

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
29	Palm Sunday	30	Catechumen Class	31		1		2	Holy Thursday	3	Good Friday	4	Holy Saturday
5	Easter Sunday	6		7		8		9		10	Pro-life Vigil	11	Young Roses of Mary
12	Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	13	Catechumen Class	14		15		16		17		18	Altar Guild
19	Second Sunday after Easter	20	Catechumen Class	21		22		23		24	 All-Night Adoration		25
26	Third Sunday after Easter	27	Catechumen Class	28		29		30		1		2	
1st Communion Class													

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Low Sunday (Divine Mercy) ~ April 12, 2026



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

### Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

### Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass,  
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, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor: FR. JAMES J. GORDON, F.S.S.P.

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### Please pray for:

#### Rest of the Souls of:

Lamar Cole  
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U.S. Navy  
Command Sgt. Major Chad Keirns,  
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1st Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder,  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Spec. 3 Patryk Stepien, U.S. Space Force  
Sr. Airman Joseph Tuttle, U.S. Air Force  
Spec. 3 Noah Velasco, U.S. Space Force  
2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force  
Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army  
Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh,  
U.S. Air Force  
Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army  
Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army  
Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

# We Must be Careful in our Business Without Over-Eagerness or Solicitude

Introduction to the *Devout Life*, by St. Francis de Sales

The diligence and care with which we ought to attend to our affairs is very different from solicitude, anxiety, and worry. The angels are careful of our salvation, and seek it with diligence, but they are not subject to anxiety and eager solicitude, for though care and diligence are a part of their charity, nevertheless solicitude and anxiety would be wholly opposed to their bliss; since care and diligence are compatible with tranquility and peace of mind, anxiety and over-carefulness are not so, and much less agitation and eagerness.

Be very careful and diligent in all such business as falls to your share, for God who has allotted it to you, would have you do it well. But if possible avoid solicitude — that is to say,

do not undertake your affairs with inquietude, anxiety, and worry, and do not hurry and excite yourself about them, for all excitement hinders reason and judgment, and prevents us from doing well that very thing about which we are excited.

When our Lord rebuked St. Martha, He said, “Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things.” If she had simply been diligent, she would not have been troubled, but because she was full of care and inquietude, she was hurried and troubled, and for this our Savior rebuked her.

The rivers which flow calmly through the plains, bear great barges and much rich merchandise, and the rain which falls gently on the land, fertilizes it and makes it bear fruit; but

when the rivers and torrents overflow their banks, they carry devastation with them, and violent tempestuous rains ravage the meadows and fields. Never was anything done well that was done in haste and impetuosity — the old proverb bids us “make haste slowly.” King Solomon says that “he that is hasty with his feet shall stumble” (*Proverbs 19:2*). We always do that quickly enough which we do well. The drone makes more noise and is much more eager than the honey bee, but it produces wax only and no honey; and so those who worry themselves with gnawing care, and noisy solicitude, never do much, nor anything well.

Flies do not tease us by their sting but by their numbers; and important affairs do not trouble us so much as innumerable little matters. Try to meet the occupations which come upon you quietly, and perform them with regularity, one after the other; for if you endeavor to do all at once, or in confusion, your spirit will be so overcharged and depressed that it will probably sink under the burden without accomplishing anything.

In all your undertakings rely wholly on God’s Providence, through which alone they can succeed; but seek steadily on your part to cooperate with it, and then rest satisfied that if you are trusting all to God, whatever happens will be best for you, whether it seems to your own judgment good or bad.

Imitate a little child which will walk along with one hand clinging to its father, and with the other gathering the wayside fruits. So whilst with one hand you collect and use the good things of this world, always with the other keep hold of

your Heavenly Father, frequently turning to Him in order to learn whether He approves your occupations and proceedings. Above all, beware of letting go your hold of His protection with the intention of gathering more abundantly, for if He is not with you, you cannot move one step without falling to the ground. Therefore, when you are occupied in ordinary business and occupations which do not require your closest attention, think more of God than of them; and if your business is sufficiently important to absorb your whole attention in doing it well, then from time to time look to God, just as the sailor on his homeward voyage looks oftener to the sky than to the waves which carry him. So will God work with you, in you and for you, and your labor will be followed with consolation.

Obedience: Charity alone places us in perfection. But the three great means of attaining to it are obedience, chastity, and poverty. Obedience consecrates our heart, chastity our body, and poverty our worldly means to the love and service of God. These are the three branches of these spiritual crosses, and all have their foundation in the fourth, which is humility.... Let us try, then, to practice these virtues, each according to his vocation; for if they do not place us in the state of perfection, they will nevertheless give us perfection itself. Moreover, we are all bound to practice these three virtues, although not all to practice them in the same way.

There are two kinds of obedience, one operative, the other voluntary. By the first, you are bound humbly to obey your ecclesiastical superiors; that is the pope, your bishop, your

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, April 13 ~ St. Hermenegild**

8 a.m. — Special Intention, by Beatriz Rubio

**Tuesday, April 14 ~ St. Justin**

8 a.m. — Edwards Family, by Ford Family

**Wednesday, April 15 ~ Feria in Paschaltide**

8 a.m. — Fraternity of St. Peter

**Thursday, April 16 ~ Feria in Paschaltide**

6 p.m. — Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Friday, April 17 ~ Feria in Paschaltide**

8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Saturday, April 18 ~ Saturday of Our Lady**

8 a.m. — Fr. Arthur Swain, S.J., by Silvia Ambuul

**Sunday, April 19 ~ Second Sunday after Easter**

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

pastor, and such as may be commissioned by them. You are further bound to obey your temporal superiors, that is your sovereign, and the magistrates whom he appoints over the land; and lastly, you owe obedience to your domestic superiors, whether parents, master, or mistress. This is imperative obedience, and no one can be exempt from the duty of obeying his superiors, their authority to govern, and command, according to their several conditions, being given them by God.

Of necessity, then you must obey their orders; but if you would seek perfection, follow also their counsels, and even their wishes and inclinations, as far as charity and prudence will

permit; obey them when they enjoin what is agreeable, such as to eat, or rest, for, although there seems to be but little merit in obeying such commands, there is blame in disobedience. Obey them in indifferent things, such as wearing this or that dress, taking this or that road, singing, or keeping silence; such obedience is much to be commended. Obey them in hard, difficult, displeasing things, and that will be perfect obedience. And, last of all, obey meekly without answering back, speedily without delay, cheerfully without fretfulness, and above all obey in a loving spirit for love of Him who became obedient unto the death on the Cross. +++

### Upcoming Parish Events

#### April 13 ~ Catechumen Class

Class for adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church will meet 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

#### April 18~ Altar Guild

Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. For more information or to enroll your son, contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

#### April 19 ~ Confirmation Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.