

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 Soul of:

+ Rick Peters

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Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass

JULY 21, 2024

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



"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.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:
FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ON THE VALUE OF TIME

By St. Alphonsus Liguori

There is nothing shorter than time, but there is nothing more valuable. There is nothing shorter than time; because the past is no more, the future is uncertain, and the present is but a moment. Our life, according to St. James is but a vapor, which is soon scattered for ever. "For what is your life? It is a vapor which appeareth for a little while" (*James 4:14*). But the time of this life is as precious as it is short; for, in every moment, if we spend it well, we can acquire treasures of merits for heaven; but, if we employ time badly, we may in each moment commit sin, and merit hell. I mean this day to show you how precious is every moment of the time which God gives us, not to lose it, and much less to commit sin, but to perform good works and to save our souls.

St Paul says, "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (*2 Corinthians 6:2*). The apostle exhorts us not to spend unprofitably the present time, which he calls the day of salvation; because, perhaps, after this day of salvation, there shall be no salvation for us. "The time is short; it remaineth that they that weep be as though they wept not; that they that rejoice, as if they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as if they used it not" (*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*).

Since, then, the time which we have to remain on this earth is short, the apostle tells those who weep, that they ought not to weep, because their sorrows shall soon

pass away; and those who rejoice, not to fix their affections on their enjoyments, because they shall soon have an end. Hence he concludes, that we should use this world, not to enjoy its transitory goods, but to merit eternal life.

"Son," says the Holy Ghost, "observe the time" (*Ecclesiasticus 4:23*). Son, learn to preserve time, which is the most precious and the greatest gift that God can bestow upon you. St. Bernardine of Sienna teaches that time is of as much value as God; because in every moment of time well-spent the possession of God is merited. He adds that in every instant of this life a man may obtain the pardon of his sins, the grace of God, and the glory of Paradise. Hence St. Bonaventure says that "no loss is of greater moment than the loss of time" (*Sermon xxxvii. in Septuagesima*).

But, in another place, St. Bernardine says that, though there is nothing more precious than time, there is nothing less valuable in the estimation of men. You will see some persons spending four or five hours in play [recreation]. If you ask them why they lose so much time, they answer: To amuse ourselves. Others remain half the day standing in the street, or looking out from a window [or today, looking at their phones]. If you ask them what they are doing, they shall say in reply, that they are passing the time. And why says the same saint, do you lose this time? Why should you lose even a single hour, which the mercy of God gives you to weep for your sins,

Upcoming Parish Events

July 7 - August 11 ~ No Sung Masses on Sundays
Immaculate Conception Choir is 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.

July 26-27 ~ All-Night Adoration
Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

and to acquire the divine grace?

O time, despised by men during life, how much shall you be desired at the hour of death, and particularly in the other world! Time is a blessing which we enjoy only in this life; it is not enjoyed in the next; it is not found in heaven nor in hell. In hell, the damned exclaim with tears, "Oh! that an hour were given to us." They would pay any price for an hour or for a minute, in which they might repair their eternal ruin. But this hour or minute they never shall have. In heaven there is no weeping; but, were the saints capable of sorrow, all their wailing should arise from the thought of having lost in this life the time in which they could have acquired greater glory, and from the conviction that this time shall never more be given to them.

A deceased Benedictine nun appeared in glory to a certain person, and said that she was in heaven, and in the enjoyment of perfect happiness; but that, if she could desire anything, it would be to return to life, and to suffer affliction, in order to merit an increase of glory. And she added that, to

acquire the glory which corresponded to a single *Ave Maria*, she would be content to suffer till the day of judgment the long and painful sickness which brought on her death, Hence, St. Francis Borgia was careful to employ every moment of his time for God. When others spoke of useless things; he conversed with God by holy affections; and so recollected was he that, when asked his opinion on the subject of conversation, he knew not what answer to make. Being corrected for this, he said, "I am content to be considered stupid, rather than lose my time in vanities."

Some of you will say, "What evil am I doing?" Is it not, I ask, an evil to spend your time in plays [movies or TV shows], in conversations, and useless occupations, which are unprofitable to the soul? Does God give you this time to lose it? The workmen of whom St. Matthew speaks did no evil; they only lost time by remaining idle in the streets. But they were rebuked by the father of the family, saying, "Why stand you here all the day idle?" (*Matthew 10:6*). On the day of judgment Jesus Christ shall de-

+ MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

Monday July 22 ~ St. Mary Magdalene
8 a.m. — +Evelyn Simas, by Cindi & Bob Johnston

Tuesday, July 23 ~ St. Apollinaris
8 a.m. — +Evelyn Simas, by Cindi & Bob Johnston

Wednesday, July 24 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — +Evelyn Simas, by Cindi & Bob Johnston

Thursday, July 25 ~ St. James the Greater
6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, July 26 ~ St. Anne
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, July 27 ~ Saturday of Our Lady
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, July 28 ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
7 a.m. — Private Intention
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.

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mand an account, not only of every month and day that has been lost, but even of every idle word. "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall render an account for it on the day of judgment" (*Matthew 12:36*). He shall likewise demand an account of every moment of the time which you shall lose. According to St. Bernard, all time which is not spent for God is lost time (*Coll. 1, cap. viii*).

Hence the Holy Ghost says, "Whatsoever thy hand is able to do, do it earnestly: for neither work nor reason... shall be in hell, whither thou art hastening" (*Ecclesiasticus*

9:10). What you can do today defer not till tomorrow; for on tomorrow you may be dead, and maybe gone into another world, where you shall have no more time to do good, and where you shall only enjoy the reward of your virtues, or suffer the punishment due to your sins. "Today if you shall hear His voice, harden not your hearts" (*Psalms 94:8*) God calls you to confess your sins, to restore ill-gotten goods, to be reconciled with your enemies. Obey His call today; for it may happen that on tomorrow, time may be no more for you, or that God will call you no more.

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