

# NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Christ the King All Saints Party	27 Adult Catechism	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints
2 21st Sunday after Pentecost	3 Commemoration of All Souls	4	5	6	7 First Friday	8 Roses of Mary Men's Schola
9 Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy	10 Bible Study	11	12	13	14 Pro-Life Vigil Respect-Life Mass	15 Altar Guild Men's Schola
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	17 Adult Catechism	18	19	20	21	22
23 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 All-Night Adoration	29
30 First Sunday of Advent	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday

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## Please pray for:

### Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis  
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# + IMMACULATE + CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

## TWENTY-FOURTH and Last Sunday after PENTECOST

November 23, 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:

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Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

# Do Not Be *Discouraged* by Your *Failings*

from: *Finding God's Will for You*, by St. Francis de Sales

God has ordered us to do all we can to acquire holy virtues. Therefore, let us forget nothing that can bring success in this devout enterprise. But after we have planted and watered, we must realize that it is for God to give the increase to the trees that are our good inclinations and habits. For this reason we must wait to obtain the fruits of our desires and labors from His divine providence. If we do not find our soul's progress and advance in the devout life to be such as we would like, let us not be disturbed, let us abide in peace, so that tranquility may always reign in our hearts. It is for us to cultivate our souls well, and therefore we must

faithfully attend to them. But as for plentiful crops and harvests, let us leave care of that to our Lord. The laborer will never be blamed for not having a fine harvest, unless he did not carefully till and sow his fields.

We should not be troubled at finding ourselves always novices in the exercise of virtue. In the monastery of the devout life, every man knows himself to be always a novice, and the whole of our life is destined to be a probation. There is no clearer proof that one is not only a novice, but worthy of expulsion and reprobation, than to think and hold oneself to be professed. According to the rule of that order, it is not the

solemn ceremony but the fulfillment of its vows that turns novices into professed members. Its vows are never fulfilled as long as anything remains to be done for their observance. The obligation of serving God and making progress in His love always lasts until death.

But after all, someone will say, if I know that it is by my own fault that my progress in virtue is delayed, how can I help being sad and disturbed? I have said this in the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, but I gladly say it again because it can never be said often enough. For faults committed, we must have sorrow with repentance that is strong, settled, constant, and tranquil, but not turbulent, not unquiet, and not discouraged. Do you know that your slow progress on the road to virtue has come from your own fault? Well, then, humble yourself before God, implore His mercy, fall prostrate before the face of His goodness and ask His pardon, confess your fault, and cry for mercy in the very ear of your confessor so as to obtain absolution for it. This done, remain in peace. After you have detested the offense, lovingly embrace the abjection that is in you because of delaying your advance in good.

Ah, my Theotimus, beyond doubt souls in Purgatory are there because of their sins — sins that they have detested and that they supremely detest.

But as for the abjection and pain that remain with them at being detained in that place, and at being temporarily deprived of enjoying the blessed love that is in Paradise, they suffer it lovingly, and devoutly utter the canticle of divine justice: "You are just, O Lord, and Your judgment is right" (*Psalms* 118:137). Therefore, let us patiently wait for our advance, and instead of disturbing ourselves because we have made so little progress in the past, let us diligently strive to do better in the future.

Consider this good soul, I pray you. It has desired and tried hard to get rid of anger, and in this God has assisted it, for He has completely freed it from all sins that arise from anger. It would rather die than utter a single harmful word or let any sign of hatred slip out. Yet it is still subject to the attacks and first movements of this passion; that is, to certain impulses, movements, and outbursts of an irritated heart. The Chaldaic paraphrase calls them “stirrings,” and says, “Be stirred up and sin not,” while our sacred version says, “Be angry and sin not” (*Psalms* 4:5).

In effect it is the same thing. The prophet simply means that if anger catches us by surprise and excites in our hearts the first stirring of anger, we should be most careful against letting ourselves be carried further into this passion so as to sin. Although these first

# + MASS INTENTIONS +

## FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 24 ~ St. John of the Cross  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Tuesday, November 25 ~ St. Catherine of  
Alexandria  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Wednesday, November 26 ~ St. Sylvester  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Thursday, November 27 ~ Feria  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Friday, November 28 ~ Feria  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, November 29 ~ Saturday of Our Lady  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Sunday, November 30 ~ First Sunday of Advent**  
 7 a.m. — Private Intention  
 9 a.m. — Private Intention  
 11 a.m. — Pro Populo

✠ *Our priests are unable to accept Mass intentions at this time.* ✠

## Upcoming Parish Events

## November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. There will be no evening Mass or Holy Hour this week.

## November 28-29 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour in meditation, prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; times available from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

Fr. Dennis Gordon will be out of town Nov. 24-Dec. 2.

movements and stirrings are not sins, yet the unfortunate soul that often is attacked by them becomes troubled, afflicted, and disturbed. It thinks that it does well in being sad, as if it were the love of God that provoked it to such sadness. Still, Theotimus, it is not heavenly love that causes this trouble, for it is never offended except by sin. It is our own self-love that desires to be exempt from the pains and trials the attacks of anger bring on us. It is not the

offense that displeases us in these stirrings of anger, since there is no sin whatsoever. It is the trouble of resisting them that disturbs us.

Such rebellions of the sensuous appetite, both in anger and in concupiscence, are left in us for our discipline to the end that we may exercise spiritual valor by resisting them. This is that Philistine whom the true Israelites must always fight against but can never subdue (*Joshua 23:13*).      ✠ ✠ ✠