

# 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 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 1st Communion 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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Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force  
Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti, U.S. Navy  
1st Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army  
2nd Lt. Alexander Kleitz, U.S. Space Force

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Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army  
Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps  
Pvt. Michael Thomo, U.S. Army

2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force  
Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army  
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CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter



FEBRUARY 9, 2025

**FIFTH 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.

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

PASTOR:  
FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

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

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# On True and False VISIONS

*Finding Confidence in Times of Trial, Letters of  
St. John of Avila*

*A letter to St. Teresa of Avila:*

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be ever with you. I consented to read your book, which was sent me, not so much because I considered myself competent to judge of such matters, as because I thought that, by the grace of God, its teaching might benefit me. Although I have had no leisure to study it as thoroughly as it deserves, yet, thanks be to God, it has given me great consolation, and it will be my own fault if it does not profit my soul. On my own account, it might suffice to say no more about it, yet I think the gravity of the subject and the respect due to the person who sent it require me to express my opinion of it, at least in general terms.

It is not a book proper for everyone to read — the language requires to be corrected in some places and to be made clearer in others. There are things in it which, although useful to you in your own spiritual life, would not do for everyone to practice, for God guides some souls along extraordinary paths that are not intended for others. I have noted most of these passages and will arrange them for you as soon as possible, and send them to you without fail. If you knew the infirm state of my health, and how I am constantly employed in many necessary duties, you would, I am sure, be more inclined to pity me than to accuse me of neglect.

On the whole, your teaching on

prayer is correct, and you may safely trust to it and practice it; the raptures, too afford proof of being genuine. What you say about God's teaching the soul without the use of the imagination — that is, by interior or exterior communications is safe, and I can find no fault with it. St. Augustine treats this subject well. Such communications, both interior and exterior, have misled many in our times; the exterior ones specially are less safe; for though there is little difficulty in knowing that they are not from ourselves, it is not so easy to decide whether they proceed from a good or from an evil spirit. There are many rules for discovering when they come from God; one is that they should come to us in times of need; or be a great help to the soul, such as strengthening it in times of temptation or doubt; or warning it of the approach of danger. For if even a man who is good never speaks without purpose, how much less would God do so. Considering that the communications mentioned in your book are conformable to the Holy Scriptures and the teaching of the Church, I judge that, if not all, at least the greater part of them come from God. Visions, whether imaginary or corporeal, are the most deceptive: they are never to be desired, and, should they come uninvited, they should, as far as possible, be resisted. Unless, however, it is certain that they proceed from an evil spirit, this should not be done by making signs of contempt. I was

## Upcoming Parish Events

**Today ~ First Communion Class**  
First Holy Communion class is 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. Please do **not** join in chanting the prayers; only the priests may chant.

**February 10 ~ Adult Catechism**  
Fr. James Gordon will continue his series of lectures on Spiritual Theology 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**February 14 ~ Abortion Vigil at Noon**  
One-hour Rosary prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. Contact Michael Smiley, (719) 502-9149 or, Michele Smiley, (719) 447-7236.

**February 15 ~ Altar Guild**  
Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. For more information, contact Nathan Wike, [cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com](mailto:cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com).

**February 15 ~ Schola Rehearsal**  
The men's schola will rehearse Saturday and on the 15th. Contact Kelsey Villalobos at (719) 651-9800

**February 16 ~ 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.

pained and shocked to hear of its having been done in your case. We should beg of God not to allow us to walk by sight, but to defer the revelation of Himself and His saints until we reach Heaven, and we should ask him to guide us while on earth along the common path by which He leads his faithful friends.

We must also take other suitable means for shunning these visions. If, nevertheless, they continue to come to us and are profitable

to the soul, not enticing her to vanity, but increasing her humility; if, moreover, these communications be conformable to the teaching of the Church, and if they last a considerable time and infuse a spiritual joy into the soul that can be better felt than described, I do not think that it is necessary any longer to try to avoid them. No one, however, should be his own guide in these cases, but should communicate them at once to some enlightened counselor. This is the universal rule

## + MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, February 10 ~ St. Scholastica**  
8 a.m. — Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey

**Tuesday, February 11 ~ Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate**  
8 a.m. — Fraternity of St. Peter

**Wednesday, February 12 ~ Seven Holy Founders of the Order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Thursday, February 13 ~ Feria**  
6 p.m. — Joe TeGrotenhuis

**Friday, February 14 ~ Feria**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Saturday, February 15 ~ Saturday of Our Lady**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Sunday, February 16 ~ Septuagesima Sunday**  
7 a.m. — Private Intention  
9 a.m. — Private Intention  
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

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

to be followed on all such occasions, and we may trust that God will not suffer anyone to be deceived who wishes to be safe and has the humility to acknowledge his incompetence to judge in such matters for himself.

It is not right, however, to cause alarm, and at once condemn these favors because the soul to whom they are vouchsafed is not perfect, for, as I have often witnessed, God withdraws people from harmful pleasures, and even from grievous sins, by sending them His sweet consolations.

Who shall place limits to God's mercies? As these graces, more-

over, are not bestowed on anyone on account of his own merits or strength but, on the contrary, are often given to souls because of their weakness, they neither necessarily increase sanctity nor are always granted to the greatest saints.

It is unreasonable for anyone to disbelieve these matters because of their sublime nature, or since it appears incredible that a Majesty so exalted should abase Himself to hold such loving intercourse with His creatures. It is written that "God is love" — and if He is love, He must need be infinite love and infinite goodness. + + +