

# JULY 2026

| SUNDAY                            | MONDAY                                               | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY | FRIDAY              | SATURDAY                                 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost   | 29 Sts. Peter and Paul<br><br>No Adult Convert Class | 30      | 1 Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ | 2        | 3 First Friday      | 4 Independence Day<br><br>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 Adult Convert Class                               | 14      | 15                                             | 16       | 17                  | 18                                       |
| 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  | 20 Adult Convert Class                               | 21      | 22                                             | 23       | 24                  | 25                                       |
|                                   |                                                      |         |                                                |          | All-Night Adoration |                                          |
| 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost   | 27 Adult Convert Class                               | 28      | 29                                             | 30       | 31                  | 1 First Saturday                         |

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### Repose of the Souls of:

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Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps

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Sr. Airman Joseph Tuttle, U.S. Air Force  
Spec. 3 Noah Velasco, U.S. Space Force  
2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force  
Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army  
Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force  
Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 5, 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.

### Confessions:

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

### Daily Mass Schedule:

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

# The Compassion of Jesus

Divine Intimacy, by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

O Jesus, my Lord and Father, have pity on my poor soul and sustain it by your grace.

One thought emerges from today's liturgy in a special way and dominates all: God is a merciful Father who takes pity on us and nourishes our souls. Our souls are always famished, we are always in need of nourishment to sustain our supernatural life.

God alone can give us the proper nourishment as the Church tells us in the beautiful prayer of the day: "O God of all power and might, the giver of all good things; implant in our hearts a deep love of Your name; increase in us true religion and sincere virtue; nourish us with all goodness and... keep us in Your loving care" (*Collect*). The heavenly Father graciously hears our plea and answers by directing us to His divine only-begotten Son whom He sent into the world that we might have life in Him. In the Epistle (*Romans 6:3-11*), St. Paul reminds us that as "we are baptized in Christ Jesus... in His death, so we also may walk

in newness of life." That in Him we may "Live unto God." It is in Jesus and in His redemption that we find everything we need for the nourishment and life of our souls; it is in Him that we shall find the grace, love, faith, and the encouragement to virtue which we have petitioned in the Collect. It is a great joy for us to hear again that we are reborn in Christ to "newness of life"; it is a great comfort for our weakness. One point, however, remains obscure. How does it happen that we are always falling? Why are we always so miserable? A more attentive reading of the Epistle will reveal the reason: because we are not yet wholly "dead" with Christ, because the "old man" in us has not yet been "crucified" to the point of our no longer being "slaves of sin." In a word, if we wish to live fully the life that Christ acquired for us by His death, we must first die with Him. As this does not mean material death of the body but spiritual death to our faults and passions, this death must be

continually renewed: "Quotidie morior," I die daily (*1 Corinthians 15:31*). The weakness of our spiritual life is caused by the insufficiency of this death to self.

In the Gospel (*Mark 8: 1-9*) we hear the words of Jesus, so full of kindness: "I have compassion on the multitude." Jesus has compassion on us, our weakness, our cowardice, our unstable wills. He sees that our souls are weary, hungry, in need of help, and as He spoke to the crowds who gathered to hear Him, so He repeats to us: "I have compassion!" Jesus pities first of all our spiritual needs. Although His passion and death have abundantly provided for them, He still continues to take care of us every day in the most direct and personal way — by offering Himself as food for our souls. The Gospel speaks to us about the second multiplication of the loaves. However, we are more fortunate than the people of Palestine; Jesus has reserved for us a bread infinitely more nourishing and precious: the Eucharist.

Fascinated by the words of Jesus, the crowd had followed Him, forgetting even their necessities; three days they remained with him and had nothing to eat. What a lesson for us who are often much more solicitous for our material food than for our spiritual nourishment! And Jesus, after having provided abundantly for the needs of their souls, thought also of their bodily needs. His disciples, however were astonished: "From whence can anyone fill them with bread here in the wilderness?" They had already assisted at the first multiplica-

tion of the loaves, but here they seemed to have no remembrance of it and remained distrustful. How many times have we too seen miracles of grace and the wonders of divine Providence! And yet, when we are placed in new, bewildering, or difficult circumstances, how often we remain hesitant; it seems as if we doubted God's almighty power. Let us think, for example, of our spiritual life: there are still things to be overcome or surmounted... we have tried so many times, and perhaps we no longer have the courage to begin again. Oh! If our faith were only greater, if we would only cast ourselves upon God with more confidence! One good act of total abandonment might be all we need to win the victory! Jesus is looking at us and saying, "I have compassion on the multitude" and His compassion is not sterile, but is vital action, help, and actual grace for our soul: why then do we not have more confidence in Him?

"Ah, my Lord, Your help is absolutely necessary for me; without You I can do nothing. In Your mercy, O God, do not allow my soul to be deceived and to give up the work it has begun. Give me light to know that my whole welfare depends on perseverance.

"Make me understand that my faith in You must rise above my misery, and that I must never be alarmed if I feel weak and fearful. I must make allowance for the flesh, remembering what You said, O Jesus in Your prayer in the garden: 'The flesh is weak...' If you said that Your divine and sinless flesh was weak, how can I ex-

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, July 6 ~ Feria**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Tuesday, July 7 ~ Sts. Cyril & Methodius**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Wednesday, July 8 ~ St. Elizabeth of Portugal**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Thursday, July 9 ~ Feria**  
6 p.m. — Private Intention

**Friday, July 10 ~ The Seven Holy Brothers, Sts. Rufina & Secunda**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Saturday, July 11 ~ Saturday of Our Lady**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Sunday, July 12 ~ Seventh 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 6 ~ Adult Catechumen Class**  
Class for adult converts resumes 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**July 10 ~ Pro-Life 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.

pect mine to be so strong that it does not feel afraid? O Lord, I do not wish to be preoccupied with my fears nor to be discouraged at my weakness. On the contrary, I wish to trust in your mercy, and to have no confidence whatever in my own strength, convinced that my weakness comes from depending on myself" (*St. Teresa of Jesus*).

"In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be confounded; deliver me in Your justice. Bow down Your ear to me; make haste to deliver me! Be unto me a God, a protector, and a house of refuge to save me. For You are my strength and my refuge; and for your Name's sake You will lead me and nourish me. Into Your hands I commend my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, the God of truth. I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have regarded my humility, You have saved my soul out of distress. And You have not shut me up in the hands of the enemy; You have set my feet in a spacious place. I have put my trust in you, O Lord ..." (*Psalms 30*).

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