

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30	1	2 Homeschooler's First Friday	3 First Saturday
4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	5	6	7	8	9 Pro-life Vigil	10
11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Benedict's Altar Guild (Meet at new church location)
18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christ the King	26	27	28	29	30	31 Standard Time resumes tomorrow: Set clocks back one hour tonight

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Repose of the Souls of:

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**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 11, 2026

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

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

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

Sunday Schedule:

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

Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:
Half an hour before Mass,
Saturday at 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, 8 a.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour, Benediction:
Thursday: 7 p.m.

CHASTITY

Divine Intimacy,

by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

O JESUS, lover of virgins, make me understand the beauty of perfect chastity.

"Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? But if any man violate the temple of God, him shall God destroy. For the temple of God is holy, which you are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

Outside of marriage, absolute continence is demanded of everyone without distinction. Conjugal chastity limits marital pleasure to the ends of marriage itself. Even as poverty frees us from slavery to earthly goods and regulates their use, so chastity frees us from the slavery of our senses and moderates their use. Hence the virtue of chastity is not restricted to those who are consecrated to God, but is a serious obligation for every Christian. Chastity of the body is not enough; we must also

practice chastity of thought, desire, and heart, for Jesus has said, "The things that come forth from the heart... defile a man. From the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries" (Matthew 15:18-19). Chastity of body, therefore, calls for chastity of heart. Jesus strongly insists on this interior purity. "The light of thy body is thy eye. If thy eye be single, thy whole body shall be lightsome. But if thy eye be evil, thy whole body shall be darksome" (ibid. 6:22-23).

"He that is without a wife, is solicitous for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please God.... The virgin thinketh of the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit" (1 Corinthians 7:32-34). Perfect chastity, chosen as a state of life and embraced by a vow, frees one from the cares and solicitude which are inevitable

in married life and which divide the heart between God and human affections.

Jesus said that there are some who have renounced having a family "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:12). The essential value of the vow of chastity consists precisely in this renunciation which a person voluntarily imposes on himself in order to give himself wholly to God -- body and soul, heart and mind -- all must be consecrated to Him and reserved for Him alone.

One who embraces the married state becomes a collaborator with God in the transmission of life to others; one who consecrates himself to God by a vow of chastity becomes His collaborator in the transmission of the life of grace to others. The person who is consecrated to God sacrifices material paternity or maternity for supernatural paternity or maternity. St. Therese of the Child Jesus described her vocation to Carmel thus: "To be Thy spouse, O my Jesus... and by my union with Thee to be the mother of souls" (Story of a Soul, 13).

Such is the fruitfulness of virgins, the "chaste generation" whom Jesus calls to the total renunciation of the licit joys of marriage in order to make them intimate collaborators in His work of redeeming and sanctifying the world. The vow of chastity does not shut souls up in a sterile life, but by binding them wholly to God, it opens up to them the sublime fertility of the apostolate. "Perpetual virginity is a pure host offered to God, a holy victim; it is a flower which gives honor and joy to the Church, and it is a great source

of power" (Pope Pius XII, Allocution, Sept. 1951).

O Lord, all my hope is based on Your great mercy. Give me what You command, and command what You will. You command that we be continent. Someone has said that no one can be continent unless God grants it, but it is true wisdom to know from whom this gift comes. Continence brings us recollection and the restoration of that unity which we have lost in giving ourselves to too many things. He loves You less who loves, together with you, anything which he does not love for You.

"O love, ever burning and never extinguished, O charity, O my God, inflame me! You command me to be continent; give me what You command and command what You will" (St. Augustine).

O Jesus, make me understand that there is no greater honor for man than the one You do him when You deliver him from the "tribulation of the flesh" (1 Corinthians 7:28) and invite him to give himself entirely to You in the bond of perfect chastity.

O holy bond which unites to God, who is infinite purity, a base creature, and raises him to the level of sharing in the immaculate splendor of divine virginity! O holy bond, which establishes an indissoluble union between God and man, which presents souls "as pure virgins to the one Man, Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:2), to be espoused to him in faith and love! O Jesus, Spouse of virgin souls, you who have said, "All men take not this word, but they to whom it is given"

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, October 12 ~ Feria

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Tuesday, October 13 ~ St. Edward the Confessor

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Wednesday, October 14 ~ St. Callistus I

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Thursday, October 15 ~ St. Teresa of Avila

6 p.m. -- Private Intention

Friday, October 16 ~ St. Hedwig

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Saturday, October 17 ~ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Sunday, October 18 ~ Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost

7 a.m. -- Private Intention

9 a.m. -- Private Intention

11 a.m. -- Pro Populo

Fr. James Gordon is accepting Mass intentions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

October 12 ~ No Catechumen Class

Class is canceled until November and will resume at the new location, 2715 E. Pikes Peak Ave. Stay tuned.

October 17 ~ St. Benedict's Altar Guild

Altar server training after Mass. This week's meeting will be held at the new church location, 2715 E. Pikes Peak Ave.; boys will need to travel to the new site. Contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarserver@gmail.com.

(Matthew 19:11), give me a better understanding of the great value of perfect chastity. What more sublime gift could I ask for and receive from you? O Jesus, You who by calling me to perfect chastity have freed me from the cares of a family and from earthly affections, grant that I may not become egotistical, but may share in the most direct and intense way Your solicitude and Your life of immolation and sacrifice for the salvation of men

and the glory of the Father. You want me to be a virgin that I may collaborate more intimately with You in the sublime work of redemption; and in the measure in which I give myself fully and generously to You, You will give me the gift of spiritual fecundity. O Jesus, tighten the bonds of my union with you, for this union will enable me to bring forth many souls to your loves and grace! ++