

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	29 Sts. Peter and Paul No Adult Convert Class	30	1 Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ	2	3 First Friday	4 Independence Day First Saturday
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	6 Adult Convert Class	7	8	9	10 Pro-Life Vigil	11
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	13 No Adult Convert Class	14	15	16	17	18
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	20 No Adult Convert Class	21	22	23	24	25
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	27 No Adult Convert Class	28	29	30	31	1 First Saturday

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 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.

Daily Mass Schedule:

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

Confessions:

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

Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

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

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

MORTIFYING

Ourselves in Small Matters

*Practice of Christian and Religious Perfection,
by Alphonsus Rodriguez, S.J.*

We must so fix our eyes upon great things, as not to neglect those of less importance; and this admonition is addressed to those who neglect lesser mortifications and make no account of them, looking upon them as trifles, that help not to our spiritual advancement and perfection. This is a very great error, which the Son of God takes notice of, in the reprehension He gives to the scribes and Pharisees. For He blames not the care they had taken of small things, but the neglect they had of greater and more essential. These, says He, ought to have been done, and the others not to have been left undone (*Matthew 23:23*). I have already very often repeated how important it is to make account

of little things, and not to neglect them; and in truth it is a point of so great importance, that it deserves very often to be spoken of, lest through this door, laxity and disorder should enter, as happens but too frequently. But I shall now speak only of what regards our present subject, and for this reason shall explain two things; the one, of what advantage these sorts of mortifications are; the other, how dangerous a thing it is to neglect them. As to the first, how pleasing these kinds of mortification, though be they small, are unto God, and of how great merit they are unto us, may easily be comprehended, if we consider that the chief thing in mortification consists, not in the performance of the austerity

but in the casting off our own will, for that is properly the true mortification and renouncing of ourselves, that Jesus Christ requires of us in the gospel. But we may renounce our own wills no less in little than in great things, and sometimes even more, and with greater merit, if they be more contrary to our inclinations.

We daily experience that such things as are very small in themselves give us a great deal more pain, than those which are more considerable; because mortification consists not so much in the things themselves, as in the repugnance our will has to them. So that when we mortify ourselves in any thing whatsoever, we offer a sacrifice of our wills unto God, striving with them, and overcoming them for the love of God. And as in this we offer the choicest thing we have, which is our will, so we may say, that in sacrificing that, we make an entire sacrifice of ourselves.

St. Ambrose upon this account, examines what the scripture says of David, when he was encamped in the sight of the Philistines, and his whole army was in great want of water; "O," says the king, "that any one would get me some of the water of the fountain of Bethlehem" (*1 Chronicles 11:17*), which was beyond the enemies camp. Whereupon, three brave soldiers hearing him say this, departed presently, twice passed the army of the Philistines, and brought to David the water of this fountain. But the scripture adds, that he would not drink of it, but made of sac-

rifice of effusion to our Lord, by pouring it forth and offering it unto Him (*1 Chronicles 11:18*).

Is it therefore so great a sacrifice to offer a pot of water to our Lord? Yes, says St. Ambrose, it was a great sacrifice, and very pleasing unto God; and fully to convince us of this truth, it is enough that the scripture speaks of it, as of one of David's greatest exploits. But would you know, says St. Ambrose, in what the greatness of this action consists? He overcame nature by not drinking in an extreme thirst, and thereby taught the whole army by his own example, how to support the thirst they suffered. It was not only the pot of water he offered, but it was his own will; and therefore in the mortifying ourselves, though in ever so small things, it is the will always that is sacrificed unto God, and consequently it is a sacrifice of great value that we offer unto Him, which is always very pleasing to His Divine Majesty...

Wherefore, let us make great account of these sorts of mortification, and take care not to condemn or undervalue them, lest the same happen to us.... If you disdain to mortify yourself in small matters; if you be ashamed exactly to subject yourself to little things, pretending they are beneath you, and that such a subjection as this is only good for children and novices, be afraid lest this become the cause of your spiritual barrenness or sterility, either in prayer, or in your conferences with your neighbor; and be an occasion also, that

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 20 ~ St. Jerome Emiliani

8 a.m. — James P. Gordon

Tuesday, July 21 ~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8 a.m. — + Kathy Ryan, by Jill Demian

Wednesday, July 22 ~ St. Mary Magdalene

8 a.m. — + Bobby Nelson, by Lucienne Nelson

Thursday, July 23 ~ St. Apollinaris

6 p.m. — + Margaret Leibfried, by Sean & Jenny Vostatek

Friday, July 24 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Special Intention, by Ivancik Family

Saturday, July 25 ~ St. James the Greater

8 a.m. — + Shorty Bradford, by Sandra Diggs

Sunday, July 26 ~ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — + Maria Anna Hong Mai, by Bao Vu

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Dennis Gordon is accepting Mass intentions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 20 ~ No Adult Catechumen Class

Classes for adult converts will resume in August.

July 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. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

Volunteer Housekeepers Needed

We need reliable, able-bodied volunteers to help clean at the church every week. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Villalobos, (719) 651-8135. May God reward you!

your words make no impression, and produce no fruit in their hearts; and that thereby you be forever deprived of the comfort of spiritual children. This is what, above all things, is to be feared by those, who reproach others for their exact performance of all their duties, who treat them as weak person, and scoff and jeer at them. There is scarce anything more dangerous, or of what we ought to have greater scruple than this; because at bottom it goes so far as to discourage and impede the practice of virtue.

The answer which David gave Michal is admirable "I will play before the Lord," says he, "who has chosen and preferred me to your father, and will render myself yet more despicable than hitherto I have done, and will humble myself yet more and more" (*2 Kings 6:22*). An excellent sport and diversion indeed, cries out St. Bernard, which pleases God and displeases Michal; which appears a ridiculous sight before men, and is very pleasing to the angels.

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