

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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*** IMMACULATE ***

CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

EIGHTH SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST

August 3, 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,
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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FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

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Why Some Do Not Reach PERFECTION

The Three Ages of the Interior Life,
by Rev. Réginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.

“Two conversions ordinarily occur in the majority of the saints and in religious who become perfect: one, by which they devote themselves to the service of God; the other, by which they give themselves entirely to perfection” [states Fr. Lallemant on this subject]. “We see this fact in the lives of the apostles when Christ called them and when He sent the Holy Ghost upon them; in St. Teresa, and in her confessor, Fr. Álvarez, and in several others. The second conversion does not occur in all religious, because of their negligence. The time of this conversion in our lives is commonly the third year of novitiate. Let us, therefore, take fresh courage now and not spare ourselves in the service of God, because it will never be harder for us than it is at present. As time goes on, this way will gradually be rendered less rough, and the difficulties will be smoothed away, because the more pure our hearts become, the more abundantly we shall receive graces. At this juncture a decisive step must be taken.

What Fr. Lallemant says here may be completed by examining the lives of many servants of God. There is a painful period, difficult to traverse, which is often set forth, in the lives of the saints and in the processes of beatification, under the title of “Interior Sufferings.” This period marks the entrance into a higher

spiritual life. We believe also that notable light would be thrown on the lives of the saints and also on the causes of beatification, if it were more explicitly noted that this period corresponds to what St. John of the Cross calls the passive night of the senses, and that another period, similar to it in certain respects, occurs later. According to this doctor of the Church, the latter corresponds to the passive night of the spirit.

This observation is of a nature to throw light on the most obscure moments in the lives of the servants of God. If, in reality, between the two particularly difficult periods we have just spoken of, the heroic degree of the virtues can already be established, and if it is even more clearly proved after the second of these two periods, it is a sign that the servant of God has indeed successfully passed through both of these periods. It is likewise a sign that he must have had a great spirit of faith, of thrust in God in order to surmount the difficulties found therein. Thus these two obscure periods, or to use the expression of St. John of the Cross, there are two nights — one of which marks the entrance into the illuminative way of proficient, the other into the unitive way of the perfect, far from being an objection against the sanctity of a soul, serves rather to bring it out more clearly. Great merit is, in fact, necessary to

traverse them well, so as not to fall back at this time and to come forth truly fortified by these two trials. The lives of the saints are greatly illumined in the light of these principles.

Not only is this second conversion a fact which is verified in the lives of the servants of God; its necessity is manifest because of the inordinate self-love that still remains in beginners after months and years of labor. Of the necessity of the second conversion, Fr. Lalle-

mant says: “The reason why some reach perfection only very late or not at all is because they follow only nature and human sense in practically everything. They pay little or no heed to the Holy Ghost, whose appropriate work is to enlighten, to direct, to warm.

“The majority of religious, even of good virtuous ones, follow in the private conduct and in their direction of others only reason and good sense, in which a number among them excel. This rule is good, but it

Upcoming Parish Events

No Sunday Brunch Today

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

August 7 ~ Choir Rehearsals to Resume

Those interested in singing in the main choir, Men’s Schola, or St. Polycarp polyphonic choir must attend this meeting. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

August 8 ~ 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.

August 9 ~ Men’s Schola Rehearsal

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

August 16 ~ Altar-Boy Training

St. Benedict’s Altar Guild will meet Aug. 16 after Mass. All young men who have made their first Holy Communion are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

+ MASS INTENTIONS +

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 4 ~ St. Dominic

8 a.m. — + Florence Pearson

Tuesday, August 5 ~ The Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows

8 a.m. — + Souls in Purgatory, by Flores Gallegos Family

Wednesday, August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8 a.m. — + James P. Gordon

Thursday, August 7 ~ St. Cajetan

6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, August 8 ~ St. John Mary Vianney

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, August 9 ~ Saturday of Our Lady

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, August 10 ~ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

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

does not suffice for Christian perfection. Such people ordinarily direct their lives by the common feeling of those with whom they live, and as the latter are imperfect, although their lives are not disorderly, they will never reach the sublime ways of the spirit, because the number of the perfect is very small. They live like the ordinary run of people and their manner of governing others is imperfect. The Holy Ghost waits some

time for them to enter into their interior and, seeing there the operations of grace and those of nature, to be disposed to follow His direction; but if they misuse the time and favor which He offers them, He finally abandons them to themselves and leaves them in their interior darkness and ignorance, which they preferred and in which they live thereafter amid great dangers for their salvation.” + + +