

# MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Fourth Sunday after Easter	4 Catechumen Class 7 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Pro-life Vigil	9 Young Roses of Mary
10 Fifth Sunday after Easter Mother's Day Brunch	11 Catechumen Class 7 p.m.	12	13	14 Ascension of the Lord	15	16 First Confessions St. Benedict Altar Guild
17 Sunday after Ascension First Communion	18 Catechumen Class 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24 Pentecost Sunday	25 NO Catechumen Class	26 Confirmations 6 p.m.	27 Ember Wednesday	28	29 Ember Friday	30 Ember Saturday
31 Trinity Sunday	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday
					All-Night Adoration	

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Fifth Sunday after Easter ~ May 10, 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.

# The Purpose of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION in the Divine Plan

Meditations and Instructions on the Blessed Virgin,  
By A. Vermeersch, S.J.

If we only consider the divine maternity, it is easy to understand that it would be inconsistent with the fitness of things to allow any stain to remain in her whom God has clothed with such incomparable dignity.

But there are more imperative reasons still in the traditional notion, which shows us in the Mother of God, a new

Eve, victorious over the devil and his seed, a chosen daughter, and even the spouse of God. Sin, even original sin, seems to us as irreconcilable with Mary as defeat is irreconcilable with victory, the fatherly love of God with His avenging wrath, or the choice of a bride with hatred and aversion. For ages past, when the Church has ap-

plied to Mary the eloquent description of Eternal Wisdom, abiding always with God, cherished by Him, and accompanying Him in all His works, she has sung a hymn in honor of the Immaculate Virgin.

If the Immaculate Conception of Mary remains a grace, a gratuitous gift, this does not mean that there was no special reason for God's goodness. Mary, in her vocation to the divine maternity and the circumstances of that vocation, had a title and a sort of right to this privilege. She is not immaculate simply as another creature might be whom God might preserve from original sin; she is immaculate because, if her descent from Adam rendered her liable to the stain, her personal mission demanded her freedom from it. The privilege of Mary was a singular privilege in fact, and was, moreover, incommunicable to any other.

Having paid our tribute of reverent devotion to our Mother, let us turn our attention to the special reasons which should establish a stronger opposition between many men and sin — the opposition of the *Christian*. He is signed with the seal of the Holy Trinity, the adopted son of God, called upon to triumph over a corrupt world; he is bound to spread Christianity by an edifying life. There is a greater opposition in the religious, who accepts from the Church the mission of representing the perfect Gospel of Christ, in order to help his fellow men in the performance of their duties, in doing honor to Christian society, and in undertaking every heroic work.

There is a still greater and more radical opposition in the priest, the mediator between Heaven and earth, who bears in his soul the stamp of Christ's priesthood, and is charged with the duty of regenerating other men in the likeness of Christ by spreading the Word of God and administering the sacraments.

This is a glorious mission, but, alas! often forgotten, to the great injury of souls. How many sins, how many failures are there among those to whom the apostle said: "The temple of God is holy, which you are" (1 Corinthians 3:17). If Christians were faithful to their duties, our religion would have an irresistible force of expansion; the whole world would be Christian. But, alas! through our weaknesses and shortcomings the Barque of Peter seems always as if it were about to founder. Let us weep over the evil that is in the world!

The Immaculate Conception is glorious, first, in its direct consequences — namely, the other prerogatives which are attached to it. It is glorious also indirectly because it enables us to understand better the dignity and the beauty of Mary.

The result of the Immaculate Conception in Mary is a perfect consistency of interior life, freedom from concupiscent, and easy perception of all truth, and a natural tendency to all virtue, and an immunity from that kind of death which is our common lot.

Faith in this high prerogative throws new light on

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, May 11 ~ Sts. Philip and James**

8 a.m. — Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**Tuesday, May 12 ~ Sts. Nereus, Achilleus,  
Domitilla, Pancras**

8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Wednesday, May 13 ~ Vigil of Ascension**

8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Thursday, May 14 ~ Ascension of the Lord**

6 p.m. — Fr. Michael Gilmery

**Friday, May 15 ~ St. John Baptist de la Salle**

8 a.m. — Most Holy Trinity Monastery

**Saturday, May 16 ~ St. Ubald**

8 a.m. — Sr. Marie Bernadette, O.C.D., by Greg & Kate Truda

**Sunday, May 17 ~ Sunday after Ascension**

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Gordon may accept Mass intentions

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### May 11 ~ Catechumen Class

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

### May 16 ~ Altar Guild

Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. This will be the final meeting until Fall.

### May 16 ~ First Confessions

Fr. Gordon will hear First Confessions for children preparing for their first Holy Communion immediately after the 8 a.m. Mass.

### May 17 ~ First Holy Communion

First Communicants will receive their first Holy Communion at the 11 a.m. Mass.

### May 17 ~ Confirmation Class

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

Mary's whole life. Her fulness of grace appears to us more absolute; she is more perfectly blessed among women. The Lord is with her from the first, her character as the new Eve is unfolded before our eyes, the plan of redemption is more fully understood, and without restriction or limitation we acclaim Mary in Heaven as Queen of all Saints. Here, as ever, faith enlightens our understanding, and gives us a clearness of vision which confirms the truth.

The proclamation of the dogma in our own time exalts 1) purity in an age which glorifies passion; 2) humility in an age in which men's pride is their ruin; 3) the supernatural life in an age which denies everything supernatural.

Let us offer our homage to the Blessed Virgin, and thank God for having in our time made known her glorious privilege to all the world, and let us offer to Him our resolutions to live pure and humble lives.

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