

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Septuagesima Sunday Confirmation Class	29 Bible Study 7 p.m.	30 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	31	1 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	2 The Purification of the BVM First Friday	3 St. Blaise First Saturday Confessions 4 p.m.
4 Sexagesima Sunday First Communion Class	5 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	6	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	9 Abortion Prayer Vigil at noon	10 Young Roses Confessions 4 p.m.
11 Quinquagesima Sunday Confirmation Class	12 Bible Study 7 p.m.	13 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	14 Ash Wednesday ✝	15 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	16	17 Altar Guild Confessions 4 p.m.
18 First Sunday of Lent First Communion Class	19 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	20	21 Ember Wednesday	22 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	23 Adoration begins 7 p.m. Ember Friday	24 Adoration ends 7:30 a.m. Confessions 4 p.m. Ember Saturday
25 Second Sunday of Lent Confirmation Class	26 Bible Study 7 p.m.	27 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	28	29 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	1 First Friday	2 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
- Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force
- 2nd Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army
- Seaman Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy
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- 1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
- Rear Adm. Sean Regan, U.S. Coast Guard
- Spec. James Tupper, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
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- Maj. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army
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- Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



JANUARY 28, 2024
SEPTUAGESIMA
SUNDAY



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.

PERFECTION

from: *A Year with the Saints*,
by the Sisters of Mercy, Hartford, Connecticut

“Observe that perfection is not acquired by sitting with our arms folded, but it is necessary to work in earnest, in order to conquer ourselves and to bring ourselves to live, not according to our inclinations and passions, but according to reason, our Rule, and obedience. The thing is hard, it cannot be denied, but necessary. With practice, however, it becomes easy and pleasing.” — *St. Francis de Sales*

Plutarch relates of Lycurgus that he once took two puppies of the same litter and trained up one in the kitchen and the other to hunting. When they were grown (one day when he was going to address the people), he took them into the forum, where he threw down some fish bones and the same time let loose a hare. The first immediately began to gnaw the bones, while the other set off in pursuit of the hare. Then Lycurgus commanded silence, and turning to the people, said, “Do you see this? These two dogs are of the same breed, yet they are not inclined to the same thing, but each to that which he has been accustomed to. So true is it that habit ends in overcoming even the most violent inclinations of nature.”

It is written of St. Ignatius Loyola, that through the continual struggle which he had made to mortify himself and to bear contradictions patiently, he had arrived at such a point as to appear to have no longer any inclination. The same thing has also been noticed in many others.

“All the science of the saints is included in these two things: to do, and to suffer. And whoever has done these two things best, has made himself most saintly.” — *St. Francis de Sales*

Anyone who reads the lives of Sts. Ambrose, Basil, Jerome, Chrysostom, Dominic, Vincent de Paul and other great saints will not be surprised that they became so remarkable for holiness, when they [saw] the innumerable good works which they wrought and the great sufferings with they endured.

We are told in the *Lives of the Fathers* that this was the method chiefly employed by St. Dorotheus, to sanctify his disciple Dositheus. This saint kept the latter constantly occupied, especially in things opposed to his own wishes. If he saw in his possession any article that was convenient and well made, even though it might be necessary for his work, he took it from him; if Dositheus called his master’s attention to anything which he had done well, the saint sent him away without any answer; and thus, in every desire the saint sought to mortify his disciple, while the latter, in the meantime, obeyed promptly in everything and bore all without reply. And thus in the course of only five years, he reached a very high perfection and sanctity.

“I wish I could persuade spiritual persons that the way of perfection does not consist in many devices, nor in much cogitation, but in denying themselves com-

pletely and yielding themselves to suffer everything for love of Christ. And if there is failure in this exercise, all other methods of walking in the spiritual way are merely a beating about the bush, and profitless trifling, although a person should have a very high contemplation and communication with God.” — *St. John of the Cross*

Cassian wrote concerning the Abbot Paphnutius that the road by which he arrived at such great sanctity was that of constantly mortifying himself; and that in this manner he extinguished in himself all vices, and perfected in

himself all virtues.

Fr. Balthasar Alvarez [Spanish mystic and spiritual director of St. Teresa] practiced continual mortification and self-denial in all that nature desired, not only in great things but also in small; and by this he arrived at high perfection...

“The greatest fault among those who have a good will is that they wish to be something they cannot be, and do not wish to be what they necessarily must be. They conceive desires to do great things for which, perhaps, no opportunity may ever come to them, and meantime neglect the small

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ *Confirmation Class Begins*

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation begins today. Enrollment for this class closes today at commencement of the class.

January 29 ~ *Bible Study*

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

30 de Enero ~ *Catecismo para Adultos*

Catecismo continúa con el curso de Teología Espiritual, 7 p.m. en la sala de la parroquia.

February 2 ~ *Bring Your Candles for Blessing*

Candles for your private use will be blessed Feb. 2 during the 6 p.m. Mass. Please have your candles in the parish hall before Mass starts.

February 2 ~ *First Friday Home Schooler Event*

Potluck breakfast and catechesis for home-schooled children of the parish. Contact Gracey Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

February 4 ~ *First Communion Class Begins*

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession. Enrollment for this class will close on Feb. 4.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 29 ~ *St. Francis de Sales*

8 a.m. — Our Nation

Tuesday, January 30 ~ *St. Martina*

8 a.m. — Eugene O’Hara

Wednesday, January 31 ~ *St. John Bosco*

8 a.m. — Conversion of Our Nation

Thursday, February 1 ~ *St. Ignatius*

6 p.m. — Priests & Religious in Purgatory

Friday, February 2 ~ *The Purification*

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. — Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

6 p.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, February 3 ~ *St. Blaise*

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:30 a.m. — Any Mass left unoffered by any deceased priest

Sunday, February 4 ~ *Sexagesima Sunday*

7 a.m. — For those attached to sinful habits

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our parish priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

which the Lord puts into their hands. There are a thousand little acts of virtue, such as bearing with the importunities and imperfections of our neighbors, not resenting an unpleasant word or a trifling injury, restraining an emotion of anger, mortifying some little affection, some ill-regulated desire to speak or to listen, excusing and indiscretion, or yielding to another in trifles. These are things

to be done by all; why not practice them? The occasions for great gains come but rarely, but of little gains many can be made each day; and by managing these little gains with judgment, there are some who grow rich. Oh, how holy and rich in merits we should make ourselves, if we but knew how to profit by the opportunities which our vocation supplies to us!” — *St. Francis de Sales* +++