

# JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Trinity Sunday First Communion	27	28 Daily Mass Cancelled	29 Daily Mass Cancelled	30 Daily Mass Cancelled	31 Daily Mass Cancelled	1 First Saturday Confessions 4 p.m.
2 External Solemnity of Corpus Christi	3 Boys' Camp	4 Boys' Camp	5 Boys' Camp	6 Boys' Camp Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	7 Boys' Camp First Friday	8 Boys' Camp Confessions 4 p.m.
9 External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart	10	11	12	13 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	14 Abortion Prayer Vigil at noon	15 Men's Schola Confessions 4 p.m.
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	17	18	19	20 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	21	22 Men's Schola Confessions 4 p.m.
23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	24	25	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	28 All-Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	29 All-Night Adoration til 7:30 a.m.
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday

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**Please pray for:**

**The Repose of the Souls of:**

+ 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  
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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass

**JUNE 2, 2024**

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**



**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.

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

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRIESTLY OFFICE

From: *Dignity and Duties of the Priest*,  
by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The dignity of the priest is estimated from the exalted nature of his offices. Priests are chosen by God to manage on earth all His concerns and interests. "Divine," says St. Cyril of Alexandria, "are the offices confided to priests." St. Ambrose has called the priestly office a divine profession. A priest is a minister destined by God to be a public ambassador of the whole Church, to honor Him, and to obtain His graces for all the faithful. The entire Church cannot give to God as much honor, nor obtain so many graces, as a single priest by celebrating a single Mass; for the greatest honor that the whole Church without priests could give to God would consist in offering to Him in sacrifice the lives of all men. But of what value are the lives of all men compared with sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which is a sacrifice of infinite value? What are all men before God but a little dust? "As a drop of a bucket...as a little dust" (*Isaiah 40:15,17*). They are but a mere nothing in His sight, "All nations are before Him as if they had no being at all." Thus, by the celebration of a single Mass, in which he offers Jesus Christ in sacrifice, a priest gives greater honor to the Lord, than if all men by dying for God offered to Him the sacrifice of their lives. By a single Mass, he gives greater honor to God than all the angels

and saints, along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, have given or shall give to Him; for their worship cannot be of infinite value, like that which the priest celebrating on the altar offers to God.

Moreover, in the holy Mass, the priest offers to God an adequate thanksgiving for all the graces bestowed even on the blessed in paradise; but such a thanksgiving all the saints together are incapable of offering to Him. Hence it is that on this account also the priestly dignity is superior even to all celestial dignities. Besides, the priest, says St. John Chrysostom, is an ambassador of the whole world, to intercede with God and to obtain graces for all creatures. The priest, according to St. Ephrem, "treats familiarly with God." To priests every door is open.

Jesus has died to institute the priesthood. It was not necessary for the Redeemer to die in order to save the world; a drop of His blood, a single tear, or prayer, was sufficient to procure salvation for all; for such a prayer, being of infinite value, should be sufficient to save not one but a thousand worlds. But to institute the priesthood, the death of Jesus Christ has been necessary. Had He not died, where should we find the victim that the priests of the New Law now offer? A victim altogether holy and immaculate, capable of

giving to God an honor worthy of God. As has been already said, all the lives of men and angels are not capable of giving to God an infinite honor like that which a priest offers to Him by a single Mass.

The dignity of the priest is also estimated from the power that he has over the real and the mystic body of Jesus Christ.

With regard to the power of priests over the real body of Jesus Christ, it is of faith that when they pronounce the words of consecration the Incarnate Word has obliged Himself to obey and to come into their hands under the sacramental species. We are struck with wonder when we hear that God obeyed the voice of Joshua, "The Lord obeying the voice of man" and made the sun stand when he said "move not, O sun, towards Gabaon, ...and the sun stood still" (*Joshua 10:14*). But our wonder should be far greater

when we find that in obedience to the words of His priests — *HOC EST CORPUS MEUM* — God Himself descends on the altar, that He comes wherever they call Him, and as often as they call Him, and places Himself in their hands, even though they should be His enemies. And after having come, He remains, entirely at their disposal; they move Him as they please, from one place to another; they may, if they wish, shut him up in the tabernacle, or expose Him on the altar, or carry Him outside the church; they may, if they choose, eat His flesh, and give Him for the food of others. "Oh, how every great is their power," says St. Laurence Justinian, speaking of priests. "A word falls from their lips and the body of Christ is there substantially formed from the matter of bread, and the Incarnate Word descended from heaven is found really present on the table of

## Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ Fr. Ohotnicky to offer Sunday Mass

Fr. Charles Ohotnicky, newly-ordained F.S.S.P. priest and Immaculate Conception parishioner, will offer the 11 a.m. Sung Mass today.

There will be a potluck reception for him in the parish hall after Mass for those who have registered to attend.

June 3-8 ~ **Camp St. Alphonsus**

The parish boys' summer camp is this week at San Isabella State Park. For more information, contact Chris Seltzer at (575) 545-1734.

June 8 ~ **St. Gregory Men's Schola**

Schola to rehearse from 10 a.m.–11 a.m. To join or for more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday June 3 ~ **Feria**

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

Tuesday, June 4 ~ **St. Francis Caracciolo**

8 a.m. — + Deceased Members of the Smith & Salvadori Families, by Eric Smith

Wednesday, June 5 ~ **St. Boniface**

8 a.m. — Jill Demian, by the Guilez Family

Thursday, June 6 ~ **St. Norbert**

6 p.m. — + James P. Gordon, Jr.

Friday, June 7 ~ **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

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

Saturday, June 8 ~ **Saturday of Our Lady**

8 a.m. — + Joanne Patton, by the McCowen Family

Sunday, June 9 ~ **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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

† Fr. Dennis Gordon may accept Mass Intentions. Checks for Mass intentions must be made payable to Fr. Dennis Gordon, not to the parish. Limit one Mass intention per family per month. †

the altar! Never did divine goodness give such power to the angels. The angels abide by the order of God, but the priests take Him in their hands, distribute Him to the faithful, and partake of Him as food for themselves."

With regard to the *mystic* body of Christ, that is, all the faithful, the priest has the power of the keys, or the power of delivering sinners from hell, of making them worthy of paradise, and of changing them from the slaves of satan into the children of God. And God Himself is obliged to abide by the

judgment of His priests, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution, provided the penitent is capable of it. "Such is," says St. Maximus of Turin, "this judiciary power ascribed to [the apostle] Peter that its decision carries with it the decision of God." The sentence of the priest precedes, and God subscribes to it, writes St. Peter Damian. Hence St. John Chrysostom thus concludes, "The Sovereign Master of the universe only follows the servant by confirming in heaven all that the latter decides upon earth." † † †