NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints	2 All Souls	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7 First Saturday No 11:30 a.m. Mass
8 Resumed Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	9	10	11	12	13 Pro-Life Vigil	14
15 Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	16	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Altar Guild
22 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 All-Night Adoration	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30	1	2 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday

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Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church

Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany ~ November 15, 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: 8 a.m.
Sung Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:
Monday - Saturday 8 a.m.

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

Exposition
After Thursday Mass until Noon

MEEKNESS

A reading from *Divine Intimacy*,
by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

PRESENCE OF GOD ~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

Temperance makes man master of himself by controlling the passions of concupiscence; meekness makes him master of himself by controlling the impulses of anger. The great value of this virtue lies in the fact that it assures the soul of that inner peace which is so necessary in order to fulfill serenely all its duties toward God and toward the neighbor. The soul, when upset by resentments and anger, is unable to see things in their true light, to form unbiased judgments, to make wise decisions or to keep words and actions within the limits of courtesy and kindness. A person's manner becomes, unrestrained, and often unjust, provoking displeasure in others; charity is cooled and harmonious relationships are disturbed. Unrestrained anger clouds the mind, preventing it from recognizing God's will, and thus making the soul swerve from the line of duty to follow the impulses of the passions. It is the task of meekness to moderate and calm all such movements of passion by giving the soul mastery of itself, enabling it to remain tranquil, even in difficult or irritating circumstances. "Let us be very meek toward everyone," exhorts St. Francis de Sales, "and take care that every morning in an attitude of humility, meekness and tranquility. Perfect equanimity, meekness and unalterable graciousness are virtues more rare than perfect chastity and are most desirable." In order to keep our heart free from the movements of anger, we should be prompt in restraining them as soon as they appear, because if we favor them even a little, they will at once gain strength, and it will be much more difficult for us to overcome them. Constant fidelity in repressing every feeling of anger will gradually bring us to the enjoyment of the sweet fruit of meekness: "The meek shall inherit the land, and shall delight in abundance of peace" (*Psalm 36:11*).

Meekness has a very special importance in the development of a life of prayer and union with God. How can a soul, agitated by the storms of anger, apply itself to recollection and intimate conversation with God? In vain will it try to apply itself to prayer: its mind and heart will escape it, following after the imaginations aroused by passion. "*Non in commotione Dominus*," the Lord is not in the earthquake (*3 Kings 19:11*); God does not let Himself by found nor does He show Himself in the midst of disturbance and excitement, but only in interior peace and calm. When we are disturbed, even slightly, by impulses of anger, we are unable to perceive the delicate impulses of grace or to hear the gentle whisper of divine inspirations: the noise of our unbridled passions prevents us from listening to our interior Master, and losing our guide, we no longer act according to God's good pleasure, but allow ourselves to be carried away by the whims of our own impulsiveness, which will always cause us to commit faults.

Our interior soul knows very well that everything that happens to us, however painful, is permitted by God for our sanctification; yet in moments of rising anger, this thought vanishes and we no longer see anything but the creature, which has injured us and against which we wish to react. If we wish our life to remain always under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, our actions to be always directed by grace and conformed to God's will, we should never permit ourselves to yield to the impulses of anger, not even under the pretext of good. Rather, in these moments we should use our energy to suspend every judgment and every act, striving to re-establish in our heart the peace necessary to judge things in the light of God.

Our Lord teaches His ways to the meek, because only one who has silenced all resentments and feelings of anger is ready to be instructed by God, to listen to His voice and to follow it.

"O Jesus, meekest Lamb, who being cursed did not curse, who suffering injuries did not threaten, who receiving the greatest contempt, answered with divine meekness or preserved an admirable silence, help me to follow your example, to repress my anger, to embrace meekness, and armed with patience, to suffer willingly any labor so that I may come to enjoy eternal repose with You" (*Ven. L. Du Pont*).

"O Lord, with Your help, I desire especially to practice meekness and resignation to Your will, not so much in extraordinary matters as in the events and vexations of everyday life (*St. Francis de Sales*) + + +

Upcoming Parish Events

Nov. 18 ~ Change in Day for Choir Rehearsals

Beginning this week, choir will meet for rehearsals at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

Nov. 21 ~ Altar Guild

Altar serving training will begin after Mass. This week's meeting will be held at the new church location; boys will need to caravan to the new site. Contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

Help Make Our Church Beautiful

We have made the move, and a lot of the heavy lifting is done, but we still need your help with moving in, setting up, and cleaning our new church building. To volunteer, contact either Jennifer Villalobos, (719) 651-8135; or Christian Dalton, (719) 421-9671 . May God reward you!

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 16 ~ St. Gertrude the Great
8 a.m. -- Robert Walsh

Tuesday, November 17 ~ St. Gregory the Wonderworker
8 a.m. -- Steve Gallucci

Wednesday, November 18 ~ Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
8 a.m. -- Diaz Family

Thursday, November 19 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8 a.m. -- Youngblood Family

Friday, November 20 ~ St. Felix of Valois
8 a.m. -- + Joaquin Tena

Saturday, November 21 ~ Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Sunday, November 22 ~ Twenty-Fourth & Last Sunday after Pentecost
8 a.m. -- In Reparation for Bad Communions
10:30 a.m. -- Pro Populo

The Priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.