

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 All-Night Adoration	30 Ember Saturday
31 Trinity Sunday	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday

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Rest of the Souls of:

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 24, 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.

PATIENCE

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

PATIENCE is necessary for you, that, doing the will of God, you may receive the promise (*Hebrews 10:36*), says the apostle; and our Lord Himself declared (*Luke 21:19*), "In your patience you shall possess your souls." The great happiness of man, Philothea, is thus to possess his soul; and the more perfect our patience, the more perfectly do we possess our souls. Call to mind frequently that it was by suffering and endurance that our Lord saved us, and that it is meet that we too on our part must work out our salvation by sufferings and afflictions, bearing injuries, contradictions, and annoyances with the greatest calm and gentleness.

Do not limit your patience to this or that kind of injury or trouble, but let it embrace every

sort of trial that God sends or permits to come upon you.

There are some persons who are willing to suffer, provided the sufferings are of a kind that bring honor with them, as, for example, to be wounded or taken prisoner in war, to be ill-treated on account of their religion, to bear the losses entailed by a legal decision given in the favor. But such persons are lovers, not of the trials, but of the honor that accompanies them. The truly patient servant of God bears the troubles that bring contempt no less willingly than those that are esteemed honorable. To be despised, reproached, and accused by the wicked is not great trial to a man of good heart; but to be condemned, despised, and ill-treated by the good, by friends or by relations, is a real test of

progress. I think much more of the meekness with which the great St. Charles Borromeo for a long time bore the public attacks made upon him from the pulpit by an eminent preacher of a certain religious order, more than his patience under all other injuries. For just as the sting of a bee is more painful than that of a fly, so the contradiction and opposition of good men is far harder to bear than that of the ungodly; and yet it often happens that two men, each meaning well in their opposing opinions, are very bitter in contradicting and persecuting one another.

Be patient, not only under the great and heavy trials which come upon you, but also under the minor troubles and accidents of life. "I am quite content to become poor," one man says, "if only it did not hinder me from educating my children and assisting my friends and living respectably." And another, "I should not mind it, but that the world will lay the blame on me." Another would willingly be calumniated, and would bear calumny with patience, on condition that no one believes the calumny. Others again are willing to endure some troubles, but not all — they are content to be sick, they say, but are dissatisfied because they have not wherewithal to procure advice, or because those around them are disconcerted by their illness. But to such I would say, "We must be patient not only under sickness, but further, we must bear the particular complaint which God sends us; take the place where He wills

us to be amongst those with whom He surrounds us, and under the privations He appoints for us, and so on with all other trials." When you are overtaken by some misfortune, seek the remedies which God affords you for not to do so would be tempting His Divine Providence, but having done so, await the result He may appoint with perfect resignation. If He sees fit to permit the remedies to overcome the evil, thank him humbly; but if, on the other hand, He permits the evil to overcome the remedies, patiently bless His holy name and submit.

I say with St. Gregory, if you are justly accused of some fault which you have committed, humble yourself, and acknowledge that you deserve the accusation; if you are falsely accused, excuse yourself meekly, denying your guilt, for so much you owe to truth, and the edification of your neighbor. But if after your true and honest excuse your accusers persist, give yourself no further trouble, and do not persevere in your defense, for having paid tribute to truth, now pay tribute to humility. By this means you will alike do justice to the claim which your reputation has upon you, and to that quietness, humility, and lowliness of heart which are so important.

Do not complain of the injuries done to you more than you can help, for undoubtedly, as a general thing, he who complains, errs; inasmuch as our self love always magnifies our injuries; but above all, do not make your complaints to those who are easily excited to anger

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 25 ~ Pentecost Monday

8 a.m. — + Fr. Don Attilio Dal Pra, by Kris & Anita McCowen

Tuesday, May 26 ~ Pentecost Tuesday

8 a.m. — Private Intention
6 p.m. — Confirmandi

Wednesday, May 27 ~ Ember Wednesday

8 a.m. — Michael Joseph Russ, by Harold & Marie Russ

Thursday, May 28 ~ Pentecost Thursday

6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, May 29 ~ Ember Friday

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, May 30 ~ Ember Saturday

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, May 31 ~ Trinity Sunday

7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Gordon is accepting Mass intentions

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

May 25 ~ No Catechumen Class

There will be no adult convert class on Memorial Day.

May 26 ~ 2026 Confirmations

Mass and Confirmations at 6 p.m. with Fr. James Gordon officiating. Potluck reception to follow in the Parish Hall. For more information about the reception or to help set up, contact Marcella Guilez, dmjmfamilyleve@aol.com.

May 29-30 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour in meditation, prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

and ready to think ill of others. If it is necessary to complain at all, either for redress, or in order to relieve your own mind, let it be to someone of a peaceable disposition who truly loves God; for others, instead of soothing you, will only excite you still more: instead of extracting the thorn from your foot, they will but drive it in the deeper.

There are some who when they are sick, afflicted, or aggrieved, avoid complaining or appearing tender, thinking

thereby that they only show their lack of courage and generosity; but they desire greatly that others should lament over them, and employ various means to induce them so to do, and would fain be counted patient and brave as well as afflicted. They are patient, but theirs is a false patience, which in truth is only a refined ambition and vanity. "Their glorying is not of God," says the apostle. A truly patient man neither complains himself nor wishes others to complain for him. + + +