

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30	1	2 Homeschooler's First Friday	3 First Saturday
4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	5	6	7	8	9 Pro-life Vigil	10
11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Benedict's Altar Guild (Meet at new church location)
18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christ the King	26	27	28	29	30	31 Standard Time resumes tomorrow: Set clocks back one hour tonight

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IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 18, 2026

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

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

Parochial Vicar: FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P

Sunday Schedule:

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

Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:
Half an hour before Mass,
Saturday at 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

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

Holy Hour, Benediction:
Thursday: 7 p.m.

The Fifth Commandment: THOU SHALT NOT KILL

*Catechism of the Council of Trent,
Issued by Order of Pope Pius V*

THE GREAT HAPPINESS proposed to the peacemakers, of being called the children of God, should prove a powerful incentive to the pastor to explain to the faithful with care and accuracy the obligations imposed by this Commandment.

No means more efficacious can be adopted to promote peace among mankind, than the proper explanation of this Commandment and its holy and due observance by all. Then might we hope that men, united in the strictest bonds of union, would live in perfect peace and concord.

The necessity of explaining this Commandment is proved from the following. Immediately after the earth was overwhelmed in universal deluge, this was the prohibition made by God to man. "I will require the blood of your lives," He said, "at the hand of every beast and at the hand of man" (*Genesis 9:5*). In the next place,

among the precepts of the Old Law expounded by our Lord, this Commandment was mentioned first by Him; concerning which it is written in the Gospel of St. Matthew: "It has been said thou shalt not kill," etc. (*Matthew 5:21*).

The faithful, on their part, should hear with willing attention the explanation of this Commandment, since its purpose is to protect the life of each one. These words, "Thou shalt not kill," emphatically forbid homicide; and they should be heard by all with the same pleasure as if God, expressly naming each individual, were to prohibit injury to be offered him under a threat of the divine anger and the heaviest chastisements. As, then, the announcement of this Commandment must be heard with pleasure, so also should the avoidance of the sin which it forbids give pleasure.

In the explanation of this Command the Lord points out

its twofold obligation. The one is prohibitory and forbids us to kill; the other is mandatory and commands us to cherish sentiments of charity, concord and friendship towards our enemies, to have peace with all men, and finally to endure with patience every inconvenience.

With regard to the prohibitory part, it should first be taught what kinds of killing are not forbidden by this Commandment. It is not prohibited to kill animals, for if God permits man to eat them, it is also lawful to kill them. "When," says St. Augustine, "we hear the words, 'Thou shalt not kill,' we do not understand this of the fruits of the earth, which are insensible, nor of irrational animals, which form no part of human society."

Another kind of lawful slaying belongs to the civil authorities, to whom is entrusted power of life and death, by the legal and judicious exercise of which they punish the guilty and protect the innocent. The just use of this power, far from involving the crime of murder, is an act of paramount obedience to this Commandment which prohibits murder. The end of the Commandment is the preservation and security of human life.

Now the punishments inflicted by the civil authority, which is the legitimate avenger of crime, naturally tend to this end, since they give security to life by repressing outrage and violence. Hence these words of David: "In the morning I put to death all the wicked of the land, that I might cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of the Lord" (*Psalms 100:8*).

...Again, death caused, not by intent or design, but by accident, is not murder. He that killeth his neighbor ignorantly," says the book of Deuteronomy, "and who is proved to have had no hatred against him yesterday and the day before, but to have gone with him to the wood to hew wood, and in cutting down the tree the axe slipped out of his hand, and the iron slipping from the handle struck his friend and killed him, shall live" (*Deuteronomy 19:4*). Such accidental deaths, because inflicted without intent or design, involve no guilt whatever, and this is confirmed by the words of St. Augustine: "God forbid that what we do for a good and lawful end shall be imputed to us, if, contrary to our intention, evil thereby befall any one."

There are, however, two cases in which guilt attaches (to accidental death). The first case is when death results from an unlawful act; when, for instance, a person kicks or strikes a woman in a state of pregnancy, and abortion follows. The consequence, it is true may not have been intended, but this does not exculpate the offender, because the act of striking a pregnant woman is in itself unlawful. The other case is when death is caused by negligence, carelessness or want of due precaution.

If a man kill another in self-defense, having used every means consistent with his own safety to avoid the infliction of death, he evidently does not violate this Commandment.

The above are the cases in which life may be taken without violating this

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, October 19 ~ St. Peter of Alcantara

8 a.m. -- Fr. Dennis M. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Tuesday, October 20 ~ St. John Cantius

8 a.m. -- Henry & Katherine Jenkin, by Cecil & Joy Vostatek

Wednesday, October 21 ~ Feria

8 a.m. -- + Joe TeGrotenhuis, by John TeGrotenhuis

Thursday, October 22 ~ Feria

6 p.m. -- Fern Zelig Benson, by Maria Guilez

Friday, October 23 ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret

8 a.m. -- + Mary Schmitz, by Tony Schmitz

Saturday, October 24 ~ St. Raphael the Archangel

8 a.m. -- Jerry & Laverne Johnson, by Jenny Vostatek

Sunday, October 25 ~ Christ the King

7 a.m. -- Private Intention

9 a.m. -- In Reparation for Bad Communion

11 a.m. -- *Pro Populo*

The Priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

October 19 ~ No Catechumen Class

Class is canceled until November and will resume at the new location, 2715 E. Pikes Peak Ave.

October 30-31 ~ All-Night Adoration Canceled

Adoration will resume November 27-28.

Commandment; and with these exceptions all other killing forbidden, whether we consider the person who kills, the person killed, or the means used to kill.

As to the person who kills, the Commandment recognizes no exception whatever, be he rich or powerful, master or parent. All, without exception or distinction, are forbidden to kill.

With regard to the person

killed, the law extends to all. There is no individual, however humble or lowly his condition, whose life is not shielded by this law.

It also forbids suicide. No man possesses such power over his own life as to be at liberty to put himself to death. Hence we find that the Commandment does not say: "Thou shalt not kill another," but simply: "Thou shalt not kill." +++