

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	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	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	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Confirmation class	24 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27	28 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	5 First Saturday

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Please pray for:

Repose of the Soul of:
Jeff Nelson
1st Lt. Jeffrey LaCoste, U.S. Space Force
1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army

Parishioners who serve our nation:
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



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

MARCH 9, 2025

**FIRST 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.

PASTOR:

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

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



Practicing UNIFORMITY with GOD'S WILL

Uniformity with God's Will, by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Let us now take up in a practical way the consideration of those matters in which we should unite ourselves to God's will.

In external matters. In times of great heat, cold or rain; in times of famine, epidemics and similar occasions we should refrain from expressions like these: "What unbearable heat!" "What piercing cold!" "What a tragedy!" in these instances we should avoid expressions indication opposition to God's will. We should want things to be just as they are, because it is God who thus disposes them. An incident in point would be this one: Late one night St. Francis Borgia arrived unexpectedly at a Jesuit house, in a snowstorm. He knocked and knocked on the door, but all to no purpose because the community being asleep, no one heard him. When morning came all were embarrassed for the discomfort he had experienced by having had to spend the night in the open. The saint, however, said he had enjoyed the greatest consolation during those long hours of the night by imagining that he saw our Lord up in the sky dropping the snowflakes down upon him.

In personal matters. In matters that affect us personally, let us acquiesce in God's will. For example, in hunger, thirst, poverty, desolation, loss of reputation, let us always say: "Do Thou build up or tear down, O Lord, as seems good in Thy sight. I am content. I wish only what Thou dost wish." Thus too, says Rodriguez, should we act

when the devil proposes certain hypothetical cases to us in order to wrest a sinful consent from us, or at least to cause us to be interiorly disturbed. For example: "What would you say or what would you do if some one were to say or do such and such a thing to you?" Let us dismiss the temptation by saying, "By God's grace I would say or do what God would want me to say or do." Thus we shall free ourselves from imperfection and harassment.

Let us not lament if we suffer from some natural defect of body or mind; from poor memory, slowness of understanding, little ability, lameness or general bad health. What claim have we, or what obligation is God under, to give us a more brilliant mind or a more robust body? Who is ever offered a gift and then lays down the conditions upon which he will accept it? Let us thank God for what, in His pure goodness, He has given us and let us be content too with the manner in which He has given it to us.

Who knows? Perhaps if God had given us greater talent, better health, a more personable appearance, we might have lost our souls! Great talent and knowledge have caused many to be puffed up with the idea of their own importance and, in their pride, they have despised others. How easily those who have these gifts fall into grave danger to their salvation! How man on account of physical beauty or robust health have plunged headlong into a life of debauchery! How many, on the contrary, who, by

Upcoming Parish Events

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

March 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.

March 14 ~ Stations of the Cross
Traditional Lenten prayers at 7 p.m.

March 15 ~ Altar Guild
Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. For more information or to enroll your son, contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

March 15 ~ 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 Miss Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

March 16 ~ First Communion Class
First Holy communion Class will be held February 9, one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Enrollment is closed.

New Parish e-mail Address: cosfssp@pm.me
All parishioners will be moved to the new e-mail group unless your registration has not been filed or updated.

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.

reason of poverty, infirmity, or physical deformity, have become saints and have saved their souls, who, given health, wealth, or physical attractiveness had else lost their souls! Let us then be content with what God has given us. "But one thing is necessary," (*Luke 10:42*), and it is not beauty, not health, not talent. It is the salvation of our immortal souls.

It is especially necessary that we be resigned in *corporal infirmities*. We should willingly embrace

them in the manner and for the length of time that God wills. We ought to make use of the ordinary remedies in time of sickness — such is God's will; but if they are not affective, let us unite ourselves to God's will and this will be better for us than would be our restoration to health. Let us say: "Lord, I wish neither to be well nor to remain sick; I want only what Thou wilt." Certainly, it is more virtuous not to repine in times of painful illness; still and all, when our suf-

+ MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 10 ~ Feria of Lent
8 a.m. — Florecita Garcia, by Gerardo Garcia

Tuesday, March 11 ~ Feria of Lent
8 a.m. — Lindsay Norman, by Joyce Sanchez

Wednesday, March 12 ~ Ember Wednesday of Lent
8 a.m. — *Rorate Caeli* Purgatorial Society

Thursday, March 13 ~ Feria of Lent
6 p.m. — Giulianna Hudson

Friday, March 14 ~ Ember Friday of Lent
8 a.m. — Special Intention
6 p.m. — Kristen de Guarda

Saturday, March 15 ~ Ember Saturday of Lent
8 a.m. — Director & Board of *Mater Filius*, by Lisa Schmitz

Sunday, March 16 ~ Second Sunday of Lent
7 a.m. — In Reparation for Bad Communion
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.

LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

<p>DAYS OF ABSTINENCE <i>Current Practice:</i> ◆ Begins on one's 14th birthday. ◆ Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. ◆ Obliges abstinence from flesh meat. <i>Discipline of 1962:</i> Begins on one's 7th birthday. <i>Complete abstinence:</i> All Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Vigil of Christmas, Holy Saturday. <i>Partial abstinence:</i> (meat,</p>	<p>soup, meat gravy permitted once a day at the principle meal) all days of Lent, Ember Days, Vigil of Pentecost and the Assumption. FAST DAYS <i>Current Practice:</i> ◆ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: ◆ Applies to all aged 18-59, inclusive. ◆ One full meal permitted and two collations which, if combined, are less than a full meal.</p>	<p><i>Discipline of 1962</i> ◆ Applies to all aged 21-59, inclusive. ◆ All days of Lent from Ash Wednesday, inclusive, Ember Days, Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost and the Assumption. ◆ One full meal permitted and two collations which, if combined, are less than a full meal. DAYS OF PENANCE Applies to all the Faithful. Lent and all Fridays.</p>
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Let it be understood, however, that the sufferings here referred to are actually excessive. +++