

# 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:**

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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
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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."

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

**HOLY NAME  
OF JESUS**



**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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# The PRESENCE of GOD in Us

Union with God,

by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

The first presence of God in us, that which is commonly called the presence of immensity, is a consequence of the creative act of God.

... [W]e exist only through the divine action which communicating being to us preserves us in existence, a communication of which God alone is capable. God does not operate as we do, that is, by means of certain faculties that derive from our essence but are distinct from it. God being simplicity itself, works through His own essence; therefore where He immediately works, there He is. Hence, since He works in the interior of all creatures communicating their being, He dwells necessarily in the inmost part of each of them. Since our soul is a creature, God is necessarily present in us; otherwise, if He were not present, He would not operate in us; nor would He communicate existence to us and we, quite simply would not "be," as we would not exist.

Therefore, with all truth St. John can say to the soul: "You cannot be without Him." That is not all: close to this fundamental presence, in souls clothed with sanctifying grace there is another that we know only by means of revelation. Jesus has taught us that if a soul loves God supernaturally — and it cannot do so without being in grace — the three Persons of the Most Blessed Trinity will come to it and make Their dwelling in it. It is the presence that theologians call "indwelling presence." With this the three divine Persons become

present in a new manner, not simply as creative cause that preserves and moves all things, but as object that offers Itself to the knowledge and love of the soul, and therefore as object with which the soul enters into communication. For that reason it is said that with this presence, God comes to keep company with the soul and invites it to keep company with Him.

By this special presence of God in the soul, there is a corresponding capacity in it to put itself in personal relations with Him. That is because where there is grace, there are the three theological virtues — faith, hope and charity — and these supernatural virtues give our souls the capability of establishing an intimate relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. Elevated by faith, our intellect is rendered capable of knowing the Most Holy Trinity who dwells in us; and our will, corroborated by a confident hope and inclined by charity toward God, the author of all supernatural life, can love Him intimately. What more is wanting to us to be able to begin even in this world a relationship and a union of knowledge and of love with that God who dwells in us? It will be enough to put into action our theological virtues; and who can say even where this activity may be able to reach, when to the virtues will be united the gifts of the Holy Spirit which, according to theologians, have the property of rendering our knowledge of God in some ways, at least, experiential.

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Today ~ No Sunday Vespers or Brunch

There will be no Sunday Brunch or public Vespers today due to the Epiphany Water blessing in the afternoon.

### January 5-7 ~ 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 6-13 ~ Epiphany House Blessings

The priests will be conducting house blessings for as many parishioners as time permits through this next week.

### January 10 ~ Abortion Vigil at Noon

One-hour Rosary prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. For more information, contact Michael Smiley, (719) 502-9149 or, Michele Smiley, (719) 447-7236.

### January 11 ~ Altar Guild Upcoming next Saturday

Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. Next month's practice will be on the usual third Saturday. For more information, contact Nathan Wike at cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

### January 11 ~ St. Gregory Men's Schola

The men-only schola will rehearse Saturday from 9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. For more information or to join, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

### 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. For more information contact Marcella Guilez at dmjmfamilyleve@aol.com, and for the talent show, Anita McCowen at cosfssp@gmail.com.

### 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.

Obviously, here indeed we shall meet contemplation.

The first presence of God in us, that of immensity, is therefore essential here; but much more precious still the indwelling presence.

However, let us not forget this: It is connected with divine grace, and he who loses grace also loses this precious divine company. This is one of the most disastrous consequences of mortal sin: destroying sancti-

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 6 ~ The Epiphany of Our Lord

8 a.m. — Private Intention  
6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Tuesday, January 7 ~ Feria of Epiphany

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Wednesday, January 8 ~ Feria of Epiphany

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Thursday, January 9 ~ Feria of Epiphany

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, January 10 ~ Feria of Epiphany

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Saturday, January 11 ~ Saturday of Our Lady

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Sunday, January 12 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7 a.m. — Private Intention  
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.

fying grace in us, it also deprives us of the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in our soul!

For the soul desirous of union it is not enough to know where one ought to seek God; it also wants to find Him. The soul responds to the Spirit with a new question: "Granted that He whom I love is within me, why do I not feel Him and do not find Him?"

There is a great difference between having God and being introduced into His divine company, and thus living with Him.

"God is in me," the soul says,

"why does He not reveal His presence to me?"

To this the saint will reply by explaining to us a whole plan of conquest. Listen to why the soul enamored of God, and in whom He dwells, does not feel Him.

"The reason for this is that He is hidden, and you do not hide yourself as He does so that you may find Him and feel Him. He who is looking for a hidden thing should secretly penetrate its hiding place and when he find it, he too, is hidden as it is" (*Spiritual Canticle* 1:9). + + +