

# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Septuagesima Sunday  1st Communion Class	2 Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	4	5	6 First Friday  Homeschoolers' Day	7 First Saturday
8 Sexagesima Sunday  Confirmation Class	9	10	11	12	13 Pro-Life Vigil	14 Roses of Mary  Men's Schola
15 Quinquagesima Sunday  1st Communion Class	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21 Altar Guild  Men's Schola
22 First Sunday of Lent  Confirmation Class	23	24	25 Ember Day	26	27 Ember Day  All-Night Adoration	28 Ember Day

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## Please pray for:

### Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis  
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# + IMMACULATE + CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



## SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 1, 2026



### 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.

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

Pastor:

FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.



Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

# The Folly of NEGLECTING SALVATION

from *The Way of Salvation*, by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

“What doth it profit a man,” saith our Lord, “if he gain the world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?” (*Matthew 16:26*). How many rich men, how many nobles, how many monarchs, are now in hell! What now remains to them of their riches and honors but remorse and rage, which prey upon their

souls and will continue to prey upon them for all eternity?

O my God! Enlighten me and assist me. I hope nevermore to be deprived of Thy grace. Have pity on a sinner who desires to love Thee.

How comes it, writes Salvi-  
an, that men believe in death,  
judgment, hell, and eternity,

and yet live without fearing them? Hell is believed, and yet how many go down thither! But, O God, while these truths are believed, they are not dwelt upon, and hence are so many souls lost.

Alas! I also have been of the number of those who have been guilty of such folly. Although I knew that by offending Thee I was forfeiting Thy friendship, and writing my own condemnation; yet I was not restrained from committing sin! “Cast me not away from Thy face.” I am sensible of the evil I have done in despising Thee, my God, and am grieved for it with my whole soul. Oh, “Cast me not away from Thy face.”

And then? And then? Oh, what force had these two words with F.P. Francis Zazzera when repeated to him by St. Philip Neri, in order to induce him to renounce the world and give himself wholly to God! “Oh that they would be wise, and would understand, and would provide for their latter end” (*Deuteronomy 32:39*). Oh! If all persons would but think of death, in which everything must be relinquished; of judgment, in which an account must be given of our whole lives; of a happy or miserable eternity, which must be the lot of each one: if all did but provide for these last things of their lives, no one would be lost. The present only is thought of, and hence is eternal salvation lost.

I give Thee thanks, O God, for the patience with which Thou hast hitherto borne with me, and for the light which Thou now bestowest upon me. I see that although I forgot Thee, Thou didst not forget me.

I am sorry my sovereign good, for having turned my back upon Thee, and I am now resolved to give myself entirely to Thee. And why should I delay? That Thou mayest abandon me, and that death may find me as miserable and ungrateful as I have been even until now? No, my God, I will no more offend Thee, but will love Thee. I love Thee, O infinite goodness! Give me perseverance and Thy holy love; I ask for nothing more. Mary, refuge of sinners intercede for me.

## *The Moment of Death*

“O moment, on which depends eternity!” Oh! How much depends on the last moment of our lives, on our last breath! Either an eternity of delights or an eternity of torments, a life of happiness, or a life of misery. What folly therefore must it be, for the sake of a wretched momentary pleasure in this life, to run the risk of making an evil end, and beginning a life of misery which will never terminate!

O God! What will become of me in the last moment of my life? O Jesus, who didst die for my salvation! Suffer me not to be lost forever; suffer me not to lose Thee, my only good.

O God! How do those miserable criminals who are condemned to cast lots for their lives tremble when they throw the dice, upon the cast of which depends their life or death! Tell me, Christian, if you were in such a situation, how much you would give to be liberated from it? But faith teaches you that you will one day arrive at that last moment, on which will depend your eternal life or death. You will then say, “Alas! I must be either happy forever

## + MASS INTENTIONS +

FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, February 2 ~ Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. — Private Intention

6 p.m. — In Honor of Our Lady

### Tuesday, February 3 ~ St. Blaise

8 a.m. — + Capt. Brenden Kelly, U.S.C.G.

### Wednesday, February 4 ~ St. Andrew Corsini

8 a.m. — Rachel Murphy

### Thursday, February 5 ~ St. Agatha

6 p.m. — Kris McCowen, by Anita McCowen

### Friday, February 6 ~ St. Titus

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6 p.m. — + James P. Gordon, Jr.

### Saturday, February 7 ~ St. Romuald

8 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:30 a.m. — + Beatriz Luz Tena

### Sunday, February 8 ~ Sexagesima Sunday

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

+ Fr. Gordon cannot accept Mass intentions at this time. +

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Today ~ First Holy Communion Class

Today is the first class for children preparing for their first Holy Communion. Class begins one half-hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Children must be 7 years old by May 17, and registered for this class to attend.

### February 2 ~ Candlemas Blessing of Candles

If you wish to have candles blessed on the Feast of the Purification, please leave them under the table used for blessing items (in the basement).

### February 6 ~ 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.

### February 8 ~ Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes begin next week for all preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Class begins one half-hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom. Only those who have registered for the class may attend.

with God, or in despair forever without Him.”

No, my God, I will not lose Thee: if I have hitherto forfeited Thy friendship, I am sorry for it, and sincerely repent of it; I will never lose Thee more.

Either we believe, or we do not believe. And if we believe that there is an eternity, that we can die only once, and that if we die ill, the consequences will be eternal, without the least hope of remedy, why do we not resolve to separate ourselves from

all danger of being lost, and to use all the means in our power to secure for ourselves a happy death? No security can be too great when eternity is at stake. The days of our lives are so many favors from God, by which He allows us time to prepare our accounts against the arrival of death. Delay not, for you have no time to lose.

Behold me, O God! Tell me what I must do to be saved, for I will do all that Thou requires of me. + + +