

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 St. Benedict Altar Guild
17 Sunday after Ascension First Communions	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 All-Night Adoration
31 Trinity Sunday	1	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rest of the Souls of:

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Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder,
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Sr. Airman Joseph Tuttle, U.S. Air
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1st Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force
Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space
Force
Petty Officer 1st Class Paula
Gennitti, U.S. Navy
Command Sgt. Major Chad Keirns,
U.S. Army
1st Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Fourth Sunday after Easter ~ May 3, 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 Analogies of Knowledge and Love

The Prayer of Love and Silence, by a Carthusian

In the account given in the book of Genesis, on the sixth day, before the creation of man, God spoke thus: "Let Us make man to Our image and likeness" (*Genesis 1:26*). The plural seems to underline the action of the three Persons. Images of God, we carry within us a certain reflection of the divine generation. The Fathers and Doc-

tors of the Church have studied this signature of the creative Spirit engraved in our very nature, and the deductions they draw from it give us some idea of the nature of the processions which constitute the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. It is quite true that we can only approach such an understanding by a very distant analogy. Neverthe-

less, it is not without a providential disposition that such comparisons have been stressed by Christian thinkers who were at the same time contemplatives and saints. Their origin, their antiquity, their admirable correspondence with the scriptural texts confer on these speculations a singular authority.

A spiritual being has two vital operations — to know and to love. Now since God is being in its absolute plenitude, these two operations belong to Him by necessity of essence and nature. The first vital operation of God is the act of knowing. By that act, which is His essence itself, God produces a perfect concept of what He knows perfectly; that is to say, Himself. It is the procession of the interior Word. In that divine Word, God, so to speak, defines Himself. The Word, that is, is the adequate expression of the Father. The Word, *Logos*, which St. John uses in the first chapter of his Gospel, means both word and reason; for it is the reason of God, as it is the reason of everything else. That Word is rightly called the Immaculate Mirror, the Image of the Invisible God, the Splendor of His glory, and the Figure of His substance (*Wisdom 7:26; Colossians 1:5; Hebrews 1:3*).

This intelligible fruit of the divine knowledge is also called 'generated knowledge' — *notitia genita, Deus intellectus*. In so far as this essential representation of Himself proceeds from Him — perfectly equal and similar to its source in the unity of the same nature — God is in the truest sense called "Father."

Fatherhood belongs to God before it can ever be attributed to men. It is from that divine and primal paternity that all paternity in heaven and earth has its origin and name ... "Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named" (*Ephesians 3:15*).

The Word is thus truly the Son of God, consubstantial with the Father, co-eternal, enjoying the same omnipotence and the same immensity. Of all the ways in which a being can produce another being, the most perfect is by generation. For he who generates imparts his own nature to the one generated, pours into that being his own life. And since no dignity can be wanting in God, generation must be found in the Godhead. "Shall not I that make others to bring forth children, myself bring forth, saith the Lord" (*Isaiah 66:9*). There is no doubt that generation is infinitely greater than creation, for the Creator does not give Himself, whilst the Father is in the Son with His whole being and essence. "The Father is in Me, and I in the Father" (*John 10:38*).

The Word is also named Truth and Power by appropriation: that is to say, in terms which can be referred to the other Person, but which seem specially to belong to Him, because of His procession according to knowledge. We venerate in the Father unity, eternity and power; in the Son, equality, beauty and wisdom. The Son is also called *Ars Dei*, Life, the Ray, the Dawn, because He is the integral manifestation of the divine Essence. It is in Him that the Father knows Himself, and that we shall one day know

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 4 ~ St. Monica

8 a.m. — Brendan Shumaker, by Jesiah Benson

Tuesday, May 5 ~ St. Pius V

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

Wednesday, May 6 ~ Feria in Paschaltide

8 a.m. — + James P. Gordon, Jr.

Thursday, May 7 ~ St. Stanislaus

6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, May 8 ~ Feria Paschaltide

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, May 9 ~ St. Gregory Nazianzen

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, May 10 ~ Fifth Sunday after Easter

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Mothers of the Parish

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

the Father. "He that seeth me, seeth the Father also. If you know Me, you know also My Father; and from henceforth you know Him, and you have seen Him" (*John 14:9, 7*).

The Father and the Son meet eternally in essential beatitude. They give themselves to one another in a most intimate unity and from that union leaps up an immaterial flame, the ardor of infinite Love, namely the Holy Spirit. For the act of the will produces in the one willing a new reality, and it is this reality, subsistent and eternal in God, that is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The name Love is peculiarly His, for He is

the Love with which the Father loves the Son and the Son the Father. He is called *Spirit* by analogy with the life-breath which animates us, and records the rhythm of our emotions. He is the Gift, *par excellence*, for the essential character of love is to give, and the first thing that love gives is itself. Goodness is attributed to the Holy Spirit by appropriation. The Fathers also called the Third Person the Divine Fire, the Spiritual Balm, the Living Source, the enjoyment and communion of the Father with the Son, for He is the embrace which consummates their union.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

May 4 ~ Catechumen Class

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

May 8 ~ Pro-Life Vigil

One-hour Rosary vigil begins noon at Planned Parenthood, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. Contact Michael Smiley, (719) 502-9149 or, Michele Smiley, (719) 447-7236.

May 9 ~ Young Roses of Mary

Girls' group (ages 8-18) to meet 7:45 a.m. for Mass, followed by breakfast and catechesis on feminine virtues. Contact Amy Seltzer, caseltzer@gmail.com. This will be the last meeting until Fall.

May 10 ~ Mother's Day Brunch

Men: Make Mother's Day special for all the mothers of the parish by preparing and serving brunch following the 11 a.m. Mass. Prepare your favorite food but no cheating: Moms are not allowed to prepare it! Sign ups are in the vestibule. For more information, contact Kris McCowen, (719) 352-1519.

May 10 ~ First Communion Class

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