i>	17	18 <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.</i>	19	20 <i>Altar Guild</i> <i>Confessions 4 p.m.</i>
21	22 <i>Adult Catechism 7 p.m.</i>	23	24	25 <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.</i>	26 <i>Adoration begins 7 p.m.</i>	27 <i>Adoration ends 7:30 a.m.</i> <i>Confessions 4 p.m.</i>
28	29 <i>Bible Study 7 p.m.</i>	30	31	1 <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.</i>	2 <i>First Friday</i>	3 <i>First Saturday</i>

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Please pray for:

The Repose of the Souls of:

+ Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.
+ Eileen Fain
+ Frances Kwitek
+ Rick Peters

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Sgt. Luis Arvelo-Massari, U.S. Army
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Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
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1st Lt. Jack Deeney, U.S. Army
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2nd Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army

Seaman Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy
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2nd Lt. Jeffrey LaCoste, U.S. Space Force
Airman 1st Class S. LaSeur, U.S. Air Force
1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
Sgt. James Pomeroy, U.S. Army
Rear Adm. Sean Regan, U.S. Coast Guard

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Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY



Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.
9 a.m.
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass
Saturdays 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday: 8 a.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

*"O Mary, through thine
Immaculate Conception, make
my body pure
and my soul holy."*

PASTOR:

FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.

TYPES OF SPIRITS

from: *Spiritual Theology*, by Jordan Aumann

Spirits can be summarized under three headings: *the divine spirit, the diabolical spirit, and the human spirit*. God always inclines us to the good, working either directly or through secondary causes; the devil always inclines us to evil, working by his own power or through the allurements of the things of the world; the human spirit may be inclined to evil or to good, depending upon whether the individual follows right reason or selfish desires.

Due to the basic indifference of many purely natural inclinations, it is evident that they may be used for good and for evil, and while grace does not destroy nature but perfects and supernaturalizes it, the devil utilizes human weakness and the effects of original sin to further his evil aims....The Spirit of God and the spirit of the devil cannot be operating at the same time, since they tend to opposite goals, but God can direct or intensify a naturally good inclination, or the devil may divert those inclinations to evil....

Moreover, it is not at all unusual in the lives of mystics that their mystical and truly supernatural operations are interrupted by purely natural activities or that, with God's permission, a diabolical influence is introduced. It is not easy to determine when the action of God terminates and when the natural or diabolical movement begins. If the director is familiar with the signs of the various spirits, however, he will have sufficient grounds for making a prudent judgment in each case. It will not always be a situation in which one spirit is operat-

ing exclusively, but even if there is a mixture of several spirits, one or another will always predominate. The following characteristics are general signs of the divine Spirit:

Truth. God is truth and cannot inspire anything but truth in a soul. If a person believed to be inspired by God, therefore, maintains opinions that are manifestly against revealed truth, the infallible teaching of the Church, or proven theology or philosophy or science, it must be concluded that the individual is deluded by the devil or is the victim of excessive imagination or faulty reasoning.

Gravity. God is never the cause of things that are useless, futile, frivolous, or impertinent. When His Spirit moves a soul it is always for something serious and beneficial.

Enlightenment. Although one may not always understand the meaning of an inspiration from God, the effect of any divine movement or impulse is always enlightenment and certitude rather than darkness and confusion. This is true both for the effects on the individual who receives the inspiration and its effects on others.

Docility. Souls that are moved by the Spirit of God accept cheerfully the advice and counsel of their directors or others who have authority over them. This spirit of obedience, docility, and submission is one of the clearest signs that a particular inspiration or movement is from God. This is especially true in the case of the educated, who have a

Upcoming Parish Events

January 15 ~ Bible Study
Fr. Dennis Gordon presents an in-depth study of the book of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

16 de enero ~ Catecismo para Adultos
Catecismo continúa con el curso de Teología Espiritual, 7 p.m. en la sala de la parroquia.

January 20 ~ Altar Guild
Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. Contact Fr. Dennis Gordon, (719) 382-0121.

greater tendency to be attached to their own opinions.

Discretion. The Spirit of God makes the soul discreet, prudent, and thoughtful in all its actions. There is nothing of precipitation, lightness, exaggeration, or impetuosity; all is well-balanced, edifying serious, and full of calmness and peace.

Humility. The Holy Spirit always fills the soul with sentiments of humility and self-effacement. The loftier the communications from on high, the more profoundly the soul inclines to the abyss of its own nothingness. Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" (*Luke 1:38*).

Peace. St. Paul speaks frequently of the peace that comes from God (*Romans 15:33, Philippians 4:9*), and Jesus mentions peace as one of the manifestations of His Spirit (*John 14:27*). This is a quality that always accompanies communications from God; the soul experiences a profound and stable serenity in the depths of its spirit.

Confidence in God. This is a counterpart and necessary consequence of true humility. Recogn-

izing that of itself it can do nothing, as St. Paul says, the soul throws itself on the power and mercy of God with a childlike trust. Then it learns that it can do all things in Him (*Philippians 4:13*).

Flexibility of will. This sign consists primarily in a certain promptness of the will to subject itself to the inspirations and invitations of God. Secondly it consists in a facility in following the advice and counsel of others, especially if they are superiors, confessors, or spiritual directors. It is opposed to the rigid and unyielding will that is characteristic of those who are filled with self-love.

Purity of intention. The soul seeks only the glory of God in all that it does and the perfect fulfillment of the will of God, without human interest or motivation out of self-love.

Patience in suffering. Suffering is frequently the best touchstone for revealing the true worth of an individual. No matter what the source of the suffering, or whether it is justly received or not, the soul bears it with patience and equanimity and uses it as a

+ MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 15 ~ St. Paul the First Hermit
8 a.m. — + John Ivancik, by Rob Ivancik

Tuesday, January 16 ~ St. Marcellus I
8 a.m. — Jessica Gordon

Wednesday, January 17 ~ St. Anthony
8 a.m. — Villegas Family

Thursday, January 18 ~ Feria
6 p.m. — Seltzer Family

Friday, January 19 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — All Benefactors

Saturday, January 20 ~ Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
8 a.m. — Special Intention

Sunday, January 21 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany
7 a.m. — Special Intention
9 a.m. — Special Intention
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our parish priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

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means of further perfection.

Self-abnegation. The words of Christ Himself are sufficient evidence that this is a sign of the Spirit of God: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (*Matthew 16:24*).

Simplicity. Together with veracity and sincerity, this characteristic is never lacking in those who are truly motivated by the Spirit of God. Any duplicity, arrogance, hypocrisy, or vanity must be attributed rather to the spirit of the devil, the father of lies.

Liberty of spirit. First, there is no attachment to any created thing, not even to the gifts received from God. Second, all is accepted from the hands of God with gratitude and humility, whether it be a question of consolation or trial. Third, while all duties and spiritual exercises are performed with promptness and punctuality, the soul is ready to leave even the most consoling and profitable exercise as soon as the charity of God calls it elsewhere. [It] enables the soul to live in a state of constant joy and eagerness for the things of God [to be continued]. + + +