

# JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday after the Ascension	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7 First Saturday
8 Pentecost Sunday	9 Pentecost Monday	10 Pentecost Tuesday	11 Ember Wednesday	12 Pentecost Thursday	13 Ember Friday Pro-Life Vigil	14 Ember Saturday
St. Alphonsus Boys' Camp						
15 Trinity Sunday	16	17	18	19 Corpus Christi	20	21
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost	23	24 St. John the Baptist	25	26	27 Sacred Heart of Jesus	28
All-Night Adoration						
29 Sts. Peter and Paul	30	1	2	3	4	5

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### Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis  
Jeff Nelson

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# + IMMACULATE + CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 15, 2025

## TRINITY SUNDAY



### Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

### Confessions:

One-half hour before  
Mass and Saturdays  
at 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.



Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

# Trials in PRAYER

*Consoling Thoughts on Trials of an Interior Life,*  
by St. Francis de Sales, compiled by Père Huguet

Prayer illumines our understanding with a divine light, and lays open our will to the holy flames of celestial love. Nothing so much purifies our mind from its errors, or our will from its depraved affections. It is a water of benediction, which makes the plants of our good desires grow green again and flourish, satiates the thirst of our hearts, and allays the heat of irregular concupiscence.

That uneasiness you experience at prayer, and which is joined with a great anxiety to discover some object capable of arresting and contenting your mind, is alone sufficient to prevent you from finding what you seek. When we search for anything with too much eagerness, we pass it by a hundred times without perceiving it.

The result of this vain and useless anxiety is weariness of mind; hence coldness and torpor of soul. I know not what remedies you should use, but if you can possibly prevent this solicitude, you will do a good work; devotion cannot meet a more pestiferous enemy. It takes the semblance of endeavoring to excite us towards virtue, but only in order to cool us; and makes us run, but to overthrow us. We must, then guard against excessive ardor on all occasions, but particularly in prayer.

To assist you in this, you should remember that the graces and favors of prayer are not earthly, but heavenly waters, which all our efforts can-

not acquire, but for which indeed we must dispose ourselves with humble and tranquil care.

We must hold up our heart open to Heaven, and await the sacred dew. And never forget to carry this consideration to prayer, that therein we approach to God, and do so for two principal reasons.

The first is to render to God the honor and homage which we owe Him, and this can be done without His speaking to us, or our speaking to Him; acknowledging by our presence that He is our God, and we His vile creatures, and remaining prostrate in spirit before Him, awaiting His commands.

How many courtiers are there who appear a hundred times before the king, not speak to him, or hear him, but simply to be seen by him, and to testify by their assiduity that they are his servants! This motive of presenting ourselves before God merely to attest our engagement in His service is more pure, worthy, and excellent, and, consequently, of the highest perfection.

The second reason for which we come before God is to speak to Him, and to hear Him speak to us by His inspirations and interior motions, and this is usually performed with a delicious pleasure, because it is a great happiness to speak to so mighty a Lord, and when He answers, He is accustomed to pour out such pre-

cious balm and unction as fill the soul to overflowing with sweetness.

One of these reasons may sometimes fail us, but both never. If we can speak to our Lord, let us speak to Him, praise Him, beseech Him, listen to Him; if we cannot, because we are hoarse, let us remain in His chamber, and pay Him reverence; He will observe us there, regard our patience, and be pleased with our silence. Another time we shall be amazed when He takes us by the hand, and shows us everything, making a hundred turns along the beautiful walks of the garden of prayer; but even if He should never do so, we ought to be content with fulfilling our duty of accompanying His suite, and consider that it is already too great an honor for Him to endure us in His presence.

Put aside those heartrending inquietudes, and no longer say that you can do nothing in prayer. What would you wish to do there, but what you really do, which is, to represent and offer to God your misery and nothingness? The most beautiful address that beggars make,

is to expose to our eyes their sores and their rags.

But sometimes, you will tell me, you cannot even do so much as this, for you remain there as a shadow or a statue. Very well; that is just as good. In the palaces of kings there are statues arranged, which serve only to recreate the royal vision. Be content, then, as one of these in the presence of God. He will animate this statue when He pleases.

You ask me how you should act in order to carry your soul straight to God, without looking to the right hand or to the left?

The question is so much the more agreeable to me, as it carries its answer along with it. You must do what you say, go straight to God, without looking to the right hand or to the left.

This is not what you ask, I see, but how you should act in order so to establish your soul in God, that nothing may be able to detach it from Him.

Two things are necessary for that, namely, to die and to be saved; no more separation then; but your

## Upcoming Parish Events

### June 21 ~ Men's Schola Rehearsal

Rehearsal for men's schola after morning Mass. For more information or to join, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

### June 27-28 ~All-Night Adoration

Please come and spend an hour in silent prayer and contemplation with our Lord Jesus. Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

## + MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, June 16 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Tuesday, June 17 ~ St. Gregory Barbarigo

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Wednesday, June 18 ~ St. Ephræm Syrus

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Thursday, June 19 ~ Corpus Christi

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, June 20 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Saturday, June 21 ~ St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Sunday, June 22 ~ Second Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Our priests may now accept Mass intentions.  
Limit one Mass intention per family, per month.

soul will be indissolubly attached and united to its God.

You say that this is not yet what you ask, but how you should act in order to prevent the least trifle of a distraction cannot withdraw your soul from God, since nothing withdraws us from God but sin, and the resolution we make in the morning to keep our soul united to God, and attentive to His presence, has the effect of preserving us thus always, even when we sleep, since we do all in the name of God, and according

to His most holy will.

Even venial sins are not capable of turning us aside from the way which conducts to God; they undoubtedly retard us a little on our course, but they do not turn us aside: much less simple distractions.

So far as prayer is concerned, it is not less useful, or less agreeable to God, when accompanied with many distractions; on the contrary, it may be more useful than if we had many consolations, because it is more laborious.

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