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 Adoration	28 Canceled
29 First Sunday of Advent Christmas Choir after 10:30 Mass	30	1	2 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday

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Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church

24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 22, 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.

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

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

Exposition
After Thursday Mass until Noon

HAPPINESS
from Perfect Uniformity

A reading from *Uniformity with God's Will,*
by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

ALPHONSUS the Great, King of Aragon, being asked one day whom he considered the happiest person in the world, answered: "He who abandons himself to the will of God and accepts all things, prosperous and adverse, as coming from His hands." "To those that love God, all things work together unto good" (*Romans 8:28*). Those who love God are always happy, because their whole happiness is to fulfill, even in adversity, the will of God. Afflictions do not mar their serenity, because by accepting misfortune, they know they give pleasure to their beloved Lord: "Whatever shall befall the just man, it shall not make him sad" (*Proverbs 12:21*). Indeed, what can be more satisfactory to a person than to experience the fulfillment of all his desires? This is the happy lot of the man who wills only what God wills, because everything that happens, save sin, happens through the will of God.

There is a story to this effect in the *Lives of the Fathers* about a farmer whose crops were more plentiful than those of his neighbors. On being asked how this happened with such unvarying regularity, he said he was not surprised because he always had the kind of weather he wanted. He was asked to explain. He said: "It is so because I want whatever kind of weather God wants, and because I do, He gives me the harvests I want." If souls resigned to God's will are humiliated, says Salvian, they want to be humiliated; if they are poor, they want to be poor; in short, whatever happens is acceptable to them, hence they are truly at peace in this life. In cold and heat, in rain and wind, the soul united to God says" "I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it."

This is the beautiful freedom of the sons of God, and it is worth vastly more than all the rank and distinction of blood and birth, more than all the kingdoms in the world. This is the abiding peace which, in the experience of the saints, "surpasseth all understanding" (*Philippians 4:7*). It surpasses all pleasures rising from gratification of the senses, from social gatherings, banquets and other worldly amusements; vain and deceiving as they are, they captivate the senses for the time being, but bring no lasting contentment; rather they afflict man in the depth of his soul where alone true peace can reside.

Solomon, who tasted to satiety all the pleasures of the world and found them bitter, voiced his disillusionment thus: "But this also is vanity and vexation of spirit" (*Ecclesiastes 4:16*). "A fool," says the Holy spirit, "is changed as the moon; but a holy man continueth in wisdom as the sun" (*Ecclesiasticus 27:12*). The fool, that is, the sinner, is as changeable as the moon, which today waxes and tomorrow wanes; today he laughs, tomorrow he cries; today he is meek as a lamb, tomorrow cross as a bear. Why? Because his peace of mind depends on the prosperity or the adversity he meets; he changes with the changes in the things that happen to him. The just man is like the sun, constant in his serenity, no matter what betides him. His calmness of soul is founded on his union with the will of God; hence he enjoys unruffled peace. This is the peace promised by the angel of the Nativity: "And on earth, peace to men of good will" (*Luke 2:14*). Who are these "men of good will" if not those whose wills are united to the infinitely good and perfect will of God? "The good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God" (*Romans 12:2*).

By uniting themselves to the divine will, the saints have enjoyed paradise by anticipation in this life. Accustoming themselves to receive all things from the hands of God, says, St. Dorotheus, the men of old maintained continual serenity of soul. St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi derived such consolation at hearing the words "will of God," that she usually fell into an ecstasy of love. The instances of jangling irritation that are bound to arise will not fail to make surface impact on the senses. This however will be experienced only in the inferior part of the soul; in the superior part will reign peace and tranquility as long as our will remains united with God's. Our Lord assured His apostles: "Your joy no man shall take from you... Your joy shall be full" (*John 16:22, 24*). He who unites his will to God's experiences a full and lasting joy: full, because he has what he wants, as was explained above; lasting, because no one can take his joy from him, since no one can prevent what God wills from happening.

The devout Fr. John Tauler relates this personal experience: for years he had prayed God to send him someone who would teach him the real spiritual life. One day, at prayer, he heard a voice saying: "Go to such and such a church and you will have the answer to your prayers." He went and at the door of the church he found a beggar, barefooted and in rags. He greeted the mendicant saying: "Good day, my friend."

"Thank you, sir, for your kind wishes, but I do not recall ever having had a 'bad' day."

"Then God has certainly given you a very happy life."

"That is very true, sir. I have never been unhappy. In saying this I am not making any rash statement either. This is the reason: when I have nothing to eat, I give thanks to God; when it rains or snows, I bless God's providence; when someone insults me, drives me away, or otherwise mistreats me, I give glory to God.

"I said I've never had an unhappy day, and it's the truth, because I am accustomed to will unreservedly what God wills. Whatever happens to me, sweet or bitter, I gladly received from His hands as what is best for me. Hence my unvarying happiness."

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Upcoming Parish Events

November 27-28 ~ Adoration Canceled

All-Night Adoration has been canceled this month.

November 29 ~ Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Our Christmas Choir will sing carols before the Christmas Midnight Mass; it is open to anyone who can read. Choristers to meet in the choir room 10 minutes after the 10:30 Mass. Contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

Help Make Our Church Beautiful

To volunteer, contact Jennifer Villalobos, (719) 651-8135; or Christian Dalton, (719) 421-9671.

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 23 ~ St. Clement I
8 a.m. -- + Joe Tena

Tuesday, November 24 ~ St. John of the Cross
8 a.m. -- Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Wednesday, November 25 ~ St. Catherine of Alexandria
8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Thursday, November 26 ~ St. Sylvester
8 a.m. -- Thanksgiving for Holy Eucharist

Friday, November 27 ~ Feria
8 a.m. -- + James De Mark, by De Mark Family

Saturday, November 28 ~ Saturday of Our Lady
8 a.m. -- Jacob Steenson

Sunday, November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent
8 a.m. -- Private Intention
10:30 a.m. -- Pro Populo

The Priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.