

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 First Friday Homeschoolers Day	2

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rest of the Souls of:

Lamar Cole
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Third Sunday after Easter ~ April 26, 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.

The Importance of the FIRST CONVERSION

The Three Conversions in the Spiritual Life, by Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.

The interior life is for all the one thing necessary. It ought to be constantly developing in our souls; more so than what we call our intellectual life, more so than our scientific, artistic or literary life. The interior life is lived in the depths of the soul; it is the life of the whole man, not merely of one or other of his faculties. And our intellectual life would gain immeasurably by appreciating this; it would receive an inestimable advantage if, instead of attempting to supplant the spiritual life, it recognized its necessity and importance, and welcomed its

beneficial influence — the influence of the theological virtues and the gifts of the Holy Ghost. How deeply important our subject is may be seen in the very words we have used: Intellectuality and Spirituality. And it is important to us not only as individuals, but also in our social relations; for it is evident that we can exert no real or profound influence upon our fellow men unless we live a truly interior life ourselves.

The pressing need of devoting ourselves to the consideration of the one thing necessary is especially manifest in these

days of general chaos and unrest, when so many men and nations, neglecting their true destiny, give themselves up entirely to acquiring earthly possessions, failing to realize how inferior these are to the everlasting riches of the spirit.

And yet St. Augustine's saying is so clearly true, that "material goods, unlike those of the spirit, cannot belong wholly and simultaneously to more than one person." The same house, the same land, cannot belong completely to several people at once, nor the same territory to several nations. And herein lies the reason of that unhappy conflict of interests which arises from the feverish quest of these earthly possessions.

On the other hand, as St. Augustine often reminds us, the same spiritual treasure can belong in its entirety to all men, and at the same time to each, without any disturbance of peace between them. Indeed, the more there are to enjoy them in common the more completely do we possess them. The same truth, the same virtue, the same God, can belong to us all in like manner, and yet none of us embarrasses his fellow possessors. Such are the inexhaustible riches of the spirit that they can be the property of all and yet satisfy the desires of each. Indeed, only then do we possess a truth completely when we teach it to others, when we make others share our contemplation; only then do we truly love a virtue when we wish others to love it also; only then do we wholly love God when we desire to make Him

loved by all. Give money away, or spend it, and it is no longer yours. But give God to others, and you possess Him more fully for yourself. We may go even further and say that, if we desired only one soul to be deprived of Him, if we excluded only one soul — even the soul of one who persecutes and calumniates us — from our own love, then God Himself would be lost to us.

This truth, so simple and yet so sublime, gives rise to an illuminating principle: it is that whereas material goods, the more they are sought for their own sake, tend to cause disunion among men, spiritual goods unite men more closely in proportion as they are more greatly loved. This principle helps us to appreciate how necessary is the interior life; and incidentally, it virtually contains the solution of the social question of the economic crisis which afflicts the world today. The Gospel puts it very simply: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you." If the world today is on its deathbed, it is because it has lost sight of a fundamental truth which for every Christian is elementary.

The profoundest truths of all, and the most vital, are in fact those elementary verities which, through long meditation and deep thought, have become the norm of our lives; those truths, in other words, which are the object of our habitual contemplation. God is now showing men what a great mistake they make when they try to do without Him, when they

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 27 ~ St. Peter Canisius

8 a.m. — † George Forster, by Helene Forster

Tuesday, April 28 ~ St. Paul of the Cross

8 a.m. — † Fr. Terrence P. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Wednesday, April 29 ~ St. Peter

8 a.m. — † Beatrice L. Gordon

Thursday, April 30 ~ St. Catherine of Siena

6 p.m. — † Felipe Medina Avendaño, by Alejandro Medina

Friday, May 1 ~ St. Joseph the Workman

8 a.m. — Brendan Shumaker, by Jesiah Benson

6 p.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, May 2 ~ St. Athanasius

8 a.m. — Private Intention

11:30 a.m. — Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, May 3 ~ Fourth Sunday after Easter

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

regard earthly enjoyment as their highest good, and thus reverse the whole scale of values, or, as the ancient philosophers put it, the subordination of ends. As though in the hope of compensating for the poor quality of earthly goods, men are striving to increase their quantity; they are trying to produce as much as possible in the order of material enjoyment.

They are constructing machinery with the object of increasing production at a greater profit. This is the ultimate objective. But what is the conse-

quence? The surplus cannot be disposed of; it is wasted, and unemployment is the result. The worker starves in enforced idleness while others die of surfeit.

The present state of the world is called a crisis. But in fact it more than a crisis; it is a condition of affairs which, if men only had eyes to see, ought to be revealing; it ought to show men that they have sought their last end where it is not to be found, in earthly enjoyment — instead of God.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

April 27 ~ Catechumen Class

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

May 3 ~ May Crowning

Bring flowers for your children to present to Our Lady before Mass. For more information, contact Anita McCowen, cosfssp@gmail.com.

May 3 ~ Confirmation Class

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

May 10 ~ Mother's Day Brunch

Men! Make Mother's Day special for all the mothers of the parish by preparing and serving brunch following the 11 a.m. Mass. Prepare your favorite food but no cheating: Moms are not allowed to prepare it! Sign ups are in the vestibule. For more information, contact Kris McCowen, (719) 352-1519.