

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 <i>St. Joseph</i>	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>Choir Rehearsal</i>
18 <i>4th Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>St. Rita</i>	23	24 <i>Choir Rehearsal</i>
25 <i>5th Sunday</i> <i>of Easter</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Ascension</i>	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

Parishioners who serve our nation:

2nd Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force
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Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force

Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti,

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Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army

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1st Lt. Mary McCowen, 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

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

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+ IMMACULATE + CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

MAY 4, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



*"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.

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.



The LESSON of P E A C E

The Cross and the Beatitudes, by Archbishop Fulton Sheen

At the beginning of His public life on the Hill of the Beatitudes, our Lord preached: “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” At the end of His life on the Hill of Calvary, He practiced that beatitude as, concluding peace between man and God, He uttered the triumphant cry: “It is consummated.”

Like all the other beatitudes, this was at utter variance with the spirit of the world, where right is might, and where pugnacity and aggressiveness are virtues. This is putting it mildly, for in our generation there has arisen a philosophy of life whose first principle is dominance and superiority of one person or group over the other.

Never before in the history of the world did any political system profess, and much less act on, the motive of hate. We have it now in a world filled with political strife, which has almost drowned out the voice of the Prince of Peace.

But what is the peace spoken of in this beatitude? The most perfect definition of peace ever given was that of St. Augustine: “Peace is the tranquility of order.” It is not tranquility alone, for some nations and peoples are tranquil through fear. Rather, it is the tranquility of order in which there is no oppression from without, but rather a subordination of all things to the sovereign good which is God. Therefore the subjection of senses to reason, reason to faith, and the whole man to God as his eternal end and final perfection — that is the basis of peace.

It was just such tranquility of

order which our Lord brought to earth as the angels sang at His birth: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.” He bade His disciples to have peace with one another. Into whatsoever house they entered, they were first to say: “Peace be to this house.”

The very beatitude we are considering is a blessing on such peacemakers, and His words over Jerusalem a reminder of His sorrow at those who loved not peace: “If you also had known, and that in this your day, the things that are to your peace; but now they are hidden from your eyes.”

The night of His arrest in the garden, when Peter drew his sword and cut off the right ear of the servant of the high priest, our Lord rebuked him saying: “Put up again the sword into its place: for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” Touching the ear of the wounded servant, He made it whole.

The next afternoon, He who came to preach peace was put to death in the first world war of man against his Redeemer; but before He died, Jesus pronounced the last and final words of peace: “It is finished.”

What is finished? War is finished! The war against sin! The war against evil! The war against God! The work of atonement, which is *at-one-ment* with God, was completed. He has finished His Father’s decade of sorrowful mysteries, and the glorious ones were now about to begin.

The last farthing was paid. The Treaty of Peace was signed: “Blessed are the peacemakers.” And now that He has made peace He

Upcoming Parish Events

May 5 ~ *Bible Study*

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

May 9 ~ *Pro-Life Vigil at Noon*

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

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.

May 11 ~ *Last Day to Register 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.

May 13 ~ *Confirmations and Potluck Dinner*

Bishop James Golka shall administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our *Confirmandi*, 6 p.m. Please sign up to attend the potluck dinner, which will be held immediately afterwards in the parish hall. For more information regarding the dinner, contact, Marcella Guilez, dmjmfamilyllove@aol.com.

could cry in triumph: “It is finished.” It was not just an armistice; it was victory; it was a consummation — something done that could not be undone — peace with God.

Thus far we have spoken of peace which our Lord brought to earth. Now we must consider a difficulty against it. If Christ is the Prince of Peace, and if they who take the sword perish with the sword, and if a kingdom divided against itself will be brought to desolation, and if the Resurrection greeting is “*pax*,” then how do we reconcile these other seemingly contradictory words of our Lord:

“Do not think that I came to send peace upon earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword,” and “Think you, that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, no; but separation. For there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father, the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother, the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,” and “He that has not, let him sell his coat and buy a sword.”

* MASS INTENTIONS * FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 5 ~ *St. Pius V*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Tuesday, May 6 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide*

8 a.m. — + James P. Gordon, Jr.

Wednesday, May 7 ~ *St. Stanislaus*

8 a.m. — Gracie Hawk, by Smiley Family

Thursday, May 8 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide*

6 p.m. — Carter Surofchek, by Surofchek Family

Friday, May 9 ~ *St. Gregory Nazianzen*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, May 10 ~ *St. Antoninus*

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, May 11 ~ *Third Sunday of Easter*

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

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

The explanation of these apparent contradictions is to be found in the words He addressed to His apostles the night of the Last Supper in which He made an important distinction between two kinds of peace: “My peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, do I give unto you,” and “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress: but have confidence: I have overcome the world.” There is a difference, then, between His peace and the peace of the world.

It is evident from these words that our Lord offers a peace and a consolation that He alone can confer, and peace that comes from the right ordering of conscience, from justice, charity, love of God and

love of neighbor. And blessed are those peacemakers who continue to spread that message of peace, for they shall be called the children of God; that is, they shall be recognized as possessing a divine characteristic which shall stamp them as God-like.

But these very lovers of peace, who follow in His footsteps, who take up their crosses daily, who love Him more than all the world, who surrender all to be completely His, who trust in the Providence that feeds the birds, who have the faith of little children, and who love Christ and therefore seek that interior peace of conscience that only Christ can give — they will by that very fact be hated by the world.

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