

OCTOBER 2026

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

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Repose of the Souls of:

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Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh,
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Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 4, 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.

Fervent AMENDMENT of Our Whole Life

My Imitation of Christ, by Thomas a Kempis

BE VIGILANT and diligent in God's service, and often consider to what end thou camest hither, and why thou didst leave the world: Was it not that thou mightest live for God and become a spiritual man?

Be fervent, therefore, in thy spiritual progress, for thou shalt shortly receive the reward of thy labors; and then grief and fear shall no more come near thee.

Thou shalt labor now a little and thou shalt find great rest; yea, everlasting joy.

If thou continue faithful and

fervent in working God will doubtless be faithful and liberal in rewarding.

Thou must preserve a good and firm hope of winning the victory; but must not think thyself secure, lest thou grow negligent or proud.

When a certain person in anxiety of mind was often wavering between hope and fear, and, on a time, being overwhelmed with grief had prostrated himself in prayer in the church before a certain altar, he revolved these things within himself saying: "If I did but know that I should still

persevere;" and presently he heard within himself this answer from God: "And if thou didst know this, what wouldst thou do? Do now what thou wouldst then do, and thou shalt be very secure."

And immediately, being comforted and strengthened, he committed himself to the divine will, and his anxious wavering ceased.

Neither had he a mind any more to search curiously, to know what should befall him hereafter; but rather studied to inquire what was the will of God, "well pleasing and perfect" (*Romans 12:2*) for the beginning and accomplishment of every good work.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good," saith the prophet, "and dwell in the land, and thou shalt be fed with its riches" (*Psalms 36:3*).

There is one thing which keeps many back from spiritual progress and fervent amendment of life: and that is, dread of difficulty, or the labor which must be gone through in the conflict.

And they indeed advance most of all others in virtue, who strive manfully to overcome those things which they find more troublesome or contrary to them.

For there a man makes greater progress and merits greater grace where he overcomes himself more and mortifies himself in spirit.

But all men have not equal difficulties to overcome and mortify.

Yet he that is diligent and zealous, although he may have more passions to fight against, will be able to make greater progress than another who has fewer passions but is withal less

fervent in the pursuit of virtue.

Two things particularly conduce to a great amendment: These are, forcibly to withdraw one's self from that to which nature is viciously inclined, and earnestly to labor for that good which one wants most.

Study likewise to fly more carefully and to overcome those faults which most frequently displease thee in others.

Turn all occasions to thy spiritual profit: so that if thou see or hear any good examples thou mayst be spurred on to imitate them.

But if thou observe anything that is reprehensible take heed thou commit not the same; or if thou at any time hast done it, labor to amend it quickly.

As thine eye observeth others, so art thou also observed by others.

Oh, how sweet and comforting is it to see brethren fervent and devout, regular and well disciplined (*Psalms 82:1*)!

How sad a thing and how afflicting to see them walk disorderly, and practice nothing of what they are called to!

How hurtful it is to neglect the intent of our vacation and turn our minds to things that are not our business.

Be mindful of the resolution thou hast taken, and set before thee the image of the crucifix.

Well mayst thou be ashamed if thou hast looked upon the life of Jesus Christ, that thou has not yet studied to conform thyself more to His pattern, although thou hast been long in the way of God.

A religious man, who exercises himself seriously and devoutly in the most holy life and passion of Our Lord, shall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, October 5 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Tuesday, October 6 ~ St. Bruno

8 a.m. ~ Private Intention

Wednesday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

8 a.m. ~ Private Intention

Thursday, October 8 ~ St. Bridget of Sweden

6 p.m. ~ Private Intention

Friday, October 9 ~ St. John Leonardi

8 a.m. ~ + Bonaventure Bissonnette, by Ashley Bissonnette

Saturday, October 10 ~ St. Francis Borgia

8 a.m. ~ Foote Family, by Jenny Vostatek

Sunday, October 11 ~ Twentieth 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 5 ~ Catechumen Class

Fr. James Gordon will give instruction for the adult convert class; class begins in the parish hall at 7 p.m.

October 7 ~ Bible Study

Fr. Dennis Gordon will continue his study of the book of Exodus. This week will begin chapter 15. Class begins in the parish hall at 7 p.m.

October 9 ~ Pro-Life Vigil

One-hour Rosary prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. Contact Michael Smiley (719) 502-9249, or Michele Smiley (719) 447-7236.

find there abundantly all things profitable and necessary for him; nor need he seek any better model than that of Jesus.

Oh, if our crucified Jesus did but come into our heart, how quickly and sufficiently learned should we be!

A fervent religious man bears and takes all things well that are commanded him.

A negligent and lukewarm religious man has trouble upon trouble, and on every side

suffers anguish; because he has no comfort within and is hindered from seeking any without.

A religious man that lives not in discipline lies open to dreadful ruin.

He that seeks to be more free and remiss will always be uneasy; for one thing or other will always displease him.

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