

# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.
5 5th Sunday after Easter	6 Bible Study 7 p.m.	7 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	8	9 Ascension of Our Lord	10 Abortion Prayer Vigil at noon	11 Young Roses Confessions 4 p.m.
12 Sunday after Ascension Mother's Day	13 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	14	15	16 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 p.m.	17	18 Altar Guild Confessions 4 p.m.
19 Pentecost Sunday	20 Bible Study 7 p.m.	21 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	22	23 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour 7 p.m.	24 All-Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	25 All-Night Adoration til 7:30 a.m. Confessions 4 p.m.
26 Trinity Sunday First Communions	27 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	28	29 F.S.S.P. Ordinations	30	31	1 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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- 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
- Pvt. Michael Thomo, U.S. Army
- Spec. James Tupper, U.S. Army
- 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



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

APRIL 28, 2024

**FOURTH 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.**

# MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY

from: *The Twelve Steps to Holiness and Salvation*,  
which is based on the works of St. Alphonsus Liguori

“Learn of me, because I am meek and humble of heart” (*Matthew 11:29*).

Humility is called by the saints the foundation and safeguard of all the virtues. If it is not the most prominent among the virtues, it occupies, according to St. Thomas, the first place as the foundation of the rest. In the erection of a building, the basement comes before the walls and pillars, even though the latter be of gold.

And so in the spiritual life humility must precede everything else in order to banish pride, to which God is so opposed. He, therefore, who endeavors to acquire the other virtues without humility, says St. Gregory, is scattering dust before the wind.

The virtue of humility was little known and less loved on earth; indeed, it was thoroughly despised. Pride reigned everywhere, for it was an unfortunate inheritance of the human race bequeathed to his posterity by Adam. The Son of God descended from Heaven to teach man by word and example the value of humility, and with this end in view He went so far as to “empty Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as

a man. He humbled Himself... even to the death of the cross” (*Philippians 2:7*). His first appearance on earth was in the humble stable of Bethlehem; the greater portion of His mortal life was spent in humble retirement at Nazareth. He departed this life, humbled and despised, on the summit of Mt. Calvary; and He calls out to each one of us, “I have given you an example that as I have done, so you do also” (*John 13:15*). By this He means to say, “My dear children, I have endured all this humiliation and contempt that you might follow My example.” With regard to the humility of Jesus Christ, St. Augustine says, “If this medicine does not cure us of pride, I know not what other remedy can do so.”

“Every proud man in an abomination to the Lord,” says the Holy Ghost (*Proverbs 16:5*). The proud man is a thief because he appropriates what belongs to God from whom, as St. Paul says, he has received everything.

If a horse were decked with gorgeous trappings would it — supposing it were able to do so — pride itself on having such fine adornments, knowing that at a moment’s notice its master could take them away? The proud man is

guilty of falsehood, for all the goods that he possesses both in the order of nature and grace are the gifts of God. “By the grace of God I am what I am,” says the Apostle (*1 Corinthians 15:10*), for “we are not sufficient to think any thing of ourselves, as of our selves, but our sufficiency is from God” (*2 Corinthians 3:5*).

“Humble yourself,” says St. Augustine, “and God will descend to unite Himself with you; but if you are proud He will depart from you.” The Royal Prophet had said the same thing long before: God looks upon the humble with loving eyes, but the proud He sees from afar. When the rebel angels grew

proud, God drove them from His sight and cast them into the abyss for God’s Word must be fulfilled, “Whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be humbled” (*Matthew 23:12*). St. Peter Damian relates that a certain proud man once heard these words of our Lord read in the Gospel at Holy Mass. “That is not true,” he said, “for if I humbled myself I would lose my possessions and the respect of my fellowmen.” Now what happened? He fought a duel in defense of his property, and his antagonist, striking him in the mouth with his weapon, pieced his blasphemous tongue and stretched him dead on the ground.

## 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.

### Today ~ *Camp St. Alphonsus Enrollment Closes*

Today is the last day to sign up for the parish boys’ summer camp at San Isabel National Forest, June 3-8. This camp is open to boys, ages 10-18. An informational meeting will be held May 5 after 11 a.m. Mass. Contact Chris Seltzer at (575) 545-1734.

### April 29 ~ *Adult Catechism*

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

### May 12 ~ *Mother’s Day Brunch*

Ladies, take a break! Men of the parish will host the Sunday Brunch after the 11 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend. Men may sign up in the vestibule to volunteer. Contact Kris McCowen at (719) 352-1519.

### May 12 ~ *May Crowning*

Children of the parish will honor Our Lady with flowers on Mother’s Day. To participate, please bring fresh flowers on May 12. Contact Anita McCowen at [cosfssp@gmail.com](mailto:cosfssp@gmail.com).

## † MASS INTENTIONS † FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday April 29 ~ *St. Peter*

8 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P., by  
Medina Family

### Tuesday, April 30 ~ *St. Catherine of Siena*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Wednesday, May 1 ~ *St. Joseph the Workman*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Thursday, May 2 ~ *St. Athanasius*

6 p.m. — Strobel Family, by Greg Strobel

### Friday, May 3 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide*

8 a.m. — Reparation to Sacred Heart of Jesus  
6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Saturday, May 4 ~ *St. Monica*

8 a.m. — Private Intention  
11:30 a.m. — Reparation to Immaculate Heart  
of Mary

### Sunday, May 5 ~ *Fifth Sunday after Easter*

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.*

The Lord has promised to hear all who call upon Him, “Everyone that asketh, receiveth” (*Matthew 7:8*). But to the proud man God will not listen. “God resisteth the proud, says St. James, “and giveth grace to the humble” (*James 4:6*). Yes, God hastens to open His hand and bestow upon the humble what they desire.

“Lord, give me the treasure of humility,” prayed St. Augustine. Humility is called a treasure because the Lord sees to it that the

humble abound in good things. When man’s heart is full of himself, there is no room for God’s gifts. Man must therefore, as it were, be emptied of himself by the knowledge of his own nothingness. “He that is mighty hath done great things to me” said the Blessed Virgin Mary, “because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid” (*Luke 1:48*); that is to say, He hath considered the knowledge I have of my own nothingness. † † †