FEBRUARY 2025

	Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	W	/ednesday	Thursday		Friday		Saturday
26	3rd Sunday after Epiphany 1st Communion Class	27		28	29		30	31		1	First Saturday
2	Purification of the B.V.M. Confirmation Class	3	Bible Study 7 p.m.	4	5	Deanery Meeting	6	7 H	First Friday Iomeschoolers Event	8	Roses of Mary Men's Schola
9	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 1st Communion Class	10	Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	11	12		13	14	Abortion Vigil	15	Altar Guild Men's Schola
16	Septuagesima Sunday Confirmation Class	17	Bible Study 7 p.m.	18	19		20	21	Respect Life Mass 6 p.m. Adoration 7 p.m.	22	All-night Adoration ends 7:30 a.m.
23	Sexagesima Sunday Ist Communion Class	24	Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	25	26		27	28		1	First Saturday

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Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



JANUARY 26, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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.

His Hunger and Thirst after

JUSTICE

The Sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by Fr. Thomas of Jesus

Jesus Christ has numbered hunger and thirst after justice among those great evangelical virtues which lead us securely to happiness. By the word "justice" we must understand the sanctity of Christian virtues and the observation of the divine law, which justify us, remove us from sin, and convert us to God; which enlighten and purify us, and dispose us to the perfection of His love and to the reception of His gifts. This hunger and thirst after justice, which is nothing else than a fervent desire for sanctity, is so precious in the sight of God that He thought Himself obliged to reward it with the greatest of all blessings — the perfect accomplishment of all our desires. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6), that is to say, for they shall enjoy that happy state in which God is loved and served without imperfection, for this is what the just desire above all things.

Now this hunger after justice works in two ways: one relating to our own sanctification and the other, to the sanctification of our neighbor. In the first place we desire to see ourselves freed from the love of the world and of ourselves, that we may no longer love any person or thing save God alone; in the second place we wish to see God known, loved and served by all men. The recompense for those

who hunger for their own sanctification is that meat with which Jesus Christ was fed when He said, "My food is, that I do the will of Him that sent Me" (John 4:34). For these souls submit themselves in all things to the divine Will and enjoy God in the exercises proper to their station until they possess Him fully in eternity. As to hunger for the perfection of our neighbor, this seldom finds a recompense except in the next world, because in this world one meets with nothing but lukewarmness and disorder. And the saints will not be satisfied till there be no more vice to root out, nor tepidity to warm, nor anything to be desired for their neighbor but his eternal happiness. As he cannot gain that here on earth the saints can know no satisfaction here.

There is no virtue which is of more unremitting concern to the servants of God than this thirst for the salvation of their neighbor. As to what concerns their own particular perfection, they are employed in rooting out of their hearts all earthly love, in resisting the inclinations of corrupt nature, in overcoming themselves and mortifying their flesh. In regard to the salvation of their neighbor, when they have once begun to love God with their whole heart, the divine light increases in them and makes them know how much God deserves to be loved. Then they become acutely sensible of the misery of those who

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ First Communion Class

First Holy Communion class will be one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Attendees must be parishioners (for at least six months) and submit a First Holy Communion worksheet. Original Baptism records required.

Today ~ *Sunday Vespers* Sung Vespers in the Chapel at 2:30 p.m.

February 2 ~ Sacrament of Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be today, one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Attendees must be parishioners (for at least six months) and submit a Sacrament of Confirmation worksheet. Original Baptism records required.

February 2-11 ~ Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Please join us for this novena to pray for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and all its priests and seminarians.

February 3 ~ Bible Study to Resume

Fr. Dennis Gordon will continue his study of the Gospel of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

Please do not leave candles in the sacristy for Candlemas blessing. You may leave your candles on the table designated for sacramental blessings.

Banns of Marriage:

For the second time between Mr. Jeffrey LaCoste and Miss Isabella Guilez, both of Immaculate Conception parish. Please inform the pastor if you know of any just and valid reason why this couple may not be lawfully joined together in marriage.

live in sin, are oppressed with a continual desire to see all men subject to the law of God, and are filled with no less sorrow for the straying of others than for that which they themselves formerly did.

But because this twofold hunger devours the saints in this life, God has promised as a reward, to fill them in the next. This observation is made by St. Augustine (*Serm. Dom in Mont.*) who, making the Beatitudes of the Gospel correspond to the gifts of the Holy Ghost, adds that "hunger after justice is nothing other than the gift of fortitude, because we need a great deal of it to root out of our hearts the love of the earth; and he, who is touched with the divine love, has need of a grief which the ruin of his

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 27 ~ *St. John Chrysostom* 8 a.m. — Dana Chavira Family, by Dana Chavira

Tuesday, January 28 ~ *St. Peter Nolasco* 8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

Wednesday, January 29 ~ St. Francis de Sales 8 a.m. — Private Intention

Thursday, January 30 ~ *St. Martina* 6 p.m. — Eugene O'Hara

Friday, January 31 ~ St. John Bosco 8 a.m. — Bissonnette Family

Saturday, February 1 ~ St. Ignatius

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary 11:30 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, February 2 ~ Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 a.m. — Private Intention 9 a.m. — Private Intention 11 a.m. — Pro Populo

The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

brethren occasions him, and for undertaking all the labors necessary to their conversion, without fearing either contradictions, affronts or death itself." Thus is the virtue the source of so many heroic actions which the saints have performed for the glory of God and the salvation of their neighbor.

Christ suffered in the fullest measure all the painful solicitude which this virtue can produce, because of the ardent and continual thirst which burned in Him to see all men obey the divine law, practice virtue, avoid sin, allow themselves to be guided by the motions of the Spirit of God, increase in His knowledge and love, and emulate the measure of love which He had for His Father. And because He regarded our evils as His own, He felt as acutely our deprivation of so many blessings as if He had been deprived of them Himself.

This sensitiveness to our evils continued throughout His life on earth. St. Paul (2 Corinthians 11:28), who had but a spark of that immense fire which burned within our Savior, said that "the care of all the churches" devoured him; that he was consumed interiorly by the scandals he beheld. + + +