

JANUARY 2024

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

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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
2nd Lt. Finley Ashforth, U.S. Army
Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
Spec. Jordan Blanton, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Jack Deeney, U.S. Army
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



JANUARY 21, 2024
THIRD 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.

THE DIABOLICAL SPIRIT

from: *Spiritual Theology*, by Jordan Aumann

Normally diabolical influence on the individual Christian is restricted to simple temptation, although it is not likely that the majority of temptations proceed from the immediate and direct intervention of the devil. At other times, with God's permission, the devil may concentrate his power on an individual by means of diabolical obsession or diabolical possession.

Diabolical Obsession. Obsession occurs whenever the devil torments a person from without and in a manner that is so intense that there can be no doubt about his presence and his action. In simple temptation the diabolical action is not so evident; absolutely speaking, it could be due to other causes. But in true and authentic obsession, the presence and activity of satan are so clear and unequivocal that neither the soul nor the director can have the least doubt of it. The soul is aware of its own vital activity and government of its faculties, but it is at the same time clearly aware of the external activity of satan, who tries to exert violence on the individual.

Obsession can affect the interior faculties, especially the imagination, or the external senses in various manners and degrees. The attack on the imagination differs from ordinary temptation only by reason of its violence and duration. Although it is difficult to determine exactly where simple temptation ends and true obsession begins, we can say that when the disturbance of the soul is so profound and the tendency to evil is so violent that the only possible

explanation lies in some external force (even when there is nothing evident externally), it is certainly a case of diabolical obsession. It can take many different forms.

Sometimes it is manifested as a fixed idea that absorbs all the energies of the soul; at other times the images and representations are so vivid that the subject feels that he or she is dealing with concrete reality. Again, it may refer to one's duties and obligations, toward which one feels an almost insuperable repugnance, or it may be manifested by a vehement desire for something one is obliged to avoid.

This seizure has repercussions in the emotional life because of the intimate relation between the emotions and the cognitive faculties. The soul, even in spite of itself, finds itself filled with obsessive images that arouse doubt, resentment, anger, antipathy hatred, despair, or dangerous tenderness and an inclination to sensuality. The best remedy against such assaults is prayer, accompanied by true humility, self-disdain, confidence in God, the protection of Mary, the use of the sacraments, and obedience to one's director, from whom none of these things should be hidden.

Bodily obsession is usually more spectacular, but in reality it is less dangerous than internal obsession, although the two normally occur together. External obsession can affect any of the external senses, and there are numerous examples of this in the lives of the saints. The eye is filled with diabolical apparitions. Sometimes they are very pleasant,

Upcoming Parish Events

January 22 ~ Adult Catechism
Fr. James Gordon will continue his series of lectures on Spiritual Theology 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

January 26-27 ~ All-Night Adoration
Sign up in the vestibule for a one-hour slot (or more); times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

January 28 ~ Confirmation Class Begins
Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation begins next Sunday. Enrollment for this class will close on the 28th.

as when satan transforms himself into an angel of light to deceive the soul and fill it with sentiments of vanity, self-complacency, etc. By these and similar effects the soul will recognize the presence of the enemy. At other times satan may appear in horrible and frightening forms in order to terrify the servants of God and to withdraw them from the practice of virtue, as one can discover in the lives of numerous saints. Or the devil may present himself in a voluptuous form in order to tempt souls to evil.

Other senses besides sight are also affected. The ear is tormented with frightful sounds and shouts, with blasphemy and obscenities, or with voluptuous songs and music to arouse sensuality. The sense of smell sometimes perceives the most pleasant odors or an unbearable stench. The sense of taste is affected in various ways. Sometimes the devil arouses feelings of gluttony by producing a sensation of the most delicious food or most exquisite liquors the individual has never actually tasted. But usually he arouses a most bitter taste in the

food that is taken, or he mixes repulsive objects with the food so that it would be dangerous or impossible to swallow or to digest.

Finally, the sense of touch, which is diffused throughout the whole body, can be subjected in countless ways to the influence of the devil. Sometimes there are terrible blows upon the body; at other times there are sensations of voluptuous embraces or caresses; or God may permit that his servant be tested by extreme experiences of sensuality, without any consent on the part of the one who suffers these things. Obsession may be due to any one of the following causes:

The permission of God, who wishes thereby to test the virtue of a soul and to increase its merits. In this sense it is equivalent to a passive trial or a mystical night of the soul. The envy and pride of the devil, who cannot bear the sight of a soul that is trying to sanctify itself and to glorify God to the best of its ability thereby leading a great number of other souls to salvation or perfection.

The natural predisposition of the person obsessed, which gives

+ MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 22 ~ Sts. Vincent and Anastasius
8 a.m. — + Fr. Calvin Goodwin, F.S.S.P.

Tuesday, January 23 ~ St. Raymond of Peñafort
8 a.m. — + Regina Autobee, by Velma Hill

Wednesday, January 24 ~ St. Timothy
8 a.m. — All Bishops and Priests

Thursday, January 25 ~ The Conversion of St. Paul
6 p.m. — Eduardo José Valdez, by Laura Fredrick

Friday, January 26 ~ St. Polycarp
8 a.m. — Bp. Fabian Bruskevitz

Saturday, January 27 ~ St. John Chrysostom
8 a.m. — + Bp. Michael Sheridan

Sunday, January 28 ~ Septuagesima Sunday
7 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P. & + Beatrice Gordon
9 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P. & + Beatrice Gordon
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our parish priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

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the devil an occasion to attack the individual at his weakest point. This reason is of no value in regard to external obsession, which has nothing to do with the temperament of natural predispositions of the obsessed, but is valid for internal obsession, which finds a fertile soil in a melancholy temperament or in one inclined to scruples, anxiety, or sadness. Nevertheless, however violent the obsession, it never deprives the subject of liberty, and with the grace of God he or she can always overcome it and even drive benefit from it. It is only for this rea-

son that God permits it. One needs much discretion and perspicacity to distinguish true obsession from the various kinds of nervous illnesses and mental unbalances that are very similar to it. It would be foolish to deny the reality of diabolical action in the world, especially since it is expressly mentioned in the sources of revelation and has been proved countless times by the experiences of many saints. In modern times... the devil has succeeded in destroying the belief in his terrible power. + + +