

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Palm Sunday	30 Catechumen Class	31	1	2 Holy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10 Pro-life Vigil	11 Young Roses of Mary
12 Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	13 Catechumen Class	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild
19 Second Sunday after Easter  Confirmation Class	20 Catechumen Class	21	22	23	24  All-Night Adoration	25
26 Third Sunday after Easter  1st Communion Class	27 Catechumen Class	28	29	30	1	2

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### Rest of the Souls of:

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Second Sunday after Easter ~ April 19, 2026



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

### Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

### Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass,  
Saturdays at 4 p.m.

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

### Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor: FR. JAMES J. GORDON, F.S.S.P.

# ADVANTAGES of CONFORMITY to the DIVINE WILL

Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence,  
by Fr. Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure, S.J. & St. Claude de la Colombiere, S.J.

Our sanctification is God's aim in all His dealings with us. What would He not do for His own honor and our good if we would only let Him! The heavens make no resistance to the spirits that guide them and their motion is magnificent, orderly and useful; they declare aloud the glory of God and preserve order in the universe by their influence and the invariable succession of day and night. If they resisted this guidance and instead of following the motion set for them they followed a different one, they would soon fall into the utmost confusion and destroy the world. It is the same when the will of man lets itself be guided by God's will.

Then all that is in this microcosm, this "little world," all the faculties of the soul and members of the body are in the most perfect harmony and regular motion. But man quickly loses all these advantages and falls into the utmost confusion once he opposes his will to God's and turns aside from it.

In what does the sanctification of man and his perfection consist? "Some," says St. Francis de Sales, "place it in austerity, others in giving to charity, others in frequenting the sacraments, others in prayer. But for my part I know no other perfection than loving God with all one's heart. Without this love all the virtues are only a heap of

stones." The truth of this cannot be doubted. The Scriptures are full of it. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, thy whole soul and thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment," Our Lord tells us (Matthew 22:37-38). And St. Paul: "Above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14).

In the same way that virtue is ennobled and perfected by the love of God, "so likewise," says Rodrigues following St. Chrysostom, "the highest, purest and most excellent part of this love is absolute conformity to the Divine Will and having in all things no other will but God's." For, as theologians teach with Pseudo-Dionysius and St. Jerome, "the chief effect of love is to unite the hearts of those who love each other so that they have the same will." Hence the more we submit to God's designs for us, the more we advance towards perfection. When we resist we go backwards.

"Whoever makes a habit of prayer," says the great St. Teresa of Avila, "should think only of doing everything to conform his will to God's. Be assured that in this conformity consists the highest perfection we can attain, and those who practice it with the greatest care will be favored by God's greatest gift and will make the quickest progress in the interior life. Do not imagine there are other secrets. All our good consist in this.

It is related of Blessed Stephanie of Soncino, a Dominican nun, that she was one day carried in spirit to Heaven

to see the happiness of the saints. She saw their souls mingling with the choirs of angels according to each one's degree of merit, and noticed among the Seraphim several persons she had known before their deaths. Having asked why these souls were raised to such a high degree of glory, she was told it was because of the conformity and perfect union of their will with God's while they lived on earth. Now, if this conformity to the will of God raises souls to the highest degree of glory in Heaven among the Seraphim, it must be concluded that it raises them on earth to the highest degree of grace and on it is founded the highest perfection man can attain.

Since it is the most perfect act of charity and the most pleasing and acceptable sacrifice that is given to man to offer to God, there can be no doubt that whoever practices entire submission to His will lays up inestimable treasures at every moment and amasses more riches in a few days than others are able to acquire in many years and with great labor. To remain indifferent to good fortune or to adversity by accepting it all from the hand of God without questioning, not to ask for things to be done as we would like them but as God wishes, to make the intention of all our prayers that God's will should be perfectly accomplished in ourselves and in all creatures is to find the secret of happiness and content. "He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him," says the Psalmist, "He hears their cry

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, April 20 ~ Feria in Paschaltide**  
8 a.m. — † Joe TeGrotenhuis, by John TeGrotenhuis

**Tuesday, April 21 ~ St. Anselm**  
8 a.m. — Amanda Schmitz, by Tony Schmitz

**Wednesday, April 22 ~ Sts. Soter & Caius**  
8 a.m. — † Lupe Verdin, by Marie & Harold Russ

**Thursday, April 23 ~ Feria in Paschaltide**  
6 p.m. — Private Intention

**Friday, April 24 ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
8 a.m. — † Fr. Terrence P. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

**Saturday, April 25 ~ St. Mark**  
8 a.m. — Reparation for the Sins of Our Country

**Sunday, April 26 ~ Third Sunday after Easter**  
7 a.m. — Private Intention  
9 a.m. — † Beatrice L. Gordon  
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

#### April 20 ~ Catechumen Class

Class for adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church will meet 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

#### April 24-25 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour in meditation, prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; times available from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

#### April 26 ~ First Holy Communion Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

and saves them. The Lord keeps all who love Him" (Psalms 144:19-20). And again: "We know that for those who love God all things work together unto good" (Romans 8:28).

The conforming of our will to God's is not limited to the attainment of our eternal salvation. It also has the effect of making us happy on this earth. It will give us the most perfect peace it is possible to experience in life and is the means of making this world a foretaste of Heaven.

"O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments!" God said to Israel, "Thy peace had been as a river" (Isaias

48:18). Eliphaz, one of Job's three friends, likewise says to him: "Come to terms with Him to be at peace... for then you shall delight in the Almighty and you shall lift up your face towards God" (Job 22:21-26). It is this that the angels sang at the birth of our Savior: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will" (Luke 2:14). Who are these men of good will but those whose wills are in harmony with the supremely good will of God? A will that is otherwise disposed must necessarily be a bad will, incapable of obtaining the peace promised to men of good will.

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