

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First Saturday
2 Quinquagesima Sunday 1st Communion class	3 Bible Study 7 p.m.	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7 First Friday Stations of the Cross	8 Roses of Mary Men's Schola
9 1st Sunday of Lent Confirmation class	10 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	11	12 Ember Day	13	14 Ember Day Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	15 Ember Day Altar Guild Men's Schola
16 2nd Sunday of Lent 1st. Communion class	17  St. Patrick Bible Study 7 p.m.	18	19 St. Joseph	20	21 St. Benedict Stations of the Cross	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Confirmation class	24 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27	28 Stations of the Cross All-night Adoration	29 All-night Adoration
30 4th Sunday of Lent 1st Communion class	31 Bible Study 7 p.m.	1	2	3	4 First Friday Stations of the Cross	5 First Saturday

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Please pray for:

Rest of the Soul of:
Jeff Nelson

Parishioners who serve our nation:

1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army
Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps
2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force
Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force
Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army
Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army
Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

MARCH 23, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

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.



JESUS CHOSE *to Suffer* the Pains of HIS PASSION

The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ,
by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The Divine Word came into the world and took upon Him human flesh in order to make Himself loved by man, and therefore He came with such a longing to suffer for our sake, that He would not lose a moment in beginning to torment Himself, at least by apprehension. Hardly was He conceived in the womb of Mary, when He represented to His mind all the sufferings of His Passion; and, in order to obtain for us pardon and divine grace, He offered himself to His eternal Father to satisfy for us through His dolours all the chastisements due to our sins; and from that moment He began to suffer everything that He afterwards endured in His most bitter death.

O my most loving Redeemer! What have I hitherto done or suffered for Thee? If I could for a thousand years endure for Thy sake all the torments that all the martyrs have suffered, they would yet be nothing compared with that one first moment in which Thou dost offer Thyself and begin to suffer for me.

The martyrs did indeed suffer great pains and ignominy; but they only endured them at the time of their martyrdom. Jesus, even from the first instant of His life, continually suffered all the torments of His Passion; for, from the first moment, He had before His eyes all the horrid scene of torments and insults which He was to receive from men. Wherefore He said by the mouth of the prophet, "My sorrow is continually before me" (*Psalms 37:18*). O my Jesus! Thou hast been so desir-

ous to suffer for my sake that Thou wouldst even endure Thy sufferings before the time; and yet I am so desirous after the pleasures of this world. How many times have I offended Thee in order to please my body! O my Lord! Through the merits of Thy sufferings, take away from me, I beseech Thee, all affection for earthly pleasures.

God, in His compassion for us, does not generally reveal to us the trials that await us before the time when we are destined to endure them. If a criminal who is executed on a gibbet had had revealed to him from the first use of his reason the torture that awaited him, could he even have been capable of joy? If Saul from the beginning of his reign had had present to his mind the sword that was to pierce him, if Judas had foreseen the cord that was to suffocate him, how bitter would their life have been!

Our kind Redeemer, even from the first instant of His life, had always present before Him the scourges, the thorns, the cross, the outrages of His Passion, the desolate death that awaited Him. When He beheld the victims which were sacrificed in the temple, He well knew that they were figures of the sacrifice which He, the Immaculate Lamb, would one day consummate on the altar of the cross. When He beheld the city of Jerusalem, he well knew that He was there to lose His life in a sea of sorrows and reproaches. When He saw His dear mother, He already imagined that He saw her in an agony of suffering at the foot of the cross, near

Upcoming Parish Events

March 24 ~ *Adult Catechism*

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

March 28 ~ *Stations of the Cross*

Traditional Lenten prayers at 7 p.m.

March 28-29 ~ *All-Night Adoration*

Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

March 30 ~ *First Communion Class*

First Holy Communion Class will be held one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Enrollment is closed.

April 7-10 ~ *Parish Lenten Mission*

Mark your calendars for our 4-day parish mission to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Further details forthcoming in April.

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His dying self.

So that, O my Jesus, the horrible sight of all these evils kept Thee during the whole of Thy life continually tormented and afflicted before the time of Thy death. And Thou didst accept and suffer everything for my sake. O my agonizing Lord! The sight alone of all the sins of the world, especially of mine, by which Thou didst already foresee I should offend Thee, rendered Thy life more afflicted and painful than all the lives that ever have been or ever will be. But, O my God, in what barbarous law is it written that a God should have so great love for a creature, and yet that creature should live without loving his God, or rather should offend and displease Him? O my Lord, make me know the greatness of Thy love, in order that I may no longer be ungrateful to Thee. Oh, if I but loved Thee, my Jesus, if I

really loved Thee, how sweet it would be to me to suffer for Thee!

Jesus appeared one day on the cross to Sister Magdalen Orsini, who had been suffering for some time from some great affliction, and animated her to suffer it in peace. The servant of God answered, "But, Lord, Thou didst only hang on the cross for three hours, whereas I have gone of suffering this pain for several years." Jesus Christ then said to her reproachingly, "O ignorant that thou art, what dost thou mean? From the first moment that I was in my mother's womb, I suffered in my heart all that I afterwards endured on the cross."

And I, my dear Redeemer, how can I at the sight of such great sufferings which Thou didst endure for my sake, during Thy whole life, complain of those crosses which Thou dost send me for my good? I

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 24 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Sean T. Gordon

Tuesday, March 25 ~ *Annunciation of the B.V.M.*

8 a.m. — Reparation for Sin

6 p.m. — In Honor of Our Lady

Wednesday, March 26 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — + Gloria Altenhofen, by Jill Demian

Thursday, March 27 ~ *Feria of Lent*

6 p.m. — + Arthur Weber Miller III

Friday, March 28 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

6 p.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Saturday, March 29 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — + Arthur Weber Miller III

Sunday, March 30 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Lent (Lætare Sunday)*

7 a.m. — Fr. James J. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Dennis Gordon may accept Mass intentions. Limit one Mass intention per family, per month. Stipend is \$10.

thank Thee for having redeemed me with so much love and such sufferings. In order to animate me to suffer with patience the pains of this life, Thou didst take upon Thyself all our evils. O my Lord, grant that Thy sorrows may be ever present to my mind, in order that I may always accept and desire to suffer for Thy love.

"Great as the sea is Thy destruction" (*Lamentations 2:13*). As the waters of the sea are all salt and bitter, so the life of Jesus Christ was full of bitterness and void of all consolation, as He Himself declared to St. Margaret of Cortona. Moreover, as all the waters of the earth unite in the sea, so did all the sufferings of men unite in Jesus Christ; wherefore

He said by the mouth of the psalmist, "Save me, O God, for the waters are come in even unto my soul. I am come into the depth of the sea, and a tempest hath overwhelmed Me" (*Psalms 68:2*). Save me, O God, for sorrows have entered even the inmost parts of my soul, and I am left submerged in a tempest of ignominy and of sufferings, both interior and exterior.

O my dearest Jesus, my love, my life, my all, if I behold from without Thy sacred body, I see nothing else but wounds. But if I enter into Thy desolate heart, I find nothing but bitterness and sorrows, which made Thee suffer the agonies of death and who but Thee would ever suffer so much for one of Thy creatures? +