

APRIL 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 Daily Mass 8 a.m. 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.
+ Eileen Fain
+ Frances Kwitek
+ Rick Peters

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Sgt. Luis Arvelo-Massari, 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
Seaman Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy
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Pvt. Michael Thomo, 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



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

APRIL 21, 2024

THIRD 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.

HUMILITY

A COMMENDATION OF HUMILITY, WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL VIRTUES

from, *Humility and the Elevation of the Mind to God*,
by Thomas à Kempis.

“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart” (*Matthew 11:29*), says the Lord. Our highest teacher and lawgiver, Jesus Christ, urged us to learn the virtue of humility. For whoever cultivates this marvelous virtue will quickly arrive at spiritual perfection. But without humility, no amount of study of Sacred Scripture or theology, nor any efforts at good works are able to achieve anything lasting. In vain are all our labors unless they are accompanied by humility.

The very first lesson of Christ is, therefore, humility of heart; for this is the foundation of all virtues and indispensable to the attainment of eternal salvation. Whoever desires to receive grace now and eternal life in the world to come should, therefore, study Christ’s lesson and example of humility with diligence. But whoever neglects humility will lose any benefits their good thoughts and works would otherwise have gained them.

It behooves each Christian soul to meditate carefully on the teachings of Christ. This includes all religious, all priests, all bishops, all servants, all nobles, all commoners, all the educated, and all the

simple. And Christ teaches us humility, not pride. He teaches us useful things, not vanities. He teaches what is true, not what is false; what is heavenly, not what is earthly.

Any person who imitates the example of Christ will quickly become wise and happy. Humility was a particular virtue of Christ; it is therefore feared by the devil and despised by the world. But those who hold it firmly in their hearts are pleasing to God and His angels. Such people will have a secure and blessed passage from this world to the next in accordance with Christ’s words, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (*Matthew 5:3*).

Without humility, there is neither salvation nor real virtue. Nor can any action done without humility be pleasing to God. Any work or deed — no matter how noble or persevering — achieves nothing for the soul if it is motivated or accompanied by pride and arrogance.

Profound humility is a stronghold of all the virtues and triumphs over all their enemies. The one to whom humility is granted shall exult in the grace of Christ. For it

Upcoming Parish Events

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

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. Class will be held in the Library.

April 22 ~ Bible Study
Fr. Dennis Gordon continues an in-depth study of the book of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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 the reception, please RSVP in the vestibule. Daily Mass on Thursday will be at 8 a.m.

April 26-27 ~ All-Night Adoration
Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

April 28 ~ 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. Please make sure your child has studied for this week’s lesson. Enrollment for this class is closed.

makes a person like the Lord’s intimate friend, who willingly and joyfully submits himself to whatever Divine Providence determines. The truly humble person ascribes all good things he does to his Creator and is willing to resign himself in all imaginable situations.

But without humility, any aspirations or pretensions to sanctity remain empty and fruitless. External piety and uprightness mean nothing unless accompanied by

internal humility. While humility is a ladder ascending to the highest blessedness, its absence can easily cast the soul down to hell. An example of this is to be found in the parable of the humble and contrite tax-collector and the proud and presumptuous Pharisee (*see Luke 18:9-14*). Call to mind and be horrified at the fate of Lucifer, who in his pride was cast out of heaven. Consider the humble poor man, Lazarus, who was taken up by the angels to rejoice in the bosom of Abraham (*see Luke 16:19-31*).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday April 22 ~ Sts. Soter & Caius
8 a.m. — + Eric Lemmon, by Marc & Nichole Snyder

Tuesday, April 23 ~ St. George
8 a.m. — St. Michael Guild

Wednesday, April 24 ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
8 a.m. — + Donald Strobel, by Imelda Strobel

Thursday, April 25 ~ St. Mark
8 a.m. — *Confirmandi*

Friday, April 26 ~ Sts. Cletus and Marcellinus
8 a.m. — + Holy Souls

Saturday, April 27 ~ St. Peter Canisius
8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

Sunday, April 28 ~ Fourth Sunday after Easter
7 a.m. — Leticia Muñozcano
9 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our parish priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

Thus it was that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, proclaimed in her wondrous canticle, “He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly” (*Luke 1:52*). There are, indeed, a vast multitude of examples of this in Sacred Scripture, aside from those mentioned above. For new spiritual perils arise daily for all who grow proud because of their imagined virtue or strength.

The person who is intent upon gaining the approval of others and

being thought of as great becomes more and more distant from God. And such people pass away like the vanishing smoke or fading shadows.

Everyone who is proud becomes impure in the sight of God. Proud people do not truly know themselves, nor do they perceive their own calling, condition, and destiny clearly. The more pride raises up one’s own self-estimation, the more liable one becomes to the judgment of God.

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