

# 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. Holy Hour 7 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. Holy Hour 7 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. Holy Hour 7 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 Priests' Meeting	20	21 Ember Wednesday	22 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 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 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	27	28	29 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 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.
- + Eileen Fain
- + 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
- Sgt. Jordan Blanton, U.S. Army
- 1st Lt. Jack Deeney, U.S. Army
- Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force
- 1st Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army
- Seaman Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy
- Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army
- 1st Lt. Jeffrey LaCoste, U.S. Space Force
- Airman 1st Class S. LaSeur, U.S. Air Force
- 1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
- Rear Adm. Sean Regan, U.S. Coast Guard
- 2nd Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army
- Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps
- Spec. James Tupper, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
- Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force
- Pvt. Michael Thomo, U.S. Army
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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT



**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.

# SUFFERING: HOW TO MAKE THE GREATEST EVIL IN OUR LIVES OUR GREATEST HAPPINESS

by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, O.P.

Suffering is the great problem of human life. We all have to suffer. Sometimes small sorrows, sometimes greater ones fall to our share. We shall now tell our readers how to avoid much of this suffering, how to lessen all suffering, and how to derive great benefits from every suffering we may have to bear. The reason why suffering appears so hard is that, first of all, we are not taught what suffering is. Secondly, we are not taught how to bear it. Thirdly, we are not taught the priceless value of suffering. This is due to the incomprehensible neglect on the part of our teachers. It is surprising how easily some people bear great sufferings; whereas, others get excited even at the smallest trouble. The simple reason is that some have been taught all about suffering; others have not.

First of all, then, suffering is not simply an evil, for no one suffered more than the Son of God

Himself, more than His Blessed Mother, or more than the saints. Every suffering comes from God. It may appear to come to us by chance or accident or from someone else, but in reality, every suffering comes to us from God. Nothing happens to us without His wish or permission. Not even a hair falls from our heads without his consent.

Why does God allow us to suffer? Simply because He is asking us to take a little share in his passion. What appears to come by chance or from someone else always comes because God allows it. Every act in our Lord's life was a lesson for us. The greatest act in His life was His passion. This, then, is the greatest lesson for us. It teaches us that we too must suffer. God suffered all the dreadful pains of His passion for each one of us. How can we refuse to suffer a little for love of Him,

Secondly, if we accept the suf-

fering He sends us and offer them in union with His sufferings, we receive the greatest rewards. Five minutes' suffering borne for love of Jesus is of greater value to us than years and years of pleasure and joy. The saints tell us that if we patiently bear our sufferings, we merit the crown of martyrdom.

Moreover, suffering borne patiently brings out all that is good in us. Those who have suffered are usually the most charming people. If we bear these facts clearly in mind, it certainly becomes much easier to suffer.

Thirdly, when God gives us any suffering, He always gives us strength to bear it, if we only ask Him. Many, instead of asking for His help, get excited and revolt. It is this excitement and impatience that really make suffering hard to bear. Consider that we are now speaking of all suffering, even the most trifling ones. All of us have little troubles, pains disappointments, every day of our lives. All

these, if borne for love of God, obtain for us, as we have said, the greatest rewards.

Even the greater sufferings that may fall to our share from time to time, become easy to bear if we accept them with serenity and patience. What really makes suffering difficult to bear is our own impatience, our revolt, our refusal to accept it. This irritation increases our sufferings, a hundredfold and, besides, robs us of all the merit we could have gained thereby. We see some people pass through a tempest of suffering with the greatest calm and serenity; whereas, others get irritated at the slightest annoyance or disappointment. We can all learn this calm and patience. It is the secret of happiness...

We must all do penance for our sins. If we do not, we shall have long years of suffering in the awful fires of Purgatory. This fire is just the same as the fire of Hell. Now, if we offer our sufferings,

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Today ~ *First Holy Communion Class*

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession continues after the 11 a.m. Mass. Enrollment for this class is closed.

### February 23 ~ *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 23-24 ~ *All-Night Adoration*

Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday. Adoration will begin after Stations of the Cross.

### February 25 ~ *Confirmation Class*

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

## LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

#### Current Practice:

Begins on one's 14th birthday.

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

Obliges abstention from flesh meat.

#### Discipline of 1962:

Begins on one's 7th birthday.

**Complete abstinence:** all Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Vigil of Christmas, Holy Saturday.

**Partial abstinence:** (meat, soup, meat gravy permitted once a day at the principle meal) all days of Lent, Ember Days, Vigil of Pentecost and the Assumption.

#### FAST DAYS

**Current Practice:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

Applies to all aged 18-59, inclusive.

One full meal permitted and two collations which, if combined, are less than a full meal.

#### Discipline of 1962

Applies to all aged 21-59, inclusive.

All days of Lent from Ash Wednesday, inclusive, Ember Days, Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost and the Assumption.

One full meal permitted and two collations which, if combined, are less than a full meal.

#### DAYS OF PENANCE

Applies to all the Faithful. Lent and all Fridays.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday February 19 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Scott Schneider, by Larry & Fran Rutherford

### Tuesday, February 20 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Noah Broestl, by Lee & Marty Broestl

### Wednesday, February 21 ~ *Ember Wednesday in Lent*

8 a.m. — + Marshall McCowen by McCowen Family

### Thursday, February 22 ~ *Chair of St. Peter*

6 p.m. — Fraternity of St. Peter

### Friday, February 23 ~ *Ember Friday of Lent*

8 a.m. — + Holy Souls  
6 p.m. — + Fr. John Harnady

### Saturday, February 24 ~ *Ember Saturday of Lent*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Sunday, February 25 ~ *Second Sunday of Lent*

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

### Mass Intentions

*Checks for Mass intentions must be made payable to Fr. James Gordon, not to the parish. Limit one Mass intention per family per month. Anonymous intentions will be forwarded to FSSP headquarters.*

the very little ones as well as the greater ones, in union with the sufferings of Jesus Christ, we are doing the easiest and best penance we can perform. We may thus deliver ourselves entirely from Purgatory, while at the same time gaining the greatest graces and blessings.

Let us remember clearly that: sufferings come from God for our benefit; when we are in the state of grace we derive immense merit

from every suffering borne patiently; God will give us abundant strength to bear our sufferings if only we ask Him; if we bear our sufferings patiently, they lose their sting and bitterness; above all, every suffering is a share in the Passion of Our Lord; by our sufferings, we can free ourselves in great part, or entirely, from the pains of Purgatory; by bearing our sufferings patiently, we win the glorious crown of martyrdom. +