

# DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7 First Saturday
8 2nd Sunday of Advent	9 <b>Immaculate Conception</b> (transferred)	10	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta	13 Abortion Vigil Noon	14 Rorate Mass 6 a.m.
15 3rd Sunday of Advent	16	17	18 Ember Day	19	20 Ember Day	21 Day of Recollection
22 4th Sunday of Advent	23	24 Vigil of Christmas	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27 All Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	28 All Night Adoration ends 7:30 a.m.
29 Sunday in the Octave of Christmas	30	31	1 <b>Feast of the Circumcision</b>	2	3 First Friday	4 First Saturday

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**Please pray for:**

**Parishioners who serve our nation:**

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force	2nd. Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army
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Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force	Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps
Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy	Pvt. Michael Thomo, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army	2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force
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1st Lt. Jeffrey LaCoste, U.S. Space Force	Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army	Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army
	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."*

DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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.

# GOD is BANNED

*The Surrender to Secularism,*

by Most Reverend Cuthbert M. O’Gara, C.P., D.D.

Communism is an evil that menaces us from without; secularism is a deadly cancer eating at the very vitals of our national life. The corrosive influence of secularism has already made tremendous inroads into every phase of our national existence. Business and government, labor and education, religion, the arts, the science, all have felt its base impact. No department of our national life is immune. Consciously or unconsciously, secularism is being preached and taught in our secular universities and who will dare deny that this evil influence is not felt even in the supposedly guarded environs of our Catholic institutions of higher learning. Most terrible of all, secularism is apotheosized [glorified] in the lives of our people. Every organ of communication — the stage, television, radio, moving pictures, the press — all carry their message of raw materialism. No spiritual values; no fixed canons of morality; what the majority want and do determines the acceptable norms of conduct. Dare to question these norms and you are at once branded as old-fashioned and reactionary — a square. The incantation of secularism is everywhere being dinned into our ears — eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.

Basically, philosophically, communism and secularism are one; both are predicted on the same premise — the materialistic concept of life. They are one in their materialism one in their pragmatism, one in their atheism. It is high time that our American people, especially our Catholic people, awake to this fact and realized its malevolent

implications.

If man is all animal, if there is nothing in his make-up but matter, if man’s soul is not immortal if man’s only motivation is economic and pleasure seeking — no eternal destiny, no absolutes, no God — then Kosygin and Brezhnev and Mao Tse-tung are right and differ from our American secularists only in being more logical in following a false philosophy to its ultimate, hideous conclusion: the complete degradation of the human person.

In other worlds, we are nourishing in our breast at home the very viper whose head, with so much fanfare and sinister hypocrisy, we set out to crush in the far corners of the globe.

Communism and secularism are philosophical bedfellows. The unholy union between them is cemented by their mutual and relentless antagonism to religion. Herein lies the reason, why as a nation, the United States is so soft on communism...

Communism steadily and ruthlessly advances while the Free World just as steadily and cravenly gives way. Communists are unrelenting and unrelaxed in the militant materialism; always and everywhere, they openly profess and consistently practice their dialectic materialism; they are resolute in their policy of expansion whether by intrigue or force; dogged in their determination to conquer the world including the United States. On the other hand the supposedly Christian West, because of the pervading and corroding secularist miasma, compromises on its basic political and

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Today ~ *Christmas Choir Rehearsal*

Rehearsal for Christmas Carols to be sung before the Christmas Midnight Mass starts one half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass. All skill levels welcome. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

### Today ~ *Public Vespers to be Sung in Chapel at 2:30 p.m.*

Please join our parish priests to sing Vespers in the chapel this afternoon, this will conclude the day’s events.

### December 21 ~ *Parish Day of Silent Recollection*

To prepare our hearts for Christmas, our pastors will present a Day of Silent Recollection, following the morning Mass. Bring your own breakfast, lunch, and book for spiritual reading. This event is for adults and teens, please do not bring small children.

### December 27-28 ~ *All-Night Adoration*

Sign up in the vestibule; one-hour time slots available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

*Diocesan policy stipulates Mass Stipends are \$10 per Mass*

religious principles and makes dismal appeasement an established policy.

Obsession with secularism vitiates hallowed traditions and corrodes nation patriotism.

Despite the brutal, murderous, perfidious history of the Soviets and Red China, we persist in doing business with them, we sit at table with them and drink their health; and when their high officials with crime-soiled records are pleased to visit our shores, we spread out the plush carpet for them... When the Catholic country of Hungary rose, to a man, to throw off the communist yoke [in 1988-1989], we stood silently by whilst every spiritual value our forefathers fought for, and built our nation on, were mocked and trampled into the dirt.

Why this exasperating, shame-

ful inconsistency? To me the answer is very plain. In a communist prison the brutal principles of dialectic materialism were monotonously drilled into my ears, namely that there is no God, no soul, no afterlife, no virtue, that there is but one meritorious attitude of mind — complete submission to the ruling Peoples’ Government.

Within the borders of the United States, in class rooms and on platforms, the same perfidious principles are being continuously expounded before our American youth, that there is no God, no soul, no afterlife, no absolutes, no stable morality, that what the majority decrees and does, howsoever outrageous to our Christian morality or contradictory to the teachings of Christ, is the accepted standard of modern morals and good manners. If this seems too severe a stricture

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 16 ~ *St. Eusebius*

8 a.m. — + Barbara Esser, by Kristen Taylor

### Tuesday, December 17 ~ *Greater Feria of Advent*

8 a.m. — Denver Miner, by Linda Kartes

### Wednesday, December 18 ~ *Ember Wednesday of Advent*

8 a.m. — Mary Lynn Reichelt, by Catrina LaRochelle

### Thursday, December 19 ~ *Greater Feria of Advent*

6 p.m. — Andrew Becket Gordon

### Friday, December 20 ~ *Ember Friday of Advent*

8 a.m. — Nelson 50th Wedding Anniversary

### Saturday, December 21 ~ *St. Thomas*

8 a.m. — + Betsy Dean, by the McCowen Family

### Sunday, December 22 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7 a.m. — All Benefactors of Fr. Dennis Gordon

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

*Fr. Dennis Gordon is accepting Mass intentions.  
Limit one Mass intention per family per month.*

on our American school system — listen to Pope Pius XII. This saintly churchman and great scholar, in an address on the Progress and Problems of the Church in the United states declared: “We raise Our voice in strong, albeit paternal complaint, that in so many schools of your land Christ is often despised or ignored; the explanation of the universe and mankind is forced within the narrow limits of materialism or of rationalism, and new educational systems are sought after which cannot but produce a sorrowful harvest in the intellectual and moral life of the nation.”

...Secularism and communism, to repeat once more, are natural

bedfellows. Communism looks upon the Catholic Church as its implacable enemy and seeks to destroy her. Secularism, from its inception, has been anti-religious and anti-Roman.

This will explain why, if a choice had to be made between communism and the Catholic Church, many of our civil leaders, the majority of professors in our state and secular universities, together with a substantial number of non-Catholic clergymen, would choose communism. Such is the considered judgment of observers of wide experience on the present-day political scene. + + +