

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7 First Saturday
8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9 Bible Study 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13 Abortion vigil noon	14 Young Roses Men's Schola
15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	16	17	18 Ember Wednesday	19	20 Ember Friday	21 Ember Day Altar guild Men's Schola
22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	23 Bible Study 7 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28
29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel	30	1	2	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday

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The Repose of the Soul of:

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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."

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SEVENTEENTH 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.

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FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.

The Secret of PEACE and HAPPINESS

From: *Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence*, by Fr. Jean Baptiste Sainte-Jure, S.J. & St. Claude de la Colombiere, S.J.

In a spirit of conformity to His holy will we should accustom ourselves for the love of God to putting up with all the little daily vexations, such as a word said that wounds our self-esteem, a fly that annoys us, the barking of a dog, knocking into something as we walk along, a small accidental hurt, a light suddenly going out, a rent in our clothes, a pen that won't write, and so on.

In one way it is even more important to practice conformity to God's will in these small things than in larger ones, both because they are more frequent and because the habit of supporting them in a Christian spirit prepares us in advance and in a natural manner to show resignation when we have to face serious difficulties.

We should wish with the divine will for heat and cold, storm and calm, and all the vagaries and inclemencies of the elements. We should, in short, accept whatever kind of weather God sends us, instead of supporting it with impatience or anger as we usually do when it is contrary to what we desire. We should avoid saying, for instance, "What awful heat!" "What terrible cold!" "What shocking weather!" "Just my bad luck!" and other expressions of the same kind which only serve to show our lack of faith and of submission to God's will.

Not only should we wish the weather to be as it is because God has made it so, but whatever inconvenience it may cause us, we should repeat with the three youths

in the fiery furnace: *Cold, heat, snow and ice, lightnings and clouds, winds and tempests, bless the Lord; praise and exalt Him above all forever.* The elements themselves are blessing and glorifying God by doing His holy will, and we also should bless and glorify Him in the same way. Besides, even if the weather is inconvenient for us, it may be convenient for someone else. If it prevents us from doing what we want to do, it may be helping another. And even if it were not so, it should be enough for us that it is giving glory to God and that it is God who wishes it to be as it is.

St. Francis Borgia, the third General of the Society of Jesus, provides us a good example in this matter. He was once traveling to a house of the Society when it was snowing hard and bitterly cold, and his arrival was delayed until a late hour of the night when everybody was in bed and asleep. He had to wait some time before his knocking aroused someone to let him in, and then to the apologies for keeping him waiting so long in such foul weather he answered cheerfully that it was a great consolation to him to think that it was God who had dropped so much snow on him.

This practice of conformity to his will is so pleasing to God that it often has a visible influence on the material things of life. There is a story in the *Lives of the Desert Fathers* of a laborer whose field always gave better crops than those of his neighbors. When asked the reason he replied that he always

Upcoming Parish Events

September 21 ~ St. Gregory Men's Schola

The men-only schola will rehearse Saturday from 10 a.m.–11 a.m. For more information or to join, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

September 21 ~ Altar Guild Rehearsal Resumes

Boys who have made their first Holy Communion are eligible to learn the rituals and Latin responses required for Altar-service. Practice will begin after 8 a.m. Mass. Please have your boys bring athletic shoes for sports at the park after practice. Contact Fr. Dennis Gordon, (719) 382-0121.

September 23 ~ Bible Study

Fr. Dennis Gordon continues an in-depth study of the book of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Next week's study will cover chapters 22-23.

had whatever kind of season or weather he chose. "I never wish for any other kind of weather but what God wishes," he explained, "and as I wish for everything that pleases God, He too gives me the sort of crop that pleases me."

We ought to conform to God's will in all public calamities such as war, famine and pestilence, and reverence and adore His judgments with deep humility in the firm belief that, however severe they may seem, the God of infinite goodness would not send such disasters unless some great good were to result from them. Consider how many souls many be saved through tribulation which would otherwise be lost, how many persons through affliction are converted to God and die with sincere repentance for their sins. What may appear a scourge and punishment is often a sign of great grace and mercy.

As far as we are personally concerned, let us meditate well on this truth of our faith that the very hairs of our head are numbered, and not one of them will fall except by the will of God. In other words we

cannot suffer the least harm unless He wills and orders it. Relying on this truth we can easily understand that we have nothing more or less to fear in times of public calamity than at any other time. God can just as easily protect us in the midst of general ruin and despair as He can deliver us from evil while all around is peace and content.

The only thing we need to be concerned about is to gain His favor, and this is the inevitable effect of conforming our will to His. Let us therefore hasten to accept from His hand all that He sends us, and as a result of our trustful surrender He will either cause us to gain the greatest advantages from our misfortunes or else spare us them altogether.

If you are the father or mother of a family, you ought to conform your will to God's with regard to the number or sex of the children He pleases to give you. When men were animated by the spirit of faith they regarded a large family as a gift of God and a blessing from heaven, and considered God more than themselves as the father of

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 16 ~ Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
8 a.m. — Tom & Melissa Steenson

Tuesday, September 17 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — + Fr. Michael Irwin, F.S.S.P.

Wednesday, September 18 ~ Ember Wednesday
8 a.m. — + Melanie Casciano-Coye, by the Mozzetta Family

Thursday, September 19 ~ St. Januarius and Companions
6 p.m. — Mr. & Mrs. William Zazour, by the Mozzetta Family

Friday, September 20 ~ Ember Friday
8 a.m. — Cory King, by Dan LaRochelle

Saturday, September 21 ~ St. Matthew (Ember Saturday)
8 a.m. — Julie Hartnett, by John Hartnett

Sunday, September 22 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

The priests cannot accept any Mass intentions at this time.

their children. But now that faith has weakened and people live isolated from God, or if they think of Him at all it is mostly to fear Him and hardly ever to have trust in His providence, they are reduced to bearing the burden of their families alone.

And as a man's resources, however ample and assured they may seem, are always limited and uncertain; even those who are most favored by fortune view with dismay an increase in their family. They regard it as a kind of disaster which fill them with apprehension, and endless source of worry to poison their existence.

How different it would be if we realized God's paternal treatment of those who submit to Him with filial trust! If we did so we should realize also what St. Paul meant when he said that *God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means, you may abound in every good work.*

To obtain the help of Providence it should be your aim to cooperate, as it were, with the Fatherhood of God and bring up your children as He would wish them brought up, especially by showing them good example.

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