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	19	20	21 Altar Guild
22 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 All-Night Adoration	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30	1	2	3	4	5

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Repose of the Souls of:

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Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church

Resumed Fifth Sunday after Epiphany ~ November 8, 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

Useful Admonitions for the Spiritual Life: *The* Imitation *of* Christ, *and the* Contempt *of all earthly* Vanities

A reading from

The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas a Kempis

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME, does not walk in darkness," (*John 8:12*), says our Lord. These are the words of Christ, by which we are warned, that we must imitate His life and manners, if we would be truly enlightened and delivered from all blindness of heart. Let it then be our chief study to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ.

The teachings of Christ surpasses all the saints; and he who has the spirit will find therein a hidden manna.

But it happens that many, by frequent hearing of the Gospel, are very little affected, because they have not the spirit of Christ. But he who would fully and with joy understand the words of Christ, must study to make his whole life conformable to that of Christ.

What does it avail you to argue profoundly of the Trinity if you be wanting in humility, and consequently be displeasing to the Trinity? In truth, the sublime words make not a man holy and just: but it is a virtuous life that makes him dear to God. I would rather feel compunction, than know its definition. If you knew the whole Bible by hear, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what would it all profit you without the love of God and His grace?

"Vanities of vanities, and all is vanity" (*Ecclesiastes 1:2*), except loving God and serving Him alone. This is the highest wisdom: to despise the world and to tend to the kingdom of Heaven.

It is vanity, therefore, to seek riches which must perish, and to trust in them. It is vanity also to be ambitious of honors, and to raise oneself to a high station. It is vanity to follow the desires of the flesh, and to desire that for which you must afterwards be grievously punished. It is vanity to wish for a long life, and to take little care of leading a good life. It is vanity to attend only to this present life, and not to look forward to those things which are to come. It is vanity to love what is passing away with all speed, and not to hasten thither where everlasting joy is.

Often remember that proverb: "The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing" (*Ecclesiastes 1:8*). Study, therefore to withdraw your heart from the love of visible things, and to turn yourself to things invisible. For they who follow sensuality defile their conscience, and lose the grace of God.

Every man naturally desires to know, but what does knowledge avail without the fear of God? Indeed a humble farmer who serves God, is better than a proud philosopher, who, neglecting himself, considers the course of the heavens. He who knows himself well, is vile in his own eyes, and is not pleased with the praises of men.

If I should know all things that are in the world, and should not have charity, what would it avail me in the sight of God, who will judge me by my deeds?

Leave off that excessive desire of knowing: because much distraction is found there and much delusion. They who are learned, are desirous to appear, and to be called wise. There are many things, the knowledge of which is of little or no profit to the soul. And he is very unwise who attends to other things than to those which may serve for his salvation. Many words do not satisfy the soul; but a good life gives rest to the mind; and a pure conscience affords a great confidence in God.

The more and the better you know, the heavier will be your judgment, unless your life be also more holy. Be not, therefore, puffed up with any art or science: but rather fear on account of the knowledge which is given you.

If it seems to you that you know many things, and understand them well enough, know at the same time, that there are many more things of which you are ignorant. Be not high-minded, but rather acknowledge your ignorance. Why would you prefer yourself to others, when there are many more learned and skilled in the law than yourself? If you would know and learn anything to the purpose, love to be unknown and esteemed as nothing.

This is the highest and most profitable lesson: Truly to know and despise ourselves. To have no opinion of ourselves, and to think always well and highly of others, is great wisdom and high perfection.

If you should see another openly sin, or commit grave faults, you ought not to esteem yourself better: because you know not how long you may remain in a good state.

We are all frail: but think no one more frail than yourself.

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Upcoming Parish Events

Nov. 12 ~ Exposition after Thursday Mass

Holy Hour will no longer be held after Thursday evening Mass. Beginning this week, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8 a.m. Mass and continue until noon, every Thursday morning.

Nov. 13 ~ Pro-Life Rosary 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.

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 9 ~ Dedication of Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior

8 a.m. -- Jensen Family

Tuesday, November 10 ~ St. Andrew Avellino

8 a.m. -- McCowen Family

Wednesday, November 11 ~ St. Martin

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Thursday, November 12 ~ St. Martin I

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Friday, November 13 ~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

Saturday, November 14 ~ St. Josaphat

8 a.m. -- Helene Forster

Sunday, November 8 ~ Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8 a.m. -- Private Intention

10:30 a.m. -- Pro Populo

The Priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.