

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Sunday</i> <i>in Octave of Christmas</i>	30	31	1 <i>Octave of Nativity</i>	2	3 <i>First Friday</i>	4 <i>First Saturday</i>
5 <i>Holy Name</i> <i>of Jesus</i>	6 <i>Epiphany</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Abortion Vigil</i>	11 <i>Altar Guild</i> <i>Men's Schola</i>
12 <i>Holy Family</i> <i>Christmas Party</i>	13	14	15 <i>Retiro para</i> <i>Hombres</i>	16 <i>Retiro para</i> <i>Hombres</i>	17 <i>Retiro para</i> <i>Hombres</i>	18 <i>Retiro para</i> <i>Hombres</i> <i>Roses of Mary</i> <i>Men's Schola</i>
19 <i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>after Epiphany</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>All-night</i> <i>Adoration</i> <i>begins 7 p.m.</i>	25 <i>All-night</i> <i>Adoration</i> <i>ends 7:30 a.m.</i>
26 <i>3rd Sunday</i> <i>after Epiphany</i>	27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>First Saturday</i>

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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
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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

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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 29, 2024

**SUNDAY IN THE
OCTAVE OF
CHRISTMAS**



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.

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On the THOUGHT of ETERNITY

Attaining Salvation, by St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Augustine used to call the thought of eternity “The Great Thought.” This thought made the saints count all the treasures and grandeurs of this life as nothing more than straw, mire, smoke and dung. This thought has driven so many anchorites [hermits] to hide themselves in deserts and caves, and so many noble youths, and even kings and emperors, to shut themselves up in cloisters. This thought has given courage to so many martyrs to endure racks and iron nails and red-hot gridirons and even being burned alive.

No, we are not created for this earth. The end for which God has placed us in the world is this, that by our good works we may merit eternal life. “The end [is] life everlasting” (*Romans 6:22*). And therefore St. Eucherius used to say that the only affair that we should attend to in this life is eternity, that is, to gain for ourselves a happy eternity and escape a miserable one. “The business for which we work is eternity.” If we make sure of success in this business, we shall be happy forever; if we fail in it, we shall be forever miserable. Happy is he who lives with eternity always in view, with a lively faith that he must shortly die and enter into eternity. “The just man liveth by faith,” says the apostle (*Galatians 3:11*). It is faith that makes the just live in the grace of God and that gives life to their souls by detaching them from earthly affections and reminding them of the eternal goods which

God holds out to those who love Him.

St. Teresa used to say that all sins had their origin in an absence of faith. Therefore, in order to overcome our passions and temptations, we must frequently revive our faith by saying: “I believe in the life everlasting.” I believe that after this life, which for me will quickly finish, there is an eternal life, either full of delights or full of torments, which will be my lot according to my merits or demerits.

St. Augustine also was accustomed to say that a man who believes in eternity and yet is not converted to God has lost either his reason or his faith. “O eternity!” these are his words, “he that meditates upon thee and repents not, either has no faith, or if he has faith, he has no heart.” In reference to this, St. John Chrysostom relates that the Gentiles, when they saw Christians committing sin, called them either liars or fools. If you believe not (they said) what you say you believe, you are liars; if you believe in eternity and sin, you are fools. “Woe to sinners who enter into an eternity which is to them unknown because they would not reflect upon it,” exclaims St. Cæsarius; and then he adds: “But alas, O double woe, they enter it and they never come forth!” Wretched beings! For them the gates of hell open only to admit them, not to release them.

St. Teresa used to repeat to her

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ *Sunday Vespers 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 Closed*

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.

January 1 ~ *Holy Day of Obligation*

Wednesday will be the Octave day of Christmas and is a holy day of obligation. Mass times will be the same as on Sundays.

January 3 ~ *First Friday Home Schooler Event*

Catechesis and pot-luck breakfast for home-schooled children of the parish. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gracey Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

January 6-13 ~ *Epiphany House Blessings*

Sign up in vestibule to register for an Epiphany House Blessing; please include your address and zip code.

January 12 ~ *Parish Christmas Party*

We will host our annual Christmas Party Potluck and Talent Show on the Feast of the Holy Family. Sign up in the vestibule to register for the talent show and to attend the potluck.

January 15-18 ~ *Retiro para Hombres*

Retiro en Español para hombres en El Tesoro de los Ángeles, Woodland Park. Miércoles, 15 de Enero a Sábado, 18 de Enero. Regístrese en el vestíbulo.

spiritual daughters: “My children, we have but one soul, and if that is lost, all is lost; and once lost, it is lost forever. In a word, upon that last breath which we draw in dying depends our being either happy forever, or forever in despair.

If the eternity of the next life — if Paradise, if Hell — were mere opinions of literary men and things of doubtful reality, even then we ought to take every care to live well and not run the risk of losing our soul forever. But no, for these

things are not doubtful; they are certainties; they are truths of faith, much more certain than the things which we see with the eyes of the body. Let us, then, pray to Our Lord to give us more faith, saying with the apostles: “Lord, increase our faith!” For, if we are not strong in faith, we may become worse than Luther or Calvin. On the contrary, one thought of lively faith in the eternity that awaits us may make us saints. St. Gregory says that they who meditate on eternity

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 30 ~ *6th Day in the Octave of Christmas*

8 a.m. — + Pierina & Mario Segella, by McCowen Family

Tuesday, December 31 ~ *7th Day in the Octave of Christmas*

8 a.m. — Villalobos Family

Wednesday, January 1 ~ *Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord*

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

Thursday, January 2 ~ *Feria in Christmastide*

6 p.m. — Julie Hartnett, by John Harnett

Friday, January 3 ~ *Feria in Christmastide*

8 a.m. — Mary Ellen Schmitz, by Nancy Utoft
6 p.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 4 ~ *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8 a.m. — Ruben G. Family, by Rutherford Family
11:30 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart

Sunday, January 5 ~ *Holy Name of Jesus*

7 a.m. — Marie & Harold Russ, by Marie Russ
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. Stipends are \$10.*

are neither puffed up by prosperity, nor cast down by adversity because, as they desire nothing in the world, so they fear nothing from the world. When it happens to us to suffer any infirmities or persecutions, let us remember the Hell which we have deserved by our sins. When we do this, every cross will seem to us light, and we shall thank the Lord and say: It is “the mercies of the Lord that we are not consumed” (*Lamentations 3:22*).

Let us say with David, “Unless the Lord had been my helper, my soul had almost dwelt in Hell” (*Psalms 93:17*). If God had not shown me mercy, I should already have been in Hell, even from the time in which I first offended him by a grievous sin. Through my own fault I was already lost; it is Thou, O God of mercy, that hast stretched out Thy hand and hast drawn me forth from Hell.

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