

AUGUST 2025

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

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Repose of the Souls of:

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* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST

August 24, 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.

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Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

Instructions for Devout Souls: HUMILITY

from: *Light and Peace*, by R. P. Quadrupani, Barnabite

Few persons have a correct idea of this virtue. It is frequently confused with servility or littleness.

To attribute to God what is God's, that is to say everything that is good, and to ourselves what is ours, that is to say, everything that is evil: these are the essential characteristics of true humility.

Hence it would appear at first sight that simple good sense ought to suffice to make men humble. Such would be the case were it not that our faculties have been impaired and vitiated in their very source by pride, that direful and ineffaceable consequence of original sin.

The first man, a creature owing his existence directly to God, was bound to dedicate it entirely to Him and to pay continual homage for it as for all the other gifts he had received. This was a duty of simple justice. The day whereon he asserted a desire to be independent, he caused an utter derangement in the relations of the creature with his Creator. Pride, that tendency to self-sufficiency, to refer to self the use of the faculties received from God — by a free act of his will, has attached itself as an indelible stigma to the souls of all his descendants, and has become forevermore a part of their nature. Thence comes this inclination, ever springing up afresh, to be independent, to be something of ourselves, to desire for ourselves esteem, affection and honor, despite the precepts of the divine law, the claims of justice and the warnings of

reason; and thus it is that the whole spiritual life is but one long and painful conflict against this vicious propensity. Divine grace though sustaining us in the combat never gives us a complete victory, for the struggle must endure until death — the closing chastisement of our original degradation and the only one that can obliterate the last traces thereof.

As God drew from nothingness everything that exists, in like manner does He wish to lay the foundations of our spiritual perfection upon the knowledge of our nothingness. St. Bonaventure used to say: "Provided God be all, what matters it that I am nothing!"

When a Christian who is truly humble commits a fault he repents but is not disquieted, because he is not surprised that what is naught but misery, weakness and corruption, should be miserable, weak and corrupt. He thanks God on the contrary that his fall has not been more serious. Thus St. Catherine of Genoa, whenever she found she had been guilty of some imperfection, would calmly exclaim: "Another weed from my garden!" This peaceful contemplation of our sinfulness was considered very important by St. Francis de Sales also, for he says: "Let us learn to bear with our imperfections if we wish to attain perfection, for this practice nourishes the virtue of humility."

Some persons have the erroneous idea that in order to be humble they

Upcoming Parish Events

August 29-30 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour in prayer and adoration; 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, dmjmfamilylove@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>.

must not recognize in themselves any virtue or talent whatsoever. The reverse is the case according to St. Thomas, for he says it is necessary to realize the gifts we have received that we may return thanks for them to Him from whom we hold them. To ignore them is to fail in gratitude towards God, and to neglect the object for which He gave them to us. All that we have to do is to avoid the folly of taking glory to ourselves because of them. Mules, asses and donkeys may be laden with gold and perfumes and yet be nonetheless dull and stupid animals. The graces we have received, far from giving us any personal claims, only serve to increase our debt to Him who is their source and their donor.

Praise is naturally more pleasing to us than censure. There is nothing sinful in this preference, for it springs from an instinct of our hu-

man nature of which we cannot entirely divest ourselves. Only the praise must be always referred to Him to whom it is due, that is to say, to God; for they are His gifts that are praised in us as we are but their bearers and custodians and shall one day have to render Him an account for them in accordance with their value.

The soul that is most humble will also have the greatest courage and the most generous confidence in God; the more it distrusts itself, the more it will trust in Him on whom it relies for all its strength, saying with St. Paul: "I can do all things in Him who strengtheneth me" (*Philippians 4:13*). St. Thomas clearly proves that true Christian humility, far from debasing the soul, is the principle of everything that is really noble and generous. He who refuses the work to which God calls him because of the honor and éclat that

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 25 ~ St. Louis IX

8 a.m. — George Johnson

Tuesday, August 26 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Marylyn High, by Martin Family

Wednesday, August 27 ~ St. Joseph Calasance

8 a.m. — George Johnson

Thursday, August 28 ~ St. Augustine

6 p.m. — + Beatrice Gordon

Friday, August 29 ~ The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

8 a.m. — Angel Carreon Mier, by Jessica Mier

Saturday, August 30 ~ St. Rose of Lima

8 a.m. — + Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Mayra Medina

Sunday, August 31 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — In Reparation for Sacrilegious Communions Worldwide

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

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

accompany it, is not humble but mistrustful and pusillanimous. We shall find in obedience light to show us with certainty that to which we are called and to preserve us from the illusions of self-love and of our natural inclinations.

"We should be actuated by a generous and noble humility, a humility that does nothing in order to be praised and omits nothing that ought to be done through fear of being praised" (St. Francis

de Sales).

It is even good and sometimes necessary to make known the gifts we have received from God and the good works of which divine grace has made us the instruments, when this manifestation can conduce to the glory of His name, the welfare of the Church, or the edification of the faithful. It was for this threefold object that St. Paul spoke of his apostolic labors and supernatural revelations. **+++**