

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Septuagesima Sunday Confirmation Class	29 Bible Study 7 p.m.	30 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	31	1 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	2 The Purification of the BVM First Friday	3 St. Blaise First Saturday Confessions 4 p.m.
4 Sexagesima Sunday First Communion Class	5 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	6	7 Deanery Meeting	8 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	9 Abortion Prayer Vigil at noon	10 Young Roses Confessions 4 p.m.
11 Quinquagesima Sunday Confirmation Class	12 Bible Study 7 p.m.	13 Presbyteral Council Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	14 Ash Wednesday ✝	15 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	16	17 Altar Guild Confessions 4 p.m.
18 First Sunday of Lent First Communion Class	19 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	20	21 Ember Wednesday	22 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	23 Ember Friday Adoration begins 7 p.m.	22 Ember Saturday Adoration to 7:30 a.m. Confessions 4 p.m.
25 Second Sunday of Lent Confirmation Class	26 Bible Study 7 p.m.	27 Catecismo para Adultos 7 p.m.	28	29 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	1 First Friday	2 First Saturday Confessions 4 p.m.

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Please pray for:

The Repose of the Souls of:

+ Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.
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+ Frances Kwitek
+ Rick Peters

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Sgt. Luis Arvelo-Massari, U.S. Army
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Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
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IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



FEBRUARY 4, 2024
SEXAGESIMA
SUNDAY



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.

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

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THE FIRST STEP OF PRIDE : CURIOSITY

from: *The Steps of Humility & Pride*,
by St. Bernard of Clairvaux

The first step of pride is curiosity. How does it show itself? You see one who up to this time had every appearance of being an excellent monk. Now you begin to notice that wherever he is, standing, walking or sitting, his eyes are wandering, his glance darts right and left, his ears are cocked. Some change has taken place in him; every movement shows it. “The perverse man winks with his eye, nudges with his foot, points with his finger” (*Proverbs 6:12*). These symptoms show his soul has caught some disease. He used to watch over his own conduct; now all his watchfulness is for others. “He does not know himself so he must go forth to pasture his goats” (*Song of Solomon 1:7*). Goats are a symbol of sin and I am applying the word to his eyes and ears. They are the windows through which death creeps into the soul, as death came into the world by sin. These are the flocks the curious man tends, while he lets his soul starve. My man! If you gave yourself the attention you ought, I do not think you would have much time to look after others. Listen busybody, to Solomon, listen to the words of the Wise man for a fool: “Guard your heart with all care” (*Proverbs 4:23*). Your senses will have quite enough to do to guard the source of life. You wander away from yourself: Whom have you left in charge? Your eyes sweep the heavens How do you dare, you who have sinned

against heaven. Look over the earth, that you might know yourself. It speaks to you of yourself because, “Dust you are and unto dust you shall return” (*Genesis 3:19*).

Are the eyes never to be raised at all? Yes, but only for two reasons: to look for help, or to help others. David raised his eyes to the mountains to see if help would come to him. Our Lord looked out over the crowd to see if they needed his help. One raised his eyes in misery, the other in mercy — two excellent reasons. If, when time, place and circumstances call for it, you raise your eyes for your own need or your brother’s, I certainly will not blame you; I will think all the better of you. Misery is a good excuse; mercy is a very commendable reason. If it is for some motive other than these two that you raise your eyes, I am afraid you imitate neither the Prophet nor our Lord but Dinah, Eve, or satan himself. Dinah was leading her goats to pasture when she was snatched away from her father and despoiled of her virginity. Ah! Dinah! You were anxious to see the foreign woman? What need was there for that? What good did it do you? Was it just idle curiosity? Yes, you were idle, but someone who saw you did not stay idle. You were looking about curiously, but someone eyed you still more curiously. Who would have then believed that your curious idleness or idle curiosity

would be fruitful. But it did bear terrible fruit for you, and for your family, and for your enemies, too.

What about you, Eve? You were in Paradise, charged along with your husband to tend it and care for it. If you had kept the command given you, you would have gone in due time to a better place where there is no labor and no care. You were permitted to eat the fruit of every tree except the tree of knowledge of good evil. The other trees were good and their fruit tasted well. Why did you want the fruit that tasted evil as well? “Be not wiser than it behooves one to be wise” (*Romans 12:3*). To be wise in evil is not wisdom but foolishness. Keep what is entrusted to you; wait for what is promised to you. Avoid what is forbidden or you will lose what you already have. Why are you so ready to look on death? What do those glances mean? You are forbidden to eat that fruit, why do you look at it? “Oh!” you

answer, “I am only looking. Have not so much as put a hand to it. My eyes are under no restriction; I was forbidden only to eat. What did God give me eyes for if I cannot look at whatever I want?” Have you never read; “all things are lawful for me but not all expedient?” (*1 Corinthians 6:12*). The look may not have been a sin itself but there was a sin somewhere in the background. You cannot have been watching very carefully over yourself or you would not have had time for this curiosity. It may not itself be a sin but it is leading you on to sin. You are already guilty of some fault in the matter and more will follow.

While your attention was taken up with this, the serpent quietly slipped into your heart and his soft words are being spoken, gentle persuasive words, lies to lull fear to sleep. “No, you will not die,” he says (*Genesis 3:4*). He strengthens your attention, he

Upcoming Parish Events

Today ~ *First Holy Communion Class Begins*

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession begins today. Enrollment for this class closes today at commencement of the class.

February 5 ~ *Adult Catechism*

Fr. James Gordon will continue his series of lectures on Spiritual Theology 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

February 9 ~ *Abortion Vigil*

One-hour prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood begins at noon, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. Contact Michael Smiley, (719) 502-9149 or Michelle Smiley, (719) 447-7236.

February 11 ~ *Confirmation Class*

Instruction to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation continues after the 11 a.m. Mass. Enrollment for this class is closed.

+ MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

Monday February 5 ~ *St. Agatha*

8 a.m. — Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Valparaiso

Tuesday, February 6 ~ *St. Titus*

8 a.m. — + James P. Gordon

Wednesday, February 7 ~ *St. Romuald*

8 a.m. — Jill Demian

Thursday, February 8 ~ *St. John of Matha*

6 p.m. — Rorate Caeli Purgatorial Society

Friday, February 9 ~ *St. Cyril*

8 a.m. — + Linda Vogel, by Kevin Vogel

Saturday, February 10 ~ *St. Scholastica*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, February 11 ~ *Quinquagesima Sunday*

7 a.m. — Fraternity of St. Peter

9 a.m. — Fraternity of St. Peter

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Mass Intentions

Checks for Mass intentions must be made payable to the priest, not to the parish. Limit one Mass intention per family per month. Anonymous intentions will be forwarded to FSSP headquarters.

rouses your appetite, he whets your curiosity, he stirs up your greed. While he presents you with a forbidden fruit he steals the gift you have been given. He gave you an apple and stole Paradise. You drink the poison. You will die and be the mother of the dying. Before the first child was born salvation was gone. We are born and we die. We are born dying men, for the doom of death is laid upon us before ever we are born. This is the heavy burden you have laid

upon all your sons even to this day.

And you, satan! Made in the likeness of God, placed not in Eden but in the delights of the Paradise of God, what more did you want? Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty “seek not what is too high for you, peer not into what is too mighty” (*Sirach 3:22*). Stay in your own place lest you fall if you walk in great and wonderful things above you.

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