

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel	30	1	2	3 First Friday	4 First Saturday
5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	6 Bible Study	7	8	9	10 Pro-Life Vigil	11 Roses of Mary Men's Schola
12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	13 Adult Catechism	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild Men's Schola
19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	20 Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25 All-Night Adoration
26 Christ the King	27 Adult Catechism	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints

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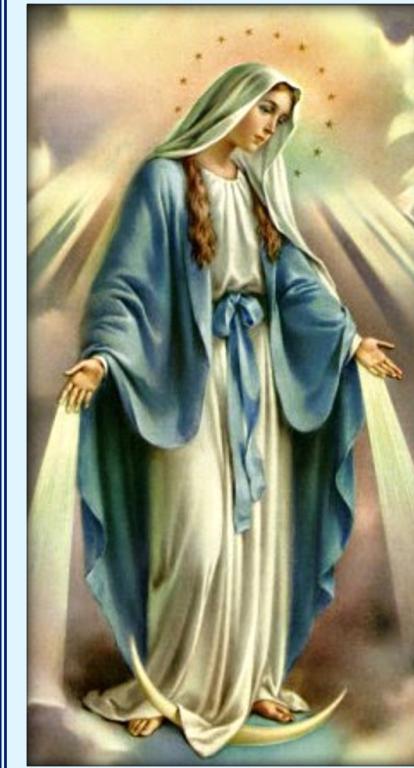
Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis
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* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST

September 28, 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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FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

Turn FAILURES into VICTORIES

Suffering with a Purpose, by Dom Hubert van Zeller

It is significant that the prophet who laments that God has “shut up my ways with square stones; He has turned my paths upside down” is the same who speaks of the Lord as thinking “thoughts of peace, and not of affliction” (*Lamentations 3:9, Jeremiah 29:11*). It is significant that the prophet who says, “thou shalt be brought down, thou shalt speak out of the earth” is the same who proclaims of God that “the bruised reed He shall not break, and the smoking flax He shall not quench” (*Isaiah 42:4, 42:3*).

The implication is clear: there is to be frustration, but the frustration will be of a kind that can be explained by love, and which will therefore not destroy, but perfect. We might go one step further and claim that without failure, the soul’s experience of love is incomplete. It is the story of Job: crushing reverses, discouragement bordering on despair, the dawn of a new hope, and the birth of a new life. It is the theme-paradox of the New Testament: the seed dying so that it may live (*John 12:25*), the folly of the Cross being wiser than the wis-

dom of men, the weak things being chosen to overcome the strong (*1 Corinthians 1:25,27*), the power being made perfect in infirmity (*2 Corinthians 12:9*), the finality of the Crucifixion preparing for the glory of the Resurrection. The doctrine could not be stated in starker terms: if we want to save our lives, we must lose them (*Matthew 16:25*). In order to succeed, we must fail.

It is possible to know Christ as the perfect model, as the leader, as the moral and spiritual teacher, but not to know Him as one who, to outward appearances, was a failure. In the eyes of the world, His mission, as it was seen at the time, came to nothing. Even in the eyes of His friends, as they saw Him led away to death, the Gospel hope that He had preached had let them down. If the Agony in the Garden was the sign of His defeat to His disciples, the first fall on the way to Calvary was the sign of His defeat to the outside world.

But to His own in private and to the others in public, Christ willed to appear as a failure. It was His desire that all should imagine Him to be with-

Volunteer Housekeepers Needed

Please consider joining the merry band of church housekeepers; we need reliable volunteers to help clean every week. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Villalobos, (719) 651-8135. May God reward you!

Upcoming Parish Events

September 29 ~ Feast of St. Michael

Tomorrow we will celebrate the feast of St. Michael the Archangel with two Masses: Low Mass at 8 a.m. and a sung Mass at 6 p.m.

October 3 ~ Home-Schoolers' First Friday

Catechesis and pot-luck breakfast for home-schooled children of the parish. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gracey Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

out further resources, should think that He did not know what to do next.

When a man falls to the ground, it means that his strength has given out; the strain has been more than he was able to bear, and he is forced to show his weakness. For Christ to have endured the scourging was sign of strength — was perhaps grounds for believing that He might yet surmount His difficulties and out-march His enemies — but to have been seen falling was the sign that He was done for, that He had given in. Like the rest of men, He was weak after all, and there were limits beyond which even He could not go. So it must have seemed to those who watched.

Thus, if we are to resemble Christ, we should expect to resemble Him in failure. Failure is not our punishment, but our privilege. We are never nearer to Christ than when we are beaten by the weight of life. It is when we are flattened and helpless that we can trust, not in our power anymore, but in

the power of God. When I am weak, then I am strong (*2 Corinthians 12:10*), because at last I can draw upon the source of strength which is God.

God expresses Himself in the helplessness of man: it is the Father’s prerogative to come to the rescue of His children. If failure had no other value than that of making us childlike, it would justify itself, but, in fact, its good effects can be seen in every aspect of the spiritual life. It teaches humility, compassion, and the need for perseverance, hope, faith, and a spirit of penance. Failure opens the door to the graces that follow upon the nights of the soul. The nights of the soul are, in fact, little else than an awareness of failure.

It is only when we have failed, uniting our frustrations with the frustrations of Christ, that we come to see the overall pattern of the Gospel. The Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*) is at last felt to be the only possible answer to the problems of man: the Cross not only reconcilable, but right — necessary

* MASS INTENTIONS *

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 29 ~ St. Michael the Archangel

8 a.m. — Fr. Dennis Gordon, F.S.S.P.
6 p.m. — Kyle Ford, by Leila Ford

Tuesday, September 30 ~ St. Jerome

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

Wednesday, October 1 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Sean & Jessica Gordon

Thursday, October 2 ~ Holy Guardian Angels

6 p.m. — Intentions of Jessica E. Mier

Friday, October 3 ~ St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart
6 p.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart

Saturday, October 4 ~ St. Francis of Assisi

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart
11:30 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart

Sunday, October 5 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — Persecuted Christians in the Holy Land
11 a.m. — Pro Populo

Fr. Dennis Gordon is accepting Mass intentions at this time.

and right. The Passion, because it is life, is a matter of falling and being dragged up again. Our own story and Christ’s are seen to have this unexpected affinity of weakness and renewal, repeated until the final revelation of grace.

Even the collapses for which we are manifestly to blame — even our sins — can be turned to good account. There is nothing so bad that it cannot be taken up by grace... then certainly the frustrations... must readily admit of supernaturalization. *

of the enterprises that held such promise, but have come to nothing?

And in the meantime? What do we make of our falls, of the occasions when we are blocked,