

# JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sts. Peter & Paul	30	1 Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ	2	3	4 Independence Day  First Friday	5 First Saturday
6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	7	8	9	10	11 Solemnity of St. Benedict  Pro-Life Vigil	12
13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	21	22	23	24	25	26
					All-Night Adoration	
27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30	31	1	2

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## Please pray for:

### Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis  
Jeff Nelson

### Parishioners in the Military:

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# + IMMACULATE + CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

## FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

July 6, 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

# THE ORDINARY *Mystical Life*

*Fruits of Contemplation, by Victorino Osende, O.P.*

In order to understand this it is necessary to bear in mind that the mystical life, like our natural life, has two principal phases: that of growth and that of stability and perfection. Both phases are the effect of the action of the divine life in the soul. In the first phase it tends principally to remove obstacles and impart vigor and strength for the growth and development; in the second, it fully manifests its vital activity by means of an unimpeded supernatural energy. This action of the divine life in souls gives rise to the various dispositions of the soul and the diverse stages through which it must pass before reaching the state of permanent union. In the first stages the divine action is ordained principally to the purification of the soul, thus disposing it for the ultimate phase, union with God, for nothing defiled can enter the kingdom of heaven. Hence follow all the sufferings and “dark nights” which the soul must endure before it can reach the happy state of total transformation in God. However, although the soul cannot be perfectly united to God as long as it is not completely purified, it is undeniable that each purification brings the soul closer to Him, and as it more closely approaches Him, it is more and more transformed in Him.

The ordinary mystical life, then consists in the entire process of purification and sanctification which the Holy Ghost effects in the soul until it attains union and transformation in God. This process generally starts with passive purifications and arid,

infused contemplation, the signs of which are described by St. John of the Cross, and terminates when the life of the soul is totally absorbed by the divine life. Here the mystical life begins in all its vigor and plenitude; for, although this life can become still more intensified within its own species, it cannot pass on to any higher and distinct state.

...Extraordinary phenomena, we repeat, do not constitute the mystical life nor are they infallible signs of sanctity, because the proper and necessary effect of this life is not ecstasies, visions, and such like, but a transformation, a renovation of the spirit and heart of a man which completely changes the orientation of his thoughts, affections, faculties and energies. It is an elevation of his nature which takes him out of the dark and dismal regions of sin and places him in the divine realm of sanctity. It is, in a word, the transformation into that new creature, the new Adam of whom St. Paul speaks and to whom the divine Savior referred when He said that we must be born again. This life, which is beyond all the powers of nature and which God alone can effect, is the true mystical life; not so, those phenomena which are admired by those who have no clear idea of what the supernatural life is nor of its proper effects in the soul. Such phenomena can be, and frequently are, confused with other phenomena of the natural order or of diabolical origin, especially by the worldly and those who have not the spirit or training to discern such things.

## Upcoming Parish Events

### No Sunday Brunch Today

The Sunday brunches will resume Aug. 17. For more information or to volunteer, contact Marcella Guilez, dmjmfamilyleve@aol.com.

### July 11 ~ 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.

### Sung Masses to Resume August 15

Our parish choirs are on hiatus until the Feast of the Assumption. Rehearsals will resume Aug. 7 for main choir and Aug. 9 for men's schola. For more information or to join the choirs, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 650-9800.

### Catherine of Alexandria Library to Reopen

Preparations are underway to reopen the parish library. All books and materials that have been checked out or removed now must be returned. For more information contact Amy Seltzer, caseltzer@gmail.com.

We do not mean to disparage in any way the veneration and esteem rightly due to extraordinary gifts of prayer and graces *gratis datae*. They are, as St. Paul teaches, precious charisms which God bestows upon some souls for their own benefit and for the benefit of the entire Church. Fortunate are the souls who receive them and correspond with them! The only thing that we wish to emphasize is that they are not the only and exclusive means which lead to union with God, and we should not value their sensible manifestations more than their sanctifying effect on the soul. Sanctifying grace may just as readily be accompanied by and produce its effects through the ordinary graces and obscure or negative contemplation as through the extraordinary gifts of

prayer and positive contemplation.

If rationalists and other opponents of mysticism who confuse it with extraordinary manifestations would understand this, they would cease to oppose it, for they would then see that what they are opposing is merely its external manifestations. Neither would spiritual directors labor so hard in studying and discerning the nature and origin of extraordinary manifestations...

...It is therefore very important to have a clear idea of what the mystical life is, especially for spiritual directors and interior souls. Otherwise the former will be blind leaders of the blind and the latter will err in thinking that the extraordinary way is the only way. They will then endeavor to follow it or else they will close the door to un-

## \* MASS INTENTIONS \* FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, July 7 ~ Sts. Cyril and Methodius

8 a.m. — + Jorge Delgado Monagas, by Ivan Delgado

### Tuesday, July 8~ St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8 a.m. — Kimmins Family, by Eric Smith

### Wednesday, July 9 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Leo Schmitz, by Rutherford Family

### Thursday, July 10 ~ Seven Holy Brothers, Sts. Rufina and Secunda

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, July 11 ~ Feria (St. Benedict)

8 a.m. — In Honor of St. Benedict

### Saturday, July 12 ~ St. John Gualbert

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

### Sunday, July 6 ~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — In Honor of St. Teresa of the Andes

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

+ Intentions accepted. Limit one Mass intention per family, per month. +

ion with God rather than pass through it, because they will see nothing extraordinary in their lives save hardships and misery. On the other hand, if they know that the normal or ordinary characteristics of progress toward the mystical life are not sweetness and ecstasies, but trials and crosses which are sometimes so severe that the master of mysticism, St. John of the Cross, compares them to hell itself, then they will to lose heart, but will be greatly encouraged to pass through the terrible desert which leads to the promised land.

Let souls, therefore, leave the

extraordinary favors to whomsoever God gives them, and let those who receive such favors correspond with them by endeavoring to attain great holiness of life, for more will be exacted from him to whom more is given. But those who seem to receive nothing of the kind should neither seek nor envy them.

Rather, they should content themselves with what is theirs, for as long as they come to love God ardently and unite themselves closely to Him, what does anything else matter? Only one thing is necessary: to love God as He should be loved.

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