

# OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel	30 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	1	2	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday Roses of Mary Field Trip
6 20th Sunday after Pentecost	7 Bible Study 7 p.m.	8	9	10 No Choir Rehearsal	11 Abortion Prayer Vigil Noon	12 No Roses of Mary No Men's Schola
13 21st Sunday after Pentecost	14 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Altar Guild Men's Schola
20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	21 Bible Study 7 p.m.	22	23	24	25 All-Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	26 All-Night Adoration ends 7:45 a.m.
27 Christ the King All Saints' Party <i>Election Novena</i>	28 Adult Catechism 7 p.m. <i>Election Novena</i>	29 <i>Election Novena</i>	30 <i>Election Novena</i>	31 <i>Election Novena</i>	1 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) <i>Election Novena</i>	2 All Souls' Day <i>Election Novena</i>

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Pvt. Michael Thomo, U.S. Army  
2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force  
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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass

OCTOBER 27, 2024

### CHRIST THE KING



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

**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.

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

# The FIRST RULE for DYING WELL

*The Art of Dying Well*, by St. Robert Cardinal Bellarmine, S.J.

I now come to the rules of the art of dying well. We will divide this art into two parts. In the first part we give the rules that we should use while we are in good health. In the second we will give those that we will need when we suffer such a dangerous illness that death is probably imminent. In the first part we shall begin by providing the rules which pertain to the virtues, then those which pertain to the sacraments. For by these two we are especially helped both to live well and to die well. However, a general rule should, it seems, be set before these, namely, that one should live well if one desires to die well. For since death is merely the end of life, surely everyone who lives well up to the end cannot die badly, since he has never lived badly, just as he who has always lived badly dies badly, and one cannot fail to die badly if he has never lived well. We see this in all sorts of examples. For those who keep to the right path arrive without fail at the place where they are going. But those who wander from the right path, will never find its end. And those who diligently apply themselves to the study of the sciences emerge in a short time as knowledgeable or even as teachers. But those who frequent the schools, but do not prepare their minds to learn the disciplines, waste their time and effort.

Someone might raise as an objection the good thief who always lived badly, yet ended his life well and happily. That was not the case;

rather the good thief lived piously and holily and for that reason met a good and holy death. Though he spent the greater part of his life in crime, nonetheless he spent another part of his life in such a holy manner that he easily rid himself of past sins and acquired extraordinary merit. For burning with love for God, he openly defended Christ from the calumnies of the wicked; and burning equally with love for neighbor, he admonished and corrected his own blaspheming companion and tried to recall him to a better life. For he was still living this mortal life when he said to his companion, "Do you not even fear God, seeing that you are under the same sentence? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what our deeds deserved; but this Man has done nothing wrong" (*Luke 23:40-41*). This same thief had not died, but was still living, when he cried out loudly, confessing and invoking Christ, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom" (*Luke 23:42*). Thus he was apparently one of those who came to the vineyard last and received his reward before those who came first (*Matthew 20:8-9*).

Hence, the statement is true and universal: one who lives badly, dies badly. Yet no one can deny that it is dangerous to put off conversion from sins to justice until the end of life, that they are far happier who have borne the yoke of God's law "from their youth" (*Lamentations 3:27*), as Jeremiah says, and that those are most happy in every re-

## Upcoming Parish Events

**October 28 ~ Adult Catechism**  
Fr. James Gordon will continue his series of lectures on Spiritual Theology 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**November 1 ~ No Homeschoolers' Event**  
There will be no Homeschoolers' breakfast and activities this month. Next meeting will be Dec. 6.

**November 2 ~ Prayers at Cemetery for All Souls**  
We will meet at Pikes Peak National Cemetery, 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs; to pray for the departed souls after the 8 a.m. Mass. There will be no First Saturday devotions this month.

**November 3 ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends 2 a.m.**  
"Fall back" — remember to set your clocks back one hour.

**November 4 ~ Bible Study**  
Fr. Dennis Gordon will continue his lectures on the Gospel of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Next week he will cover chapter 26.

**November 5 ~ Annual Parish Consecration to Our Lady**  
Our annual 33-day consecration according to St. Louis de Montfort will begin Nov. 5 and continue through Dec. 7.

spect who "were purchased from among men, the first fruits unto God and unto the Lamb," who not only "were undefiled with women," but "in their mouth was found no lie; they are without blemish before the throne of God" (*Revelation 14:4-5*). Such was the Prophet Jeremiah and John, greater than a prophet, and especially the Mother of the Lord, and many other men and women, whom only God in His knowledge knows. Let our first thesis remain that the rule of dying well depends upon the rule of living well. Indeed for anyone to live well, he must, first of all, die to the world before he dies to bodily life. For all who live for the world are dead to God, and no one can begin

to live for God unless he first dies to the world. This truth is proclaimed in Holy Scripture with such great evidence that only infidels and unbelievers could doubt it. And since two or three witnesses establish any claim (*Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 13:1*), I will produce the apostles, Sts. John, James and Paul, witnesses beyond all exception, in whom the Holy Spirit, Who is the Spirit of truth, spoke most clearly. John the Apostle and Evangelist wrote and has Christ Himself say, "The prince of this world is coming, and in Me he has nothing" (*John 14:30*), where He understands by the prince of this world the devil, who is prince of all the

## + MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, October 28 ~ Sts. Simon and Jude**  
8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

**Tuesday, October 29 ~ Feria**  
8 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence P. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

**Wednesday, October 30 ~ Feria**  
8 a.m. — + George Forster, by Helene Forster

**Thursday, October 31 ~ Feria**  
6 p.m. — + Marvin Watson, by Corina Watson

**Friday, November 1 ~ All Saints**  
6:30 a.m. — Private Intention  
8 a.m. — Alex Hulett  
6 p.m. — *Pro Populo*

**Saturday, November 2 ~ Commemoration of All Souls**  
8 a.m. — + Faithful Departed  
11:30 a.m. — + Faithful Departed

**Sunday, November 3 ~ Resumed Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
7 a.m. — Private Intention  
9 a.m. — Private Intention  
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

+ Fr. James and Fr. Dennis Gordon are accepting Mass intentions. +

wicked. And by this world He understands the assembly of all sinners who love the world and are loved by the world. A bit later He says, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love what is its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (*John 15:18-19*). And in another place, He says, "Not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given Me" (*John 17:9*), where Christ clearly shows that the word "world" is understood

those who in the judgment will hear along with their prince, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire" (*Matthew 25:41*). St. John also adds in his Letter, "Do not love the world, or the things that are in the world, if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him; because all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, which is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world with its lust is passing away, but he who does the will of God abides forever" (*1 John 2:15-17*). + + +