

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 Immaculate Conception (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 Christmas Day	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 Feast of the Circumcision	2	3 First Friday	4 First Saturday

Church Location:
626 Aspen Dr.
Security, Colo. 80911
(719) 382-0121

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 5211
Colorado Springs,
Colo. 80931-5211

Sacramental Emergency:
(719) 464-6129

Parish Registration, Records, Inquiries:
cosfssp@gmail.com

www.COSFSSP.org

VOLUNTEERS

St. Benedict Altar Guild
Nathan Wike: cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com

Choir
Kelsey Villalobos: (719) 651-9800

Ushers
Kris McCowen: (719) 352-1519

Pro-Life Events
Michael Smiley (719) 502-9149
Michelle Smiley (719) 447-7236

Home-Schoolers' First Friday
Gracey Wike:
cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com

Young Roses of Mary Girls' Group
Amy Seltzer: caseltzer@gmail.com

Take-Them-a-Meal/Sunday Brunch
Marcella Guilez dmjmfamilyllove@aol.com

Housekeeping
Jennifer Villalobos: (719) 651-8135

Bulletin
Jill Demian: JMDemian@tutanota.com

Please pray for:

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force	2nd. Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Jack Deeney, U.S. Army	Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army
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
Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army	Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
2nd Lt. Alexander Kleitz, U.S. Space Force	Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force
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 22, 2024

FOURTH 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.

+ +

The ETERNAL WORD becomes Little

The Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ,
by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

In order to force us to love Him, God would not commission others, but chose to come Himself in person to be made man and to redeem us. St. John Chrysostom makes a beautiful reflection on these words of the apostle: "For nowhere doth He take hold of the angels, but of the seed of Abraham He taketh hold" (*Hebrews 2:16*). Why, asks the saint, did he not say "received," but rather "apprehended"? Why did not St. Paul simply say that God assumed human flesh? Why would he affirm with marked emphasis that He took it, as it were, by force, according to the strict meaning of the word "apprehend"? He answers that he spoke thus, making use of the metaphor of those who give chase to the flying. By this he would convey the idea that God already longed to be loved by man, but man turned his back upon Him, and cared not even to know of His love; therefore God came from heaven, and took human flesh, to make Himself known in this way, and to make Himself loved, as it were, by force by ungrateful man, who fled from Him.

For this, then, did the Eternal Word become man; for this He, moreover, became an infant. He could, indeed have appeared upon this earth a full-grown man, as the first man Adam appeared. No, the Son of God wished to present Himself under the form of a sweet little child, that thus He might the more readily and the more forcibly draw to Himself the love of man. Little

children of themselves are loved at once, and to see them and to love them is the same thing. With this view, says St. Francis de Sales, the Eternal Word chose first to be seen among men as an infant, to conciliate to Himself the love of all mankind.

St. Peter Chrysologus writes: "How should our Lord come, who wishes to drive away fear, to seek love? What breast so savage as not to soften before such a childhood? What hardness which it will not subdue, what love does it not claim? Thus, therefore, He would be born who willed to be loved and not feared" (*Sermon 158*). The saint would say that if our Redeemer had come to be feared and respected by men, He would have come as a full-grown man and with royal dignity; but because He came to gain our love, He chose to come and to show himself as an infant, and the poorest of infants, born in a cold stable between two animals, laid in a manger on straw, without clothing or fire to warm His shivering little limbs: "thus would He be born, who willed to be loved and not feared." Ah, my Lord! Who was it that drew Thee from heaven to be born in a stable? It was love, the love Thou bearest toward men. Who took Thee from the right hand of Thy Father, where Thou sittest, and placed Thee in a manger? Who snatched Thee from Thy throne above the stars, and put Thee to lie on a little straw? Who changed Thy position from the midst of angels to

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 24-January 7 ~ *Parish Offices to Close*

Due to extraordinary parish obligations during the Christmas season, the offices of Fr. James Gordon, and Fr. Dennis Gordon will be closed until after the Epiphany.

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.

January 12 ~ *Parish Christmas Party*

We will host our annual Christmas Party Potluck and Talent Show on the Feast of the Holy Family, Jan. 12, 2025. More information on talent show requirements coming soon.

Diocesan policy stipulates Mass Stipends are \$10 per Mass

be placed betwixt a pair of beasts? It was all the work of love; Thou inflamest the seraphim, and dost Thou not shiver with cold? Thou supportest the heavens, and must Thou be now carried in the arms? Thou providest food for men and beasts, and now dost Thou crave a little milk to sustain Thy life? Thou makest the seraphim happy, and now dost Thou weep and moan? Who has reduced Thee to such misery? Love has done it: "Thus would He be born who willed to be loved and not feared."

Love then, love, O souls, exclaims St. Bernard, love now this little Child, for He is exceedingly to be loved. "Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised. The

Lord is a little one, and exceedingly to be loved." Yes, says the saint, this God was already existing from eternity, as He is now worthy of all praise and reverence for His greatness, as David has sung: "Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised" (*Psalms 144:3*). But now that we behold Him become a little infant needing milk, and unable to stir Himself trembling with cold, moaning and weeping, looking for some one to take and warm and comfort Him; ah, now indeed does He become the most cherished one of our hearts! "The Lord is a little one, and exceedingly to be loved!"

We ought to adore Him as our God, but our love ought to keep pace with our reverence towards a

+ MASS INTENTIONS +

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 23 ~ *Greater Feria of Advent*
8 a.m. — Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 24 ~ *Vigil of Christmas*
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Wednesday, December 25 ~ *Nativity of Our Lord*
Midnight — Pro Populo
7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — Private Intention

Thursday, December 26 ~ *St. Stephen*
6 p.m. — + Fr. Bud Wiesler

Friday, December 27 ~ *St. John the Evangelist*
8 a.m. — Joe TeGrotenhuis

Saturday, December 28 ~ *Holy Innocents*
8 a.m. — + Gerald W. Brandt, by Dan LaRochelle

Sunday, December 29 ~ *Sunday in the Octave of Christmas*
7 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.
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.*

+ + +

God so amiable, so loving.

St. Bonaventure reminds us that "a child finds its delight with other children, with flowers, and to be in the arms." The saint's meaning is, that if we would please this divine Infant, we too must become children, simple and humble; we must carry to Him flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification, of charity; we must clasp Him in the arms of our love.

And, O man, adds St. Bernard, what more do you wait to see before you will give yourself wholly

to God? See with what labor, with what ardent love your Jesus has come down from heaven to seek you. Hearken, he goes on to say, how, scarcely yet born, His wailings call to you, as if He would say, O soul of Mine, it is thee I am seeking; for thee, and to obtain thy love, I am come from heaven to earth. "Having scarcely quitted the Virgin's womb, He calls thy beloved soul after the manner of infants, ah, ah, my soul, my soul! I am seeking you; for you am I making this pilgrimage." + + +