


AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30	31	1 First Friday	2 First Saturday
3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	4	5	6 Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ	7 Choir Rehearsal	8 Pro-Life Vigil	9 Men's Schola
10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	11	12	13	14 Choir Rehearsal	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)	16 Altar Guild Men's Schola
17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	18	19	20	21 Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	25	26	27	28 Choir Rehearsal	29 All-Night Adoration	30 
31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	1	2	3	4 Choir Rehearsal	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday

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Repose of the Souls of:

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CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH



TENTH SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST

August 17, 2025

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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, 8 a.m.
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

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FOUR DEGREES of REASON *in the* SOUL

from: *Treatise on the Love of God*, by St. Francis de Sales

There were three courts in Solomon's temple. One was for the Gentiles and strangers who, wishing to have recourse to God, went to adore in Jerusalem; the second for the Israelites, men and women (the separation of men from women not being made by Solomon); the third for the priests and Levites; and in fine, besides all this, there was the sanctuary or sacred house, which was open to the high priest only, and that but once a year.

Our reason, or, to speak better, our soul in so far as it is reasonable, is the true temple of the great God, who there takes up His chief residence. "I sought Thee," says St. Augustine, "outside myself, but I found Thee not, because Thou art within me."

In this mystical temple there are also three courts, which are three different degrees of reason. In the first we reason according to the experience of sense, in the second according to human sciences, in the third according to faith: and in fine, beyond this, there is a certain eminence or supreme point of the reason and spiritual faculty, which is not guided by the light of argument or reasoning, but by a simple view of the understanding and a simple movement of the will, by which the spirit bends and submits to the truth and the will of God.

Now this extremity and summit

of our soul, this highest point of our spirit, is very naturally represented by the sanctuary or holy place. For, first, in the sanctuary there were no windows to give light: in this degree of the soul there is no reasoning which illuminates.

Secondly, all the light entered by the door; in this degree of the soul nothing enters but by faith, which produces, like rays, the sight and the sentiment of the beauty and goodness of the good pleasure of God.

Thirdly, none entered the sanctuary save the high priest; in this apex of the soul reasoning enters not, but only the high, universal and sovereign feeling that the divine will ought sovereignly to be loved, approved and embraced, not only in some particular things but in general for all things, nor generally in all things only, but also particularly in each thing.

Fourthly, the high priest entering into the sanctuary obscured even that light which came by the door, putting many perfumes into his thurible, the smoke whereof drove back the rays of light to which the open door gave entrance: and all the light which is in the supreme part of the soul is in some sort obscured and veiled by the renunciation, and resignations which the soul makes. Not desiring so much to behold and see the goodness of the truth and the truth of the goodness presented to

her, as to embrace and adore the same, so that the soul would almost wish to shut her eyes as soon as she begins to see the dignity of God's will; to the end that not occupying herself further in considering it, she may more powerfully and perfectly accept it, and by an absolute complacency perfectly unite and submit herself thereto.

Fifthly, to conclude, in the sanctuary was kept the ark of alliance, and in that, or at least adjoining to it, the tables of the law, manna in a golden vessel, and Aaron's rod which in one night bore flowers and fruit: and in this highest point of the soul are found:

1. The light of faith, figured by the manna hidden in its vessel, by which we acquiesce in the truths of the mysteries which we do not understand.

2. The utility of hope, represented by Aaron's flowering and fruitful

rod, by which we acquiesce in the promises of the goods which we see not.

3. The sweetness of holy charity represented by God's commandments which charity contains, by which we acquiesce in the union of our spirit with God's which we scarcely perceive.

For although faith, hope and charity spread out their divine movements into almost all the faculties of the soul, as well reasonable and sensitive, reducing and holily subjecting them to their just authority, yet their special residence, their true and natural dwelling, is in this supreme region of the soul, from whence as from a happy source of living water, they run out by divers conduits and brooks upon the inferior parts and faculties.

So that... in the superior part of reason there are two degrees of reason. In the one, those discourses are

Upcoming Parish Events

August 29-30 ~All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

Volunteers Needed to Host Sunday Brunch

Hostess needed to bring food and serve at Sunday brunch. For more information or to volunteer, contact Marcella Guilez, dmjmfamilyllove@aol.com.

Respect Life Dinner Tickets Available Online

Tickets are now on sale for the Bishop's Respect Life Roundup dinner at the Flying W Ranch, Oct. 3. You may purchase your tickets online using a credit card at the following link:

<https://RLRU2025.givesmart.com>.

+ MASS INTENTIONS +

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 18 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Tuesday, August 19 ~ St. John Eudes

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Wednesday, August 20 ~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux

8 a.m. — Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Mozzetta and Family,
by Mary Anne Mozzetta

Thursday, August 21 ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal

6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, August 22 ~ Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. — Brandan Ertelt, by Sebastian Ertelt

Saturday, August 23 ~ St. Philip Benizi

8 a.m. — + Neil Odess, by Steve Gallucci

Sunday, August 24 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — + Lorena Reyes, by Cecilia Reyes

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

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

made which depend on faith and supernatural light; in the other, simple acquiescing of faith, hope and charity.

St. Paul's soul found itself pressed by two different desires, the one to be delivered from his body, so as to go to heaven with Jesus Christ, the other to remain in this world to labor in the conversion of souls. Both these desires were without doubt in the superior part, for they both proceeded from charity,

but his resolution to follow the latter proceeded not from reason but from a simple sight, seeing and loving his master's will, in which the superior point alone of the spirit acquiesced, putting on one side all that reasoning might conclude. But if faith, hope and charity be formed by this holy acquiescence in the point of the spirit, how can reasonings which depend on the light of faith be made in the inferior part of the soul?

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