

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	2 No Catechumen Class	28	29	30	31	1 First Saturday
2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	3 No Catechumen Class	4	5	6	7 First Friday	8
9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	10 No Catechumen Class	11	12	13	14 Pro-Life Vigil	15 Assumption of the B.V.M.
16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	17 Catechumen Class 7 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	24 Catechumen Class 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	31 Catechumen Class 7 p.m.	1	2	3	4 Homeschoolers' First Friday	5 First Saturday

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 16, 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.**

Salvation ALONE is Necessary

Attaining Salvation, by St. Alphonsus Liguori

“ONE THING is necessary.” It is not necessary that in this world we should be honored with dignities, that we should be provided with riches, with good health and with earthly pleasures; but it is necessary that we should be saved; for there is no middle course; if we are not saved, we must be damned. After this short life, we shall be either always happy in Heaven, or always miserable in Hell.

O my God, what will be my lot? Shall I be saved or lost? One lord or the other must necessarily be mine. I hope to be saved, but who assures me of it? I know that I have so many

times deserved Hell. Jesus, my Savior, Thy death is my hope.

How many persons are there in the world who were once upon a time loaded with riches and honors and lifted up to high positions, and even to thrones and now find themselves in Hell, where all the fortune they enjoyed in this world serves only to increase their torments and despair! Behold the warning which Our Lord give us: “Lay not up to yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up to yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither the rust nor moth doth consume” (Matthew 6:19-20). Every gain of earthly goods is lost at death, but the gain of

spiritual goods is an incomparable treasure and is eternal.

God has taught us that He “will have all men to be saved” (1 Timothy 2:4). And to all He gives the help needed for salvation. Miserable is he who is lost; it is entirely his own fault: “Destruction is thy own, O Israel; thy help is only in Me” (Hosea 13:9). And this will be the greatest torment of the poor reprobate, the thought that they are lost through their own fault. “The vengeance on the flesh of the ungodly,” say the Scriptures, “is fire and worms” (Ecclesiasticus 7:19). Fire and worms, that is, the remorse of conscience, will be the torturers of the damned in punishment for their sins; but the worm will forever torment them, more terribly than the fire. How much regret we suffer in this world from the loss of any object of value — a diamond, a watch, a purse of money — when it happens through our own carelessness. We cannot eat or sleep for thinking of our loss, even though there is a hope of our repairing it in some other way. What then will be the torment of one who is lost, in thinking that, through his own fault he has lost God and Paradise, without a hope of ever being able to recover them!

“Therefore we have erred from the way of truth” (Wisdom 5:6). This will

be the eternal lamentation of the miserable damned ones. “Therefore we have erred,” losing our souls of our own accord, and there is no longer a remedy for our error! In all the misfortunes which occur to many in this life, a remedy is found in time either from a change of circumstances, or at least through a holy resignation to the will of God. But none of these remedies will be for us when we have reached eternity, if we have wandered from the way to Heaven.

Therefore, the apostle, St. Paul, exhorts us to labor for eternal salvation with a continual fear of losing it: “With fear and trembling, work out your salvation” (Philippians 2:12). This fear will cause us always to walk with caution and fly from dangerous occasions; it will make us continually recommend ourselves to God, and thus we shall be saved. Let us pray to Him, that He would make us fix firmly in our minds the thought that upon our last gasp of breath before death depends the question whether we shall be eternally happy or eternally miserable without hope of remedy....

“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me” (John 4:34). So said Jesus Christ, speaking of Himself. In this mortal life, meat is that which preserves our life, and therefore

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 17 ~ St. Hyacinth
8 a.m. — Archbishop James Golka

Tuesday, August 18 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — Special Intention

Wednesday, August 19 ~ St. John Eudes
8 a.m. — Filumena Veres Quiambao, by Victoria Veres

Thursday, August 20 ~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux
6 p.m. — + Bishop Michael Sheridan, by Silvia Ambuul

Friday, August 21 ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal
8 a.m. — + Paul Marie AGBO, by Helene AGBO

Saturday, August 22 ~ Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 a.m. — + Leo Schmitz, by Tony Schmitz

Sunday, August 16 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
7 a.m. — + Mary Bess Fulster, by Mary Fulster
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — Pro Populo

Fr. James Gordon & Fr. Dennis Gordon
are accepting Mass intentions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

August 17 ~ Catechumen Class Resumes
Classes for adult converts to continue Monday 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

August 28-29 ~ 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. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

Our Lord said that it was His meat to do the will of the Father. This also ought to be the meat of our souls: “Life is in His good will” (Psalms 29:6). Our life consists in doing the Divine Will; he that does not fulfill it is dead.

The Wise Man says: “they that are faithful in love shall rest in Him” (Wisdom 3:9), that is to say, “shall acquiesce and submit to His will.” They who are little faithful in loving God will desire that He should acquiesce with them, that He should conform Himself to their pleasure and do whatever they desire; but they who love God unite themselves with His Will and acquiesce in everything that God does with them and with all that concerns them.

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