

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	29 Sts. Peter and Paul No Adult Convert Class	30	1 Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ	2	3 First Friday	4 Independence Day First Saturday
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	6 Adult Convert Class	7	8	9	10	11
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	13 Adult Convert Class	14	15	16	17	18
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	20 Adult Convert Class	21	22	23	24	25 All-Night Adoration
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	27 Adult Convert Class	28	29	30	31	1 First Saturday

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 28, 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.**

Parochial Vicar: **FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.**

Losing Our Peace for BAD REASONS

Searching for and Maintaining Peace, by Fr. Jacques Philippe

One of the dominant aspects of spiritual combat is the struggle on the plane of thoughts. To struggle often means opposition between those thoughts that originate in our own spirit, or the mentality of our surroundings or even sometimes from the enemy himself (the origin of the thoughts is of little importance) and which cause us disquietude, fear, discouragement and, on the other hand, those thoughts that could comfort us and reestablish our peace. In view of this combat, “happy is the man who has filled his quiver” (*Psalms 127*) with arrows of good thoughts, that is to say, with solid convictions based on faith, that nourish one’s intelligence and fortify one’s heart in times of trial.

Among these arrows in a hero’s hand, one of the affirmations of faith that should permanently reside in us is that **all the reasons that cause us to lose**

our sense of peace are bad reasons.

This conviction is most certainly not founded on human considerations. It can only be a certitude of faith, founded on the Word of God. It does not reside in the reasoning of the world, as Jesus clearly told us: “Peace I leave with you, My own peace I give to you; a peace the world cannot give, this is My gift to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid...” (*John 14:27*).

If we seek peace as the world gives it, if we expect peace in accordance with the reasoning of the world, or with the motivations that accord with the current mentality that surrounds us (because everything is going well, because we aren’t experiencing any annoyances and our desires are completely satisfied, etc.), then it is certain that we will never know peace or that our peace will be ex-

tremely fragile and of short duration.

For us believers, the essential reason by virtue of which we can always be at peace does not come from this world. “My kingdom is not of this world” (*John 18:36*). It comes from trust in the Word of Jesus.

When the Lord affirms that He gives us peace, that He gives us His peace, these words are divine words, words which have the same creative force as the words that brought the sky and the earth from the void, they carry the same weight as the words that quieted the storm, the words that healed the sick and brought the dead back to life. Since Jesus tells us, even twice, that He gives us His peace, we believe that this peace is never taken away. God’s gifts and His calling are irrevocable (*Romans 11:29*). It is we who do not always know how to acquire or preserve them. Because quite often we lack faith.

“I have told you these things so that you will have peace in Me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage! I have conquered the world” (*John 16:33*). In Jesus, we may always abide in peace, because He has conquered the world, because He is resurrected from the dead. By His death, He conquered death, He annihilated the sentence of condemnation that weighs on us. He manifested the benevolence of God toward us. And “with God on our side, who can be against us? ... Who could ever separate us from the love of Christ?” (*Romans 8:31*).

Having discussed this unshakable foundation of faith, we will now examine certain situations in which we frequently more or less lose our peace of heart. We will seek to show, in the light of faith, how vain it is to trouble ourselves in any way.

But first it might be useful to make some remarks regarding those being addressed, for whom the considerations that we will put forth are valid.

The interior peace that we are considering cannot of course, be shared by all persons independently of their attitude toward God.

Those who oppose God, who more or less consciously flee from Him, or who flee from certain of His calls or His demands, cannot be at peace. When individuals are close to God love and desire to serve the Lord, the usual strategy of the devil is to cause them to lose their peace of heart, whereas God, on the contrary, comes to their aid to give them peace. But this rule is reversed for those whose hearts are far from God, who live in indifference and evil. The devil seeks to tranquilize such individuals, to keep them in a false sense of quietude, whereas the Lord, Who desires their salvation and conversion, will trouble and disquiet their consciences in an effort to get them to repent.

One cannot enjoy a profound and durable peace if he is far from God, if his inmost will is not entirely oriented toward Him. “you made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You” (*St. Augustine*).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, June 29 ~ Sts. Peter and Paul

8 a.m. — Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Tuesday, June 30 ~ Commemoration of St. Paul

8 a.m. — Levi Clark Family, by Piquette Family

Wednesday, July 1 ~ Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

8 a.m. — Dorothy Smiley, by Smiley Family

Thursday, July 2 ~ Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6 p.m. — Kelly Mozzetta, by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Mozzetta

Friday, July 3 ~ St. Irenaeus

8 a.m. — In Reparation to the Sacred Heart

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Saturday, July 4 ~ Saturday of Our Lady

8 a.m. — Private Intention

11:30 a.m. — Reparation to the Immaculate Heart

Sunday, July 5 ~ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Dennis Gordon is accepting Mass intentions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

June 29 ~ No Adult Catechumen Class

Class for adult converts is cancelled for this week. Class resumes on July 6.

July 10 ~ Pro-Life Vigil

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

A necessary condition for interior peace, then, is what we might call goodwill. We could also call it purity of heart. It is the stable and constant disposition of a person who is determined more than anything to love God, who desires sincerely to prefer in all circumstances the will of God to his own, and who does not wish to consciously refuse anything to God. Maybe (and even certainly) in everyday life, his be-

havior will not be in perfect harmony with this desire, this intention. There would undoubtedly be many imperfections in his effort to accomplish this desire. But he will suffer, he will ask the Lord’s pardon for this and seek to correct himself. Following moments of eventual failure, he will strive to come back to his usual disposition of wanting to say “yes” to God in all things, without exception. +++