

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday
7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	8	9	10	11	12 Abortion Vigil at noon	13
14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	22	23	24	25	26 Adoration begins 7 p.m.	27 Adoration ends 7:45 a.m.
28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	29	30	31	1	2	3

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Please pray for:

The Repose of the Souls of:

+ Frances Kwitek
+ Rick Peters

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
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Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force
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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."*

JULY 14, 2024

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST



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.

MOTIVATION

From: *Basic Spiritual Means*, by Fr. Philip Dion, C.M.

Every one of us has the ability to deceive ourselves more completely than another could possibly deceive us. We tell ourselves that we want this virtue or to get rid of that fault: we think we mean it, but often we do not actually will it. Subconsciously we might say to ourselves, "It's a lot of trouble to get this virtue, or overcome this vice, isn't it? Do I really want it enough to make all that continued effort? I will try for a while, but if it gets too difficult, I will drop it."

One can often conclude that because he admires a virtue speculatively, he therefore has a sincere desire for it. What can follow is the mistake that because we know about the virtue, we admire the virtue, and we would like to have it, therefore we do have it, or at least we believe we have a true desire for it.

However, speculative admiration or desire for virtue will not produce the virtue, nor does it move the will to adopt the means to acquire it by personal effort. We need to decide to do something about it that will actually get us the virtue.

It is only when I conceive a good as actually good for me that my will is moved to do something about getting that good. What moves my will to action is not a speculative judgment, but a practical judgment about the goodness of a thing for me. A mother who is trying to convince a child to take a medicine that the child doesn't like is in the position of trying to convince the child that this medicine is

a good thing for him or her, but the child isn't all that convinced.

Unless I convince myself by a practical judgment that the challenge of finding and conquering my predominant fault or the effort involved in acquiring a particular virtue is really a good that I need to have for myself, is the only course for me, I will never tackle the job.

There is a big difference between speculative and practical desires. The difference between speculative and practical desires, is that practical desire determines to find ways and means to get the thing desired. If our attraction for virtue or our determination to overcome vice becomes strong enough, the intellect will send down a message to the will (which, being a blind faculty, is unable to comprehend the goodness of a thing, except as presented to the will by the intellect).

Our intellect has to come to this point, to say: "I've added up and weighed everything and have concluded that it is good for me to have this virtue or overcome this vice." Once the will has determined that it will achieve this, it will start looking about for the means of which it can execute this determination.

The will can operate only on information fed to it by the intellect. The intellect is the "knowing" faculty, which is to present to the will motives or reasons in the form of good for doing or not doing what it does. The will is like an engineer hidden deep in the bowels of a ship: he isn't seen, nor can he

Upcoming Parish Events

July 7 - August 11 ~ No Sung Masses on Sundays

Immaculate Conception Choir will be on summer break until August, with Sung Masses resuming August 15. Mass times remain the same. For more information about becoming a chorister, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

July 7 - August 11 ~ Sunday Brunch on Hiatus

Brunches will resume on August 18. For more information or to volunteer contact Marcella Guilez, dmjfamilylove@aol.com.

see where the ship is going. His job is to provide the movement to the ship. The intellect, on the other hand, is like the captain on the ship's bridge. He directs where the ship goes. Similarly, the intellect sends messages to the blind will, telling it that it is good to do or not to do, this or that, to seek or not to seek this or that. This process of the intellect furnishing data to the will about the desirability of acting or not acting is called *motivation*.

In the case of sin, the intellect sends down a false message telling the will that something bad is good and the will should move toward it. In practicing virtue or overcoming faults, much will depend on motivation, that is, upon the message that the intellect sends to the will.

Lack of motivation, then, must be blamed first for scant progress in the spiritual life.

Progress can be negligible because we have not properly motivated our self. The intellect has to make the possession of that virtue, or being rid of that vice, appear as a sufficiently practical personal good for us to do what it takes to achieve that spiritual goal. Sufficient motivation is the first step we

must take on the road to improvement. We have to motivate ourselves to say, "I want this, and with the help of God's grace, nothing will keep me from it."

How do we achieve sufficient motivation? Motivation and determination must ultimately come from within the individual. Until it comes from within, until motivation and determination are present within, little progress will be made.

We can pray to God to move the will directly, but that's not enough. Before the intellect can present cogent motives to the will, it must itself be convinced of the goodness and desirability of the object in question. The intellect, then, must perform its threefold operation of apprehension, judgment, and reasoning on the truth about the particular virtue, or the vice. The intellect must apprehend that the virtue is important enough to be obtained or the vice to be conquered. It must make a correct judgment about the proper way to obtain the virtue or overcome the vice. The intellect must reason that the very means that will obtain the virtue or conquer the vice are the ones that it will actually take up.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday July 15 ~ *St. Henry II*

8 a.m. — + Evelyn Simas

Tuesday, July 16 ~ *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

8 a.m. — + Jeremiah Leake

Wednesday, July 17 ~ *Feria*

8 a.m. — L.O., Spouse & Children

Thursday, July 18 ~ *St. Camillus de Lellis*

6 p.m. — Stephen Ost

Friday, July 19 ~ *St. Vincent de Paul*

8 a.m. — Wagner Family, by the Stengels

Saturday, July 20 ~ *St. Jerome Emiliani*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, July 21 ~ *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

7 a.m. — Stengel Family

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

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

To put it more plainly, we must meditate. To get our intellect to the point where it will have the right apprehension, judgment and reasoning that will motivate us in the spiritual life, we have to meditate. St. Alphonsus said, "All the saints became saints because of mental prayer" [meditation]. We should meditate on the various motives which will impel us to embrace the virtue or attack the vice. We should meditate to obtain greater faith, proper reasoning, and true love of God, and this true love of God is the best motivation for us in the

spiritual life. We should meditate upon how much God loves us and how much He has done for us, and this should inspire a response of love in return. Insufficient meditation is the reason why so many people stay in sin or don't advance in the spiritual life.

God wants us to be happy, and He wants us to overcome vice, and obtain virtue. We will get to know how much He wants this, and how to obtain these things, by spending time with Him in Catholic meditation. + + +