

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	29 Sts. Peter and Paul No Adult Convert Class	30	1 Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ	2	3 First Friday	4 Independence Day First Saturday
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	6 Adult Convert Class	7	8	9	10 Pro-Life Vigil	11
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	13 No Adult Convert Class	14	15	16	17	18
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	20 No Adult Convert Class	21	22	23	24	25
					All-Night Adoration	
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	27 No Adult Convert Class	28	29	30	31	1 First Saturday

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 12, 2026



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

Sunday Schedule:

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

Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

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

Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass,
Saturdays at 4 p.m.

Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor: FR. JAMES J. GORDON, F.S.S.P.
Parochial Vicar: FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.

MEEKNESS and HUMILITY

The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation, St. Alphonsus Liguori

Humility is called by the saints the foundation and safeguard of all the virtues. If it is not the most prominent among the virtues, it occupies, according to St. Thomas, the first place as the foundation of the rest. In the erection of a building, the basement comes before the walls and pillars, even though the latter be of gold. And so in the spiritual life humility must precede everything else in order to banish pride, to which God is so opposed. He, therefore, who endeavors to acquire the other virtues without humility, says St. Gregory, is scattering dust before the wind.

The virtue of humility was little known and less loved on earth; indeed, it was thoroughly despised. Pride reigned everywhere, for it was an unfortunate

inheritance of the human race bequeathed to his posterity by Adam. The Son of God descended from Heaven to teach man by word and example the value of humility, and with this end in view He went so far as to “empty Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself... even to the death of the Cross” (*Philippians 2:7*). His first appearance on earth was in the humble stable of Bethlehem; the greater portion of His mortal life was spent in humble retirement at Nazareth. He departed this life, humbled and despised, on the summit of Mt. Calvary; and He calls out to each one of us: “I have given you an example that as I have done, so you do al-

so” (*John 13:15*). By this He means to say: “my dear children, I have endured all this humiliation and contempt that you might follow My example.” With regard to the humility of Jesus Christ, St. Augustine says: “if this medicine does not cure us of pride, I know no what other remedy can do so.”

“Every proud man is an abomination to the Lord,” say the Holy Ghost (*Proverbs 16:5*). The proud man is a thief because he appropriates what belongs to God from whom, as St. Paul says, he has received everything.

If a horse were decked with gorgeous trappings would it — supposing it were able to do so — pride itself on having such fine adornments, knowing that at a moment’s notice its master could take them away? The proud man is guilty of falsehood, for all the goods that he possesses both in the order of nature and grace are the gifts of God. “By the grace of God, I am what I am,” says the apostle (*1 Corinthians 15:10*), for “we are not sufficient to think anything of ourselves, as of our ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God” (*2 Corinthians 3:5*).

“Humble yourself,” says St. Augustine, “and God will descend to unite Himself with you; but if you are proud He will depart from you.” The royal prophet had said the same thing long before: God looks upon the humble with loving eyes, but the proud He sees from afar. When the rebel angels grew proud, God drove them from His sight and cast them into the abyss, for God’s Word must be fulfilled: “Whosoever shall exalt him-

self, shall be humbled” (*Matthew 23:12*).

St. Peter Damian relates that a certain proud man once heard those words of Our Lord read in the Gospel at Holy Mass. “That is not true,” he said, “for if I humbled myself I would lose my possessions and the respect of my fellowmen.” Now what happened? He fought a duel in defense of his property, and his antagonist, striking him in the mouth with his weapon, pierced his blasphemous tongue and stretched him dead on the ground.

The Lord has promised to hear all who call upon Him: “Everyone that asketh, receiveth” (*Matthew 7:8*). But to the proud man God will not listen. “God resisteth the proud,” says St. James, “and giveth grace to the humble” (*James 4:6*). Yes, God hastens to open His hand and bestow upon the humble what they desire. “Lord, give me the treasure of humility,” prayed St. Augustine.

Humility is called a treasure because the Lord sees to it that the humble abound in good things. When man’s heart is full of himself, there is no room for God’s gifts. Man must therefore, as it were, be emptied of himself by the knowledge of his own nothingness.

“He that is mighty hath done great things to me,” said the Blessed Virgin Mary, “because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid” (*Luke 1:48*); that is to say, He hath considered the knowledge I have of my own nothingness.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 13 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — In Honor of St. Teresa of the Andes

Tuesday, July 14 ~ St. Bonaventure

8 a.m. — + Margaret Leibfried, by Sean & Jenny Vostatek

Wednesday, July 15~ St. Henry II

8 a.m. — Blake, Carter, and Charlie Surofchek, by Sean & Jenny Vostatek

Thursday, July 16 ~ Feria

6 p.m. — + James Bissonnette, by Duane & Anne Bissonnette

Friday, July 17 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — + Vincente Vu Xuan, by Bao Vu

Saturday, July 18 ~ St. Camillus de Lellis

8 a.m. — + Las Animas del Purgatorio, by Mayra Medina

Sunday, July 19 ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Dennis Gordon is accepting Mass intentions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 13 ~ No Adult Catechumen Class

Classes for adult converts will resume in August.

July 24-25 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour in meditation, prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

Volunteer Housekeepers Needed

We need reliable, able-bodied volunteers to help clean at the church every week. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Villalobos, (719) 651-8135.

St. Teresa tells us that she received the greatest graces from God when she humbled herself most profoundly in His presence. “The prayer of him that humbleth himself shall pierce the clouds; and he will not depart till the Most High behold” (*Ecclesiasticus 35:21*).

St. Joseph Calasanz used to say: “If you desire to be holy, be humble; if you desire to be very holy, be very humble.” This advice was given by a de-

vout man to St. Francis Borgia before he had entered the religious life: “If you want to become a saint, think of your own misery and wretchedness.” Following this advice, the saint spent two hours every day trying to obtain a knowledge and contempt of himself. “As pride,” says St. Gregory, “is the most evident characteristic of the reprobate, humility is the clearest sign of the elect.”

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