

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 1st Friday Homeschoolers Event	5 1st Saturday Extra Choir Rehearsal
6 Passion Sunday Confirmation Class	7 Passion Week Lenten Mission	8 Passion Week Lenten Mission	9 Passion Week Lenten Mission	10 Passion Week Lenten Mission	11 Passion Week Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	12 No Roses of Mary Extra Choir Rehearsal
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday Stations of the Cross	19 Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Easter Tuesday	23 Easter Wednesday	24 Easter Thursday	25 Easter Friday All-Night Adoration	26 Easter Saturday All-Night Adoration
27 Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	28 Adult Catechism Class	29	30	1	2 1st Friday Homeschoolers Event	3 1st 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 30, 2025
FOURTH 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.



Unlawful OBEDIENCE

On the Nature of True Liberty (Libertas Præstantissimum)
Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII, June 20, 1888

Moreover, the highest duty is to respect authority, and obediently to submit to just law; and by this the members of a community are effectually protected from the wrongdoing of evil men. Lawful power is from God, and “he that resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God” (*Romans 13:2*); wherefore, obedience is greatly ennobled when subjected to an authority which is the most just and supreme of all. But where the power to command is wanting, or where a law is enacted contrary to reason, or to the eternal law, or to some ordinance of God, obedience is unlawful, lest, while obeying man, we become disobedient to God. Thus, an effectual barrier being opposed to tyranny, the authority in the State will not have all its own way, but the interests and rights of all will be safeguarded — the rights of individuals, of domestic society and of all the members of the commonwealth; all being free to live according to law and right reason; and in this, as We have shown, true liberty really consists.

If when men discuss the question of liberty they were careful to grasp its true and legitimate meaning, such as reason and reasoning have just explained, they would never venture to affix such a calumny on the Church as to assert that she is the foe of individual and public liberty. But many there are who follow in the footsteps of Lucifer, and adopt as their own his rebellious cry, “I will not serve.” And consequently substitute for true liberty what is sheer and most fool-

ish license. Such, for instance, are the men belonging to that widely spread and powerful organization, who, usurping the name of liberty, style themselves *liberals*.

What naturalists or rationalists aim at in philosophy, that the supporters of *Liberalism*, carrying out the principles laid down by naturalism, are attempting in the domain of morality and politics. The fundamental doctrine of rationalism is the supremacy of the human reason, which, refusing due submission to the divine and eternal reason, proclaims its own independence, and constitutes itself the supreme principle and source and judge of truth. Hence, these followers of Liberalism deny the existence of any divine authority to which obedience is due, and proclaim that every man is the law to himself; from which arises that ethical system which they style *independent* morality, and which, under the guise of liberty, exonerates man from any obedience to the commands of God, and substitutes a boundless license. The end of all this it is not difficult to foresee, especially when society is in question. For when once man is firmly persuaded that he is subject to no one, it follows that the efficient cause of the unity of civil society is not to be sought in any principle external to man, or superior to him, but simply in the free will of individuals; that the authority in the State comes from the people only; and that just as every man’s individual reason is his only rule of life, so the collective reason of the community should be the supreme

Upcoming Parish Events

April 4 ~ *First Friday Home Schooler Event*

Catechesis and pot-luck breakfast for home-schooled children of the parish. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gracey Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

April 4 ~ *Stations of the Cross*

Traditional Lenten prayers at 7 p.m. to join Our Lord in His passion.

April 6 ~ *Confirmation Class*

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

April 2-10 ~ *Our Lady of Sorrows Novena*

Join our novena in preparation for the commemoration of Our Lady of Sorrows, April 11. Prayers available soon in vestibule.

April 7-10 ~ *Parish Lenten Mission*

Fr. Joseph Portzer, F.S.S.P., will give a four-day Lenten Mission during Passion week. Mission begins with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a conference at 7 p.m. Confessions every night following the conference. There will be no Holy Hour on the 10th.

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guide in the management of all public affairs. Hence the doctrine of the supremacy of the greater number, and that all right and all duty reside in the majority. But, from what has been said, it is clear that all this is in contradiction to reason. To refuse any bond of union between man and civil society, on the one hand, and God the Creator and consequently the supreme Law-giver, on the other, is plainly repugnant to the nature, not only of man, but of all created things; for, of necessity, all effects must in some proper way be connected with the cause; and it belongs to the perfection of every nature to contain itself within that sphere and grade which the order of nature has assigned to it, namely, that

the lower should be subject and obedient to the higher.

Moreover, besides this, a doctrine of such character is most hurtful both to individuals and to the State. For, once ascribe to human reason the only authority to decide what is true and what is good, and the real distinction between good and evil is destroyed; honor and dishonor differ not in the nature, but in the opinion and judgment of each one; pleasure is the measure of what is lawful; and, given a code of morality which can have little or no power to restrain or quiet the unruly propensities of man, a way is naturally opened to universal corruption. With reference also to public affairs: authority is severed from true and natural

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 31 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Special Intention

Tuesday, April 1 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Douglas Family, by the Mora Family

Wednesday, April 2 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Josefa Lechuga Bustillos, by the Sanchez Family

Thursday, April 3 ~ *Feria of Lent*

6 p.m. — In Honor of St. Teresa of the Andes

Friday, April 4 ~ *Feria of Lent*

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6 p.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, April 5 ~ *Feria of Lent*

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

Sunday, April 6 ~ *Passion Sunday*

7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — + James P. Gordon, Jr.
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

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

principle whence it derives all its efficacy for the common good; and the law determining what it is right to do and avoid doing is at the mercy of a majority. Now, this is simply a road leading straight to tyranny. The empire of God over man and civil society once repudiated, it follows that religion, as a public institution, can have no claim to exist, and that everything that belongs to religion will be treated with complete indifference.

Furthermore, with ambitious designs on sovereignty, tumult and sedition will be common among the people; and when duty and conscience cease to appeal to them, there will be nothing to hold them back but force, which of itself alone

is powerless to keep their covetousness in check. Of this we have almost daily evidence in the conflict with *Socialists* and members of other seditious societies, who labor unceasingly to bring about revolution.

It is for those, then who are capable of forming a just estimate of things to decide whether such doctrines promote that true liberty which alone is worthy of man, or rather, pervert and destroy it. There are, indeed some adherents of Liberalism who do not subscribe to these opinions, which we have seen to be fearful in their enormity, openly opposed to the truth and the cause of most terrible evils.

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