

# OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel	30	1	2	3 First Friday	4 First Saturday
5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	6 Bible Study	7	8	9	10 Pro-Life Vigil	11 Roses of Mary Men's Schola
12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	13 Adult Catechism	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild Men's Schola
19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	20 Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25 All-Night Adoration
26 Christ the King All Saints Party	27 Adult Catechism	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints

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## Please pray for:

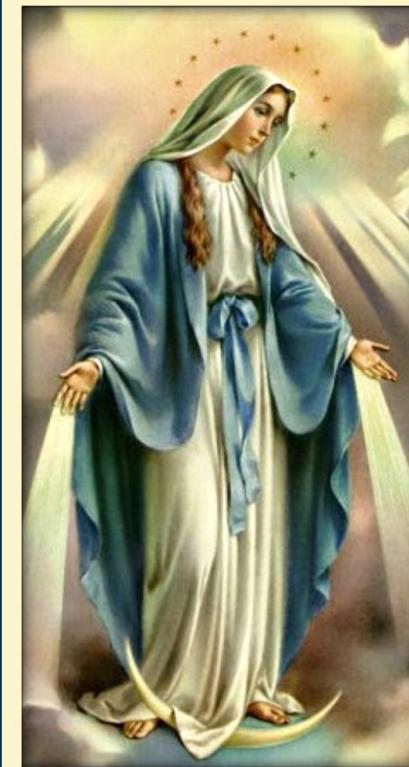
### Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis  
Jeff Nelson

### Parishioners in the Military:

1st Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force  
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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

October 5, 2025

### 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.

### 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

# Being READY to meet CHRIST

*The Art of Dying Well*, by St. Robert Bellarmine

Our Lord commands us all to observe... that we must have "our loins girt."

Let us explain the words "let your loins be girt." The literal meaning of these words is that we should be prepared to go forth and meet the Lord when death shall call us to our particular judgment. The comparison of the garments being girt is taken from the custom of Eastern nations that wear long garments: when they are about to go on a journey or walk, they gather up their garments and gird their loins, lest their garment should be in their way. Hence it is said of the angel Raphael, who had come as a guide to the younger Tobias, "Then Tobias, going forth, found a beautiful young man, standing girded and, as it were, ready to walk" (*Tobit 5:5*).

According to the same custom of the Oriental people, St. Peter writes, "Wherefore, having the loins of your mind girt, being sober, trust perfectly in the grace which is offered to you" (*1 Peter 1:13*). And St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, says, "Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth" (*Ephesians 6:14*).

Now, to have our loins girt signifies two things: first, the virtue of chastity, and second, a readiness to meet our Lord coming to judgment, whether it be the particular or the general judgment.

The holy Fathers St. Basil, St. Augustine, and St. Gregory give the first explanation. And truly, the concupiscence of the flesh, beyond all other passions, greatly hinders us from being ready to meet Christ; while, on the other hand, nothing makes us more fit to follow our Lord than virginal chastity. We read in Revelation how virgins follow the Lamb "wherever He goeth" (*Revelation 14:4*).

Another explanation, which does not restrict the girded loins to continence alone, but includes a ready obedience to Christ in all things, is that of St. Cyprian. We shall follow the explanation which most commentators give of this passage. The meaning, then, of these words is that the affairs of this life — even the most necessary and important — must not so occupy our mind as to hinder us from directing our first thoughts to preparing to meet Christ when He shall call upon

## Volunteer Housekeepers Needed

Please consider joining the merry band of church housekeepers; we need reliable volunteers to help clean every week. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Villalobos, (719) 651-8135. May God reward you!

## Upcoming Parish Events

### October 6 ~ Bible Study

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

### October 10 ~ 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.

### October 11 ~ Men's Schola Rehearsal

Schola rehearsal will begin after Mass Saturday morning. Men interested in singing with an all-men schola may contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800, for more information.

### October 11 ~ Young Roses of Mary

Girls' group (ages 8-18) to meet 7:45 a.m. for Mass, followed by breakfast and catechesis on feminine virtues. Contact Amy Seltzer, caseltzer@gmail.com.

us at our death to give an account of all our works and, yea, of all our words and thoughts, even every idle word and frivolous thought.

What of those who are now wholly immersed in worldly cares, and who never think — for one moment — of the account they will have to give to God of all their works, all their words, all their thoughts, all their desires, and all their omissions? What will they do when death suddenly comes upon them? Will these be able to meet Christ, with their loins girt? Rather, will they not, being entangled and bound, fall in their sins into despair? For what can they answer when the

Judge shall say to them, "Why did you not attend to my words, with which I so often admonished you?"

...The comforts and tribulations of this life are momentary and small, but the comforts and tribulations of the next life are everlasting and great beyond measure. This is clear from experience, but clearer in the Scriptures, written by the Holy Spirit.

If anyone wishes to learn quickly and easily the art of dying well, he should not content himself with reading this book or similar books. He should attentively consider — not once, but often: not out of curiosity to learn, but out of a

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, October 6 ~ St. Bruno

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Tuesday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Wednesday, October 8 ~ St. Bridget of Sweden

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Thursday, October 9 ~ St. John Leonardi

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, October 10 ~ St. Francis Borgia

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Saturday, October 11 ~ Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. — Private Intention

### Sunday, October 12 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

Fr. Dennis Gordon is accepting Mass intentions at this time.

sincere intention to live and die well — the difference between momentary things and everlasting things, between things of no importance and things of great importance.

And if he desires to be thoroughly confirmed in this most clear and profitable truth, let him call to mind the examples of persons who have lived before us, whether by their good life they came to a good end, or by their ill behavior, have everlastingly perished.

Let this argument remain, most firm and true: in all our tribulations, "that which is, at present, momentary and light... worketh for us above measure an eternal weight of glory, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (*2 Corinthians 4:17-18*). Praise be to God always. + + +