

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	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 First Friday Homeschoolers Event	8 Roses of Mary Men's Schola
9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	10 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Abortion Vigil	15 Altar Guild Men's Schola
16 Septuagesima Sunday 1st Communion 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 Confirmation Class	24 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28	1 First Saturday

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Please pray for:

Rest of the Soul of:
Jeff Nelson

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
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+ IMMACULATE +

CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter



*"O Mary, through thine
Immaculate Conception
make my body pure and my soul holy."*

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEXAGESIMA
SUNDAY



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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SOULS THAT GREATLY LOVE GOD

Long to Go and Behold Him in Heaven

Attaining Salvation, by St. Alphonsus Liguori

“While we are in the body, we are absent from the Lord,” says the apostle (2 *Corinthians* 5:6). Souls who in this life love nothing but God are like noble pilgrims, destined, according to their present state, to be the eternal spouse of the King of Heaven, but who now live at a distance without seeing Him. Wherefore, they do nothing but sigh for their departure to the country of the blessed, where they know that their Spouse awaits them.

They know indeed that their Beloved is ever present with them, but He is, as it were, hidden behind a curtain and does not show Himself. Or rather, He is as the sun is frequently, behind clouds, through which, from time to time, it sends forth some ray of its splendor, but does not display itself openly. Moreover, these beloved spouses have a bandage over their eyes, which prevents them from seeing the object of their love. They live, nevertheless, contented, uniting themselves to the will of their Lord, who chooses to keep them in exile and far away from Himself; but with all this, they cannot but continually sigh to behold Him face to face, in order to become more charmed and more inflamed with love for Him.

Therefore, each one of them often sweetly complains to its beloved Spouse because He does not show Himself and says: “O Thou only Love of my heart, since Thou dost love me so much and hast

wounded me with Thy holy love, why dost Thou hide thyself and dost not let me see Thee? I know that Thou art an Infinite Beauty; I love Thee more than myself, though I have never yet beheld Thee. Show me Thy beautiful countenance; I long to see Thee unveiled, so that I may no longer behold myself nor any creature and may think only of loving Thee, my Sovereign Good.”

When to these souls thus enamored of God there shines forth any ray of the Divine Goodness and of the love which God bears them, they would wish to be dissolved and melt away for desire of Him; and yet for them the sun is still behind the clouds, and His fair face is concealed behind a veil, and there is still the bandage over their eyes, so that they cannot gaze on Him face to face. But what will be their joy when the clouds shall disperse, when the veil shall be withdrawn, and the bandage shall be taken from their eyes, and the fair countenance of their Spouse shall appear unveiled, so that in the clear light they shall see His beauty, His goodness, His greatness and the love which He bears to them!

O death, why dost thou so long delay to come? If thou comest not, I cannot depart to behold my God, It is thou who must open to me the gate, that I may enter into the palace of my Lord, O blessed country, when will the day come in which I shall find myself within thine eternal tabernacles?

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ *Sacrament of Confirmation Class*

Confirmation class will be one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Enrollment is now closed.

February 24 ~ *Adult Catechism*

Fr. James Gordon will continue his series of lectures on Spiritual Theology, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

March 2 ~ *First Communion Class*

First Holy Communion class is one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Enrollment is now closed.

Volunteer Housekeepers Needed

Please consider joining the merry band of parish housekeepers; we need reliable volunteers to help clean the church facilities. For more information contact Mrs. Villalobos, (719) 651-8135.

O Beloved of my soul, my Jesus, my Treasure, my Love, my All, when shall come that happy moment when, leaving this earth, I shall see myself entirely united to Thee? I deserve not this happiness; but the love which Thou hast shown me, and still more Thine Infinite Goodness, make me hope that I shall be one day joined to those happy souls who, being wholly united to Thee, love Thee, and will love Thee with a perfect loved through all eternity. O my Jesus, Thou seest the alternative in which I am placed, of being either forever united to Thee, or forever banished far from Thee. Have pity upon me; Thy blood is my hope! And thy intercession, O my mother Mary, is my comfort and my joy!

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Thus He Himself spoke: “I am the Good Shepherd” (*John* 10:11). The office of a good shepherd is none other than to guide his flock to good pastures and to guard them from wolves; but what shepherd, O my sweet Redeemer, ever had

goodness like to Thine, who did give Thy life to save Thy sheep, which we are, and to deliver us from the punishment we had deserved?

St. Peter says of Jesus: “Who His own self bore our sins in His body upon the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice, by whose stripes we were healed” (*1 Peter* 2:24). To heal us of our ills, this good Shepherd took upon Himself all our debts and paid them in His own body, dying with agony upon a cross. It was this excess of love toward us His sheep which made St. Ignatius the martyr burn with desire to give his life for Jesus Christ, saying: “My Love is crucified,” as he wrote in his epistle, as though he would say, “What! Has my God been willing to die on a cross for me, and can I live and not desire to die for Him?” And in truth, what great thing did the martyrs do in giving their lives for Jesus Christ, who died for love of them? Oh, how the death endured for them by Jesus Christ

+ MASS INTENTIONS **+**
FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 24 ~ St. Matthias
8 a.m. — Michael Murphy, by Kelly Joyce

Tuesday, February 25 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Wednesday, February 26 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — In Reparation to the Sacred Heart, by C.G.

Thursday, February 27 ~ St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
6 p.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Friday, February 28 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

Saturday, March 1 ~ Saturday of Our Lady
8 a.m. — + Juan Garcia
11:30 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, March 2 ~ Quinquagesima Sunday
7 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time. **+**

made sweet to them all their torments — the scourges, the racks, the hooks, the red-hot plates of iron and the most painful deaths!

But the love of this good Shepherd was not satisfied with giving His life for His sheep; He desired also, after His death, to leave them His very body itself, already first sacrificed on the Cross, that it might be the food and pasture of their souls. “The burning love which He bore to us,” says St. John Chrysostom, “induced Him to unite Himself to us, in order to make Himself one thing with us, for such is the instinctive desire of ardent lovers.”

And then, when this Good Shepherd sees one of His sheep lost, what does He not do, what means does he not take, to recover it? And He does not cease to seek it till he finds it. “If He shall lose one of them,” says Our Lord in the Gospel, “He goes after that which was lost until He finds it.” And when He has found it, rejoicing, He places it upon His shoulders, that He may not lose it again; and calling to Him His friends and neighbors, that is, the angels and saints, He invites them to rejoice with Him for having recovered the sheep that was lost. **+++**