

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints' Day Election Novena	2 All Souls' Day Election Novena
3 4th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany Election Novena	4 Bible Study 7 p.m. Election Novena	5 Parish Consecration to Our Lady begins Vote!	6	7	8 Abortion Vigil Noon	9 Ladies Tea hosted by Roses of Mary
10 5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany	11 Adult Catechism Class 7 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16 Altar Guild Men's Schola
17 6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany	18 Bible Study 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost	25 Adult Catechism Class 7 p.m.	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8 a.m.	29 All-Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	30 All-Night Adoration ends 7:45 a.m.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



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

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

FOURTH RESUMED SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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.

With DEATH All Ends

Preparation for Death, by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Amongst worldlings, those only are esteemed happy who enjoy the goods, the pleasures, the riches, and the pomps of this world; but death puts an end to all these joys of earth. “For what is your life? It is a vapor, which appeareth for a little while” (*James 4:15*). The vapors which are exhaled from the earth, when raised in the air and clothed with the light of the sun, make a fair appearance; but how long does this beauty last? A breath of wind disperses it. Behold that nobleman, courted today, feared, and almost worshiped; tomorrow, when he is dead, he will be despised, reviled, and trampled upon. When death comes, we must leave all. The brother of that great servant of God, Thomas à Kempis, prided himself on having built a beautiful house; but he was told by a friend that it had one great defect. He inquired what that was. “The defect,” replied the other, “is that you have made a door in it.” “What!” exclaimed he; “is a door a defect?” “Yes,” said his friend; “for out of that door you will one day have to be borne forth dead, and thus leave house and all.”

Death, in fine, deprives man of all the goods of this world. Ah, what a spectacle is it to behold a prince expelled from his palace, never more to enter it, and others take possession of his furniture, his money, and all his other goods! The servants leave him in his grave with hardly a garment to cover his body; there is no long anyone to esteem or flatter him; neither are his last commands heeded. Saladin, who had acquired many kingdoms in Asia, gave orders, as he expired, that

when his body was carried to the grave, a man should precede it with his shirt suspended to a pole, crying: “This is all that Saladin carries to the grave.”

When the body of that prince is laid in the grave, the flesh falls off, and, behold, his skeleton can no longer be distinguished from other skeletons. “Go to the grave,” says Basil, “and see if thou canst there discover who has been servant and who master.” Diogenes was one day seen by Alexander the Great anxiously searching for something amongst the skulls of the dead. “What seekest thou?” inquired Alexander with curiosity. “I seek,” he replied, “the skull of King Philip thy father, and I cannot distinguish it from the rest; if thou canst find it, show it to me.” “On this earth,” observed Seneca, “Men are born unequal; but after death all become equal.” And Horace said: “Death levels the scepter with the spade.” In fine, when death comes, “the end comes” — all ends, and we have to leave all: of all the things of this world we carry nothing to the grave.

Phillip II, king of Spain, being near his end sent for his son; and throwing away the royal robe, showed to him his breast gnawed by worms, and then said to him: “Prince, behold how we die, and how all the grandeurs of this world end!” It was well said by Theodoret, that “death fears neither riches, nor guards, nor the purple” and that “rottenness and corruption flow from the bodies of princes as well as of vassals.” So that everyone that dies, even though he be a prince,

Upcoming Parish Events

November 4 ~ Bible Study

Fr. Dennis Gordon will continue his lectures on the Gospel of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This week he will cover chapter 26.

November 5 ~ Annual Parish Consecration to Our Lady

Our annual 33-day consecration according to St. Louis de Montfort will begin Nov. 5 and continue through Dec. 7.

November 9 ~ Ladies Tea

Ladies, don your hats and gloves, Roses of Mary to host Tea 9 a.m. in the parish hall. For more information contact Amy Seltzer, caseltzer@gmail.com.

November 9 ~ St. Gregory Men’s Schola Cancelled

The men-only schola will not rehearse this week. Next meeting will be 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Nov. 16. For more information or to join, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

carries nothing with him to the grave; all his glory remains on the bed on which he expires: “For when he shall die, he shall take nothing away, nor shall his glory descend with him” (*Psalms 48:18*). St. Antoninus relates, that when Alexander the Great was dead, a certain philosopher exclaimed: “Behold, he who yesterday trampled on the earth is now covered by the earth. Yesterday the whole world did not suffice for him, and now seven spans thereof is sufficient. Yesterday he led his armies over the earth, and now he is conveyed by a few porters under it.” But rather let us hear what God says: “Why is earth and ashes proud?” (*Ecclesiasticus 10:9*). Man, seest thou not that thou art dust and ashes? Of what art thou proud? Wherefore do you waste your thoughts and years in aggrandizing yourself in this world? Death will come, and then all your greatness and all your projects will

end: “In that day all their thoughts shall perish” (*Psalms 145:4*). Oh, how much more happy was the death of St. Paul the Hermit, who lived sixty years shut up in a cave, than of Nero, who lived emperor of Rome! How much more happy was the death of St. Felix, a Capuchin lay brother, than that of Henry VIII, who lived in regal splendor, but the enemy of God! We must reflect, however, that to obtain such a death the saints have left all things — country, pleasures, the hopes which the world held out to them — and embraced a poor and despised life. They buried themselves alive on this earth, that they might not, when dead, be buried in Hell. But how can worldlings, living in sin, amidst earthly pleasures and dangerous occasions — how can they hope for a happy death? God forewarns sinners that in death they shall seek Him, and shall not find Him: “You shall seek me and shall not find me” (*John 7:34*). He says

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 4 ~ St. Charles Borromeo

8 a.m. — + Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 5 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — + Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 6 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — + Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 7 ~ Feria

6 p.m. — + Faithful Departed

Friday, November 8 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — + Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 9 ~ Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior

8 a.m. — + Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 10 ~ Fifth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

Fr. James and Fr. Dennis Gordon are accepting Mass intentions.
Limit one Mass intention per family per month.

that then will be the time for vengeance, not for mercy: “I will repay them in due time” (*Deuteronomy 32:15*). Reason tells us the same, since at the hour of death a man of the world will find himself weak in mind, his heart obscured and hardened by evil habits, temptations will be stronger; and how will he be able to resist at the hour of death, who during life was so often and so easily conquered? It would require then a greater measure of Divine grace to change his heart; but is God obliged to give him this grace? Has the sinner merited it by the disorderly life he has led? And yet it is a question of eternal happi-

ness or eternal misery. How is it possible that, reflecting on this, he who believes in the truths of faith does not leave all to give himself entirely to God, who will judge us according to our works?

David calls the happiness of this present life a dream of one awakening: “As the dream of them that awake” (*Psalms 72:20*). A certain author remarks thus upon these words: “A dream, because when the senses are at rest things appear great; and they are not, and soon vanish away.” The goods of this world appear great, but in fact are nothing; ...they last but a little while and then all vanishes. +++