

# MAY 2025

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

1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army

### Parishioners who serve our nation:

2nd Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force

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

Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force

Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti,

U.S. Navy

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

Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army

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

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

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

Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

# \* IMMACULATE \* CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*



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

MAY 18, 2025

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EASTER**

### 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.**



St. Teresa's Counsels for Dealing  
with Certain  
TEMPTATIONS

From: *The Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila*

We must have great confidence, for it is most important that we should not cramp our good desires, but should believe that, with God's help, if we make continual efforts to do so, we shall attain, though perhaps not at once, to that which many saints have reached through His favor. If they had never resolved to desire to attain this and to carry their desires continually into effect, they would never have risen to as high a state as they did.

His Majesty desires and loves courageous souls if they have no confidence in themselves but walk in humility; and I have never seen any such person hanging back on this road, nor any soul that, under the guise of humility, acting like a coward, go as far in many years as the courageous soul can in few. I am astounded at how much can be done on this road if one has the courage to attempt great things; the soul may not have the strength to achieve these things at once but if it takes a flight it can make good progress, though, like a little unfledged bird, it is apt to grow tired and stop.

At one time I used often to bear in mind the words of St. Paul, that everything is possible in God: I realized quite well that in myself, I could do nothing. This was a great help to me, as were also the words of St. Agustine: "Give me, Lord, what Thou commandest me and command what Thou wilt" (*Confessions, Book X, Chap. XXIX*). I used often to reflect that St. Peter had lost nothing by throwing himself into the sea, though after he had done so he was afraid (*Matthew 14:29*). These first

resolutions are of great importance, although during this first stage we have to go slowly and to be guided by the discretion and opinion of our director; but we must see to it that he is not the kind of person to teach us to be like toads, satisfied if our souls show themselves fit only to catch lizards. We must always keep humility before us, so that we may realize that this strength cannot proceed from any strength of our own.

But it is necessary that we should realize what kind of humility this must be, for I believe the devil does a great deal of harm to those who practice prayer by encouraging misunderstandings about humility in them so as to prevent them from making much progress. He persuades us that it is pride which makes us have ambitious desires and want to imitate the saints and wish to be martyrs. Then he tells us, or induces us to believe, that we who are sinners may admire the deeds of the saints but must not copy them. I myself would agree with him to the extent that we must consider which of their deeds we are to admire and which to imitate. For it would not be a good thing for a person who was weak and ill to indulge in a great deal of fasting and in severe penances, or to go to a desert where he could not sleep or get anything to eat, or to attempt other things of that kind. But we must reflect that, with the help of God, we can strive to have a great contempt for the world, no regard for honor, and no great attachment to possessions. For so ungenerous are we that we imagine the earth will go from under our feet

Upcoming Parish Events

May 19 ~ *Bible Study*

Fr. Dennis Gordon continues his lectures on the book of Exodus, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

May 22 ~ *Feast of St. Rita*

Join us for a special sung Mass at 6 p.m. in honor of St. Rita, patron saint of the impossible. There will be no holy hour this week.

May 24 ~ *Saturday Choir Rehearsal*

Additional choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m.–11 a.m. for Ascension. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

May 25 ~ *Meeting for Camp St. Alphonsus Attendees*

Campers and fathers are invited to meet after 11 a.m. Mass to submit sign-up sheets, and discuss details for the boys' camp. For more information contact Chris Seltzer, (575) 545-1734.

May 30-31 ~ *All-Night Adoration*

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour (*or two!*) with our Lord. Times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

if we try to forget the body a little and to cultivate the spirit. Or, again, we think that to have an abundance of all we need is a help to recollection because anxieties disturb prayer.

It distresses me to reflect that we have so little confidence in God, and so much love for ourselves, that anxieties like this upset us. When we have made so little spiritual progress, the smallest things will trouble us as much as important and weighty things will trouble others, and yet in our own minds we presume to think ourselves spiritual. Now to me it seems that this kind of life is an attempt to reconcile body and soul, so that we may lose neither comfort in this world nor fruition of God in the world to come. We shall get along all right if we walk in righteousness and hold fast to virtue, but it will mean advancing at the pace of a hen and will never

lead us to spiritual freedom. This is a procedure which seems to me quite good for people who are in the married state and have to live in accordance with their vocation; but in any other state I should not at all like to see such a method of progress nor will anyone persuade me to think it a good one. For I have tried it; and I should have been practicing it still if the Lord in His goodness had not shown me another and a shorter road.

With regard to this matter of desires, my own were always ambitious, but I strove, as I have said, to practice prayer and yet to live according to my own pleasure. If there had been anyone to encourage me to soar higher, I think he might have brought me to a state in which these desires were carried into effect; but, for our sins, those who are not over-cautious in this respect are very few and far between, and that, I think is

+ MASS INTENTIONS +  
FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 19 ~ *St. Peter Celestine*  
8 a.m. — + Dorothy Rotolo, by AnnaMarie Evans

Tuesday, May 20 ~ *St. Bernardine of Siena*  
8 a.m. — Bp. Fabian Bruskewitz

Wednesday, May 21 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide*  
8 a.m. — Canonization of Bl. Franz Jägerstätter

Thursday, May 22 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide (St. Rita)*  
6 p.m. — In Honor of St. Rita

Friday, May 23 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide*  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, May 24 ~ *Saturday of Our Lady*  
8 a.m. — Joe TeGrotenhuis

Sunday, May 25 ~ *Fifth Sunday after Easter*  
7 a.m. — + William Piquette, by Charles & Catherine Piquette  
9 a.m. — Private Intention  
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

+ *The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.* +

sufficient reason why those who begin do not more quickly attain to great perfection. For the Lord never fails us and the fault is not His: it is we who are faulty and miserable.

We may also imitate the saints by striving after solitude and silence and many other virtues; such things will not kill these wretched bodies of ours, which want to have everything organized for their benefit is such a way as to disorganize the soul and which the devil does his best to incapacitate when he sees that we are getting fearful about them. That is quite enough for him: he tries at once to persuade us that all these habits of devotion will kill us, or ruin our health; he even makes us afraid that if we weep we shall go blind. I have experienced this, so I know it — and I

also know that we can desire no better kind of sight or health than to lose both in so good a cause. As my own health is so bad, I was always impeded by my fears, and my devotion was of no value at all until I resolved not to worry anymore about my body or my health; and now I trouble about them very little. For it pleased God to reveal to me this device of the devil; and so, whenever the devil suggested that I should ruin my health, I would reply: "Even if I die it is of little consequence." "Rest, indeed!" I would say. "I need no rest; what I need is crosses." And so with other things I saw clearly that in very many cases, although in fact I have very bad health, it was a temptation either of the devil or of my own weakness.

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