

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday	1	2	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 p.m.	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday Confessions 4 p.m.
7 Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	8	9 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 p.m.	12 Abortion Prayer Vigil at noon	13 Young Roses Confessions 4 p.m.
14 2nd Sunday after Easter	15 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	16 Presbyteral Council	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 p.m.	19	20 Altar Guild Confessions 4 p.m.
21 3rd Sunday after Easter	22 Bible Study 7 p.m.	23 Diocesan Leadership Conference	24 Diocesan Leadership Conference	25 Confirmations 6 p.m.	26 All-Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	27 All-Night Adoration til 7:30 a.m. Confessions 4 p.m.
28 4th Sunday after Easter	29 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	30	1	2 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 p.m.	3 First Friday Homeschooler event after Mass	4 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
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1st Lt. Jack Deeney, U.S. Army
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



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

APRIL 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER



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.

PASTOR:

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

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

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

ARDENT DESIRES OF PERFECTION

from, *Practice of Mental Prayer and of Perfection according to St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross,*

by Fr. Alphonsus of the Mother of Sorrows, O.C.D.

It is very beneficial for us not to restrict our desires within narrow limits; we ought to believe on the contrary, that, relying on God, we may, by constant efforts aided by His grace, arrive with time at that perfection to which many saints have attained. If their souls had never conceived these great desires, if they had to by degrees reduced them to practice, they would never have ascended to so high a state.

God asks for and loves courageous souls, provided they are humble and confide in no wise in themselves. I have never seen any of these noble souls stop on the road to perfection, as also I have never seen any of those cowardly souls, who shelter themselves under the rampart of humility, make in many years the progress which the others make in such a short time.

I am quite astonished when I consider the rapid advance of these souls whose courage impels them to great things. Rising above the earth, they attain with one bound an astonishing height, and if their

strength soon fails them, if, like the young birds who wings are still feeble, they become tired and are constrained to rest, they have nevertheless traversed a great distance.

How many times have I not proved it and regarding important things! When, in the beginning of a holy undertaking, I have overcome the resistance of a cowardly nature, I have always had reason to rejoice.

When one acts purely for God, in order to increase our merit, He permits the soul to experience an undefinable fear until she begins the action; but the greater this fear is, the greater also is her recompense when she triumphs over it, and the greater the delights she finds in what had deemed so arduous to her. It pleases the divine Master, even in this life, to repay this great courage, by intimate delights known only to souls who taste them.

Wherefore, I dare to say, if I had to give advice: learn by my experience not to listen to the fears of nature, and do not be diffident of the goodness of God, when He

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ Confirmation Class

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation resumes after the 11 a.m. Mass.

April 15 ~ Adult Catechism

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

April 20 ~ Altar Guild

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

April 21 ~ Confirmation Class

Final preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation continues after the 11 a.m. Mass.

April 25 ~ Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmations begin at 6 p.m. by Bishop James Golka, with Benediction to follow. There will be a potluck reception afterwards in the parish hall. To attend reception, please RSVP in the vestibule.

repeatedly inspires you with some great design. If His glory is your only aim, do not fear that it will not succeed, for this great God is all-powerful. May He be blessed for ever and ever! Amen.

We must then open our souls to a great confidence. I have often thought of the expression of St. Paul, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (*Philippians 4:13*). For, of myself I felt I could do nothing.

This thought was very useful to me as also these words of St. Augustine, "Give me, O Lord, what Thou dost command and command what Thou does wish" (*Confessions*). I also loved to consider that St. Peter lost nothing by casting himself into the sea,

in spite of the fear with which he was afterwards seized.

These first resolutions are of great importance, yet beginners ought to proceed with restraint, with discretion, and according to the advice of their spiritual guide; but they ought to take care not to choose one who would make them proceed at the pace of a tortoise, and who is satisfied with teaching them only to hunt little lizards.

The banner of humility must always advance before us, that we may learn that strength comes not from ourselves. But we should have a right idea of this humility. For the demon, I doubt not, does much harm to persons of prayer and prevents them from making great progress, by giving them a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday April 15 ~ Feria in Paschaltide

8 a.m. — Tiffany Rodacy, by Rodacy Family

Tuesday, April 16 ~ Feria in Paschaltide

8 a.m. — Special Intention

Wednesday, April 17 ~ Feria in Paschaltide

8 a.m. — + Luz Maria Loza Casillas, by Maribel Sanchez

Thursday, April 18 ~ Feria in Paschaltide

6 p.m. — Special Intention

Friday, April 19 ~ Feria in Paschaltide

8 a.m. — Joshua Harris, by Harris Family

Saturday, April 20 ~ Saturday of Our Lady

8 a.m. — + Francis Kwitek, by Smiley Family

Sunday, April 21 ~ Third Sunday after Easter

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Conversion of hardened sinners

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our parish priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

false idea of this virtue.

He makes them believe there is pride in forming great desires, in which to imitate the saints in longing to be martyrs. Soon he tells them or gives them to understand, that the actions of the saints are to be admired, and not imitated by such sinners as we are. I do not contest that, I only say we have need to discern that which we can imitate and that which we can only admire.

Thus, it would not be suitable

for a weak and sickly person to impose on himself frequent fasts, austere penances, retirement into a desert, where there would be no means of sleeping or of finding food, not to speak of many other privations of this kind. But we must think that, by generous efforts and with the help of God we can arrive, as did the saints, at a great contempt of the world, contempt of honors and at detachment from temporal goods.

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