

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <i>Low Sunday</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	28 <i>Adult Catechism</i> 7 p.m.	29 <i>Requiem Mass</i> <i>for Pope Francis</i>	30	1	2 <i>1st Friday</i> <i>Homeschooler Event</i>	3 <i>1st Saturday</i>
4 <i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i> <i>1st Communion</i> <i>Class</i>	5 <i>Bible Study</i> 7 p.m.	6	7	8	9 <i>Pro-Life Vigil</i> noon	10 <i>Ladies' Tea</i> 10 a.m. <i>Schola Rehearsal</i>
11 <i>3rd Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i> <i>Confirmation Class</i>	12 <i>Adult Catechism</i> 7 p.m.	13 <i>Confirmations</i> 6 p.m.	14	15	16	17 <i>Altar Guild</i> <i>Schola Rehearsal</i>
18 <i>4th Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i>	19 <i>Bible Study</i> 7 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>5th Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i>	26 <i>Adult Catechism</i> 7 p.m.	27	28	29	30 <i>All-Night</i> <i>Adoration</i> <i>begins 7 p.m.</i>	31 <i>All-Night</i> <i>Adoration</i> <i>ends 7:30 a.m.</i>

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Please pray for:

Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis

Jeff Nelson

2nd Lt. Alexander Kleitz, U.S. Space Force

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Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force

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1st Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army

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2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force

Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army

Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force

Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army

Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army

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* IMMACULATE * CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

APRIL 27, 2025

LOW SUNDAY
(DIVINE MERCY)

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.



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

PASTOR:

FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



LOW SUNDAY

The Liturgical Year, by Abbot Guéranger, O.S.B.

Our risen Jesus gave an additional proof that he wished the Sunday to be, henceforth, the privileged day. He reserved the second visit He intended to pay to all His disciples for this the eighth day since His Resurrection. During the previous days, He has left Thomas a prey to doubt; but today He shows Himself to this Apostle, as well as to the others, and obliges him, by irresistible evidence, to lay aside his incredulity. Thus does our Savior again honor the Sunday. The Holy Ghost will come down from heaven upon this same day of the week making it the commencement of the Christian Church: Pentecost will complete the glory of this favored day.

Jesus' apparition to the eleven, and the victory He gains over the incredulous Thomas — these are the special subjects the Church brings before us today. By this apparition, which is the seventh since His Resurrection, our Savior wins the perfect faith of His disciples. It is impossible not to recognize God in the patience, the majesty, and the charity of Him who shows Himself to them. Here, again, our human thoughts are disconcerted; we should have thought this delay excessive; it would have seemed to us that our Lord ought to have at once either removed the sinful doubt from Thomas' mind, or punished him for his disbelief. But no, Jesus is infinite wisdom, and infinite goodness. In His wisdom, He makes this tardy acknowledgement of Thomas become a new argument of the truth of the Resurrection; in His goodness, He brings the heart of the incredulous disciple to repentance, humility, and love; yea, to a fervent and solemn retraction of all his disbelief. We will not here attempt to describe

this admirable scene, which holy Church is about to bring before us. We will select, for our today's instruction, the important lesson given by Jesus to His disciple, and through him to us all. It is the leading instruction of the Sunday, the Octave of the Pasch, and it behooves us not to pass it by, for, more than any other, it tells us the leading characteristic of a Christian, shows us the cause of our being so listless in God's service, and points out to us the remedy for our spiritual ailments.

Jesus says to Thomas: "Because thou hast seen Me, thou has believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed!" Such is the great truth, spoken by the lips of the God-Man: it is a most important counsel, given, not only to Thomas, but to all who would serve God and secure their salvation. What is it that Jesus asks of His disciple? Has He not heard him make profession that now, at last, he firmly believes? After all, was there any great fault in Thomas' insisting on having experimental evidence before believing in so extraordinary a miracle as the Resurrection? Was he obliged to trust to the testimony of Peter and the others, under penalty of offending his divine Master? Did he not evince his prudence, by withholding his assent until he had additional proofs of the truth of what his brethren told him? Yes, Thomas was a circumspect and prudent man, and one that was slow to believe what he had heard; he was worthy to be taken as a model of those Christians who reason and sit in judgment upon matters of faith. And yet, listen to the reproach made him by Jesus. It is merciful, and withal so severe! Jesus has so far condescended to the weakness of his disciple as to accept

Upcoming Parish Events

April 28 ~ Adult Catechism

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

April 29 ~ Requiem Mass for the Holy Father

We will offer a sung Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis at 8 a.m.

May 2 ~ First Friday Home-Schooler Event

Catechesis and pot-luck breakfast for home-schooled children of the parish. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gracey Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

May 4 ~ First Communion Class

First Holy communion Class will be held one-half hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Enrollment is closed.

May 10 ~ Tea in Honor of Our Lady

The annual Ladies' Tea will be held in the parish hall, 10 a.m. Sign-up sheet in the vestibule by May 8. Contact Amy Seltzer at caseltzer@gmail.com.

May 11 ~ Mothers' Day Brunch

In celebration of Mothers' Day, the men of the parish will host Sunday Brunch. Men may sign up to bring food, serve and help in clean up by May 7. Contact Kris McCowen, (719) 352-1519.

June 9-14 ~ Registration Open for Boys' Camp

Sign-up in vestibule; open to boys ages 12-18. Volunteer fathers are needed to help with activities. Contact Chris Seltzer, campst.alphonsuscosfssp@gmail.com, or (575) 545-1734.

the condition on which alone he declares that he will believe: now that the disciple stands trembling before his risen Lord, and exclaims, in the earnestness of faith, "My Lord and my God!" Oh! see how Jesus chides him! This stubbornness, this incredulity, deserves a punishment: the punishment is, to have these words said to him: "Thomas! Thou has believed, because thou has seen!"

Then was Thomas obliged to believe before having seen? Yes, undoubtedly. Not only Thomas, but all the Apostles were in duty bound

to believe the Resurrection of Jesus even before He showed Himself to them. Had they not lived three years with Him? Had they not seen Him prove Himself to be the Messiah and the Son of God by the most undeniable miracles? Had He not foretold them that He would rise again on the third day? As to the humiliations and cruelties of His Passion, had He not told them, a short time previous to it, that He was to be seized by the Jews in Jerusalem, and be delivered to the gentiles, that He was to be scourged, spit upon, and put to death? (*Luke 18:33*).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 28 ~ St. Paul of the Cross

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

Tuesday, April 29 ~ St. Peter

8 a.m. — + Pope Francis

Wednesday, April 30 ~ St. Catherine of Siena

8 a.m. — For the Election of a Holy Roman Pontiff

Thursday, May 1 ~ St. Joseph the Workman

6 p.m. — Chris LaRochelle, by Catrina LaRochelle

Friday, May 2 ~ St. Athanasius

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart

6 p.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart

Saturday, May 3 ~ Saturday of Our Lady

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart

11:30 — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart

Sunday, May 4 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — + Pope Francis

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

After all this, they ought to have believed in His triumphant Resurrection, the very first moment they heard of His Body having disappeared. As soon as John had entered the sepulcher, and seen the winding sheet, he at once ceased to doubt; he believed. But it is seldom that man is so honest as this; he hesitates, and God must make still further advances, if He would have us give our faith! Jesus condescended even to this: He made further advances. He showed Himself to Magdalen and her companions, who were not incredulous, but only carried away by natural feeling, though the feeling was one of love for their Master. When the Apostles heard their account of what had happened, they treated them as

women whose imagination had got the better of their judgment. Jesus had to come in person: He showed Himself to these obstinate men, whose pride made them forget all that He had said and done, sufficient indeed to make them believe in His Resurrection. Yes, it was pride; for faith has no other obstacle than this. If man were humble, he would have faith enough to move mountains.

Thomas had heard Magdalen, and he despised her testimony; he had heard Peter, and he objected to his authority; he had heard the rest of his fellow-Apostles and the two disciples of Emmaus, and no, he would not give up his own opinion. How many there are among us who are like him in this! + + +