

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 Deanery Meeting	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 Presbyteral Council Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	14 Ash Wednesday ✝	15 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	16 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.	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 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Adoration follows	22 Ember Saturday Adoration to 7:30 a.m. Confessions 4 p.m.
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 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.	2 First Saturday Confessions 4 p.m.

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Please pray for:

The Repose of the Souls of:

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

Parishioners who serve our nation:

- Sgt. Luis Arvelo-Massari, U.S. Army
- 1st Lt. Finley Ashforth, U.S. Army
- Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
- Spec. Jordan Blanton, U.S. Army
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- 1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
- Rear Adm. Sean Regan, U.S. Coast Guard
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- Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
- Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**QUINQUAGESIMA
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.

A POWERFUL MOTIVE FOR
CONFIDENCE
 IS THE INFINITE VALUE OF THE SUFFERINGS AND
 MERITS OF
JESUS CHRIST

from: *Spiritual Despondency and Temptations*,
 by Fr. P.J. Michel, S.J.

A soul that is addicted to despondency is swayed by fear, which prevents it from reflecting on the immovable foundations of confidence in God. We cannot therefore give her too many motives for overcoming that fear which harasses her incessantly. She will find a powerful one in the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which are as immense as the dignity of His person is infinite. This divine Savior, dying for all mankind, praying for all, offering for all His sufferings and his death, has merited for them all the graces which are necessary for them to overcome their spiritual enemy and to gain eternal happiness.

These merits which Jesus Christ did not need for himself He has given over to mankind. So that, according to St. Bernard, these merits become our own. And by offering them to the Father, we obtain that help which we need to strengthen us against the enemies of our salvation. It is from this principle that the Church, in all the prayers she makes to God, always invokes the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

“But,” exclaims a soul, frightened at the thought of her many past offences, “how must Our Lord and Savior look upon me, after the many outrages which I have committed against Him! Can He any longer interest Himself for one who has been so

long his enemy?” Can a well-instructed Christian soul have any doubt on this point? Did not Jesus Christ himself assure us that He came into the world to suffer and die for sinners; that He came chiefly to seek for sinners? Now, in the face of this assertion, will they still imagine that, because they are sinners, they will be refused the help they require to return to God? No, heaven and earth may pass away, but the promises of God shall not pass away unfulfilled.

These promises relate to sinners, and if there had been no sinners, would Jesus Christ have suffered? Would He have submitted to a cruel death? The more sinful man is, the more strikingly are the mercy of God, and the power of the Savior’s merits displayed. Is there any blacker crime than the treachery of Judas? Yes, answers St. Jerome, there is one still more enormous, *despair!* Judas rendered himself more guilty in taking away his own life than in betraying his divine Master.

Let us then never fear to have recourse to the merits of Jesus Christ. We honor them when we make use of them to obtain the helps which we need, since it was for this that Jesus Christ vouchsafed to acquire them and to give them over to us.

It is in applying them to our-

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ Confirmation Class

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation continues after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please make sure your child has studied the lesson before each class. Enrollment for this class is closed.

February 12 ~ Bible Study

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

13 de Febrero ~ Catecismo para Adultos

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

February 16 ~ Stations of the Cross

Lenten devotions of the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent at 7 p.m. after the 6 p.m. Mass.

February 17 ~ Altar Guild

Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. If your son wishes to serve Mass, please contact Fr. Dennis Gordon, (719) 382-0121.

selves through prayer and good works, that we fulfil the end for which they were purchased.

It would be a singular way of honoring them, the not daring to make use of them; it would be going directly against the end which our divine Savior proposed to Himself. In turning from His gifts as useless, we should not be evincing our esteem for them, but only proving our indifference.

Since we acknowledge that we are poor, weak, and miserable, should we not seek to enrich and to strengthen ourselves, and to cure our evils? Jesus Christ offers Himself to accomplish these miracles in us, by offering His infinite merits. With loving tenderness He says to us, “Come to me, all you that labor, and are burdened, and I will refresh you” (*Matthew 11:28*). Is it not therefore against

every principle, against every feeling, and still more against the intention of the Savior Himself to fear to have recourse to Him?

Temptation attacks the soul in every way. Through a sentiment of false humility a fear is conceived which fills the soul with dejection. Christian humility and sound reason require that we should recognize our unworthiness of heavenly benefits; but they do not require us to refuse those which are offered, or not to ask for those that have been promised to our prayers.

Still more does the gratitude which we owe to Jesus Christ require that we should obey His will, in profiting by His sufferings, to obtain the graces which He has earned for us. Never can we honor Him more than in corresponding to the merciful designs

MASS INTENTIONS
 FOR THIS WEEK

Monday February 12 ~ The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. — + Linda Vogel, by Kevin Vogel

Tuesday, February 13 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Fairfield, Penn.

Wednesday, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. — Private Intention
 8 a.m. — Scott Murphy, by his sister
 6 p.m. — Sanctity of the Parish

Thursday, February 15 ~ Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6 p.m. — Deceased Oblates of St. Benedict

Friday, February 16 ~ Friday after Ash Wednesday

8 a.m. — Perseverance of All called to Priesthood/ Religious Life
 6 p.m. — Most Holy Trinity Monastery

Saturday, February 17 ~ Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, February 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent

7 a.m. — Private Intention
 9 a.m. — Private Intention
 11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our parish priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

which He had in immolating Himself for us. On what could we rely to appease the justice of God outraged by sin, and to draw down his mercy, if not upon the merits of Our Savior? It is in presenting them to God that we may hope to disarm His anger.

Just as He can see in us only that which must provoke His justice, so in His Son He only sees

what solicits His mercy. This divine mercy is exercised in our behalf as soon as we, with sentiments of regret, present ourselves to him, under the shadow of the Savior’s cross and covered with His precious blood. And thus also is justice appeased. Mercy and truth, justice and peace make together a blessed treaty for us.

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