

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

All-Night Adoration

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Repose of the Souls of:

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Spec. 3 Patryk Stepien, U.S. Space
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Aug. 23, 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.

Test Your Resolutions

*Finding Confidence in Times of Trial,
Letters of St. John of Avila*

I CONSIDER that it is by God's special providence that it has fallen to your lot to have to bear with the person about whom you wrote to me. You have long known that you would have to suffer a great deal in every way, both great and small; and how else could this be accomplished? Besides, how is it possible to earn patience, mortification, and humility, except in trials of a kind such as come from this person and from other members of your household? For although you may have made plenty of good resolutions to bear with others and mortify yourself, unless someone puts them to the test, they are dreams rather than realities. Valor must be shown in battle or else it is but idle boasting. This seems to be the case with you, for when

anything of the sort happens, you are disturbed and behave as badly as the person you are correcting. Patience must be kept at all times, and nothing is to be gained by avoiding the occasions of practicing it. Your outward behavior may be correct when you have nothing to try you, but if the root of the evil is within you, appearances are of no value.

God brings you into contact with people of the kind you mention so that you may master or control your great impetuosity. Be like that youth who, when he was insulted by an old man of Athens, laughed, saying that he was giving him for nothing what he had been obliged to pay other men dearly to offer him.

Meditate constantly on the insults of our Savior met with,

until you are able to rejoice at receiving the same treatment; consider yourself fortunate when you meet with it, as it enables you to please our Lord. St. Elizabeth, the daughter of the king of Hungary, was deeply wronged by a large number of people, and she prayed for them with many tears, begging our Lord to bestow some grace on them in return for each injury they had done her. Christ answered her that no petition had ever been so acceptable to Him, and that He pardoned all her sins in return for it.

It is difficult for a man to conquer himself, and especially in his inclinations. It is no small thing in God's eyes to bear being despised by our dependents. This happened to Job, whose servant would neither come, nor pay heed to his master when called by him. Our Redeemer was betrayed by His disciple and received death and dishonor at the hands of those who should have served Him. St. Augustine says: "Do not think that the wicked live in vain, for God keeps them here and suffers them patiently, either that they may be converted, or that they may exercise the virtues of good men." There would have been no Abel without Cain's malice, nor would there have been martyrs, if there had been no cruel executioners. Chastity is not proved unless it is assaulted, nor patience without ill-

treatment. Therefore, receive this trial from the hand of God as a very special favor: thank Him for it and make such good use of it that, with holy Job, who said he would not be without it, you may say: "I was the brother of dragons and the companion of ostriches."

You will see more dearly how far you have advanced in holiness by the manner in which you bear this trial than you could possibly do while enjoying the sweetness of consolations, or even while suffering illness. For such annoyances as you meet with are so very hard to endure that God is much pleased to find we love Him well enough to bear them well for His sake. This must be the object of all your efforts.

When you have to inflict any punishment, beware of doing so while you feel angry; let the matter rest for the time being, and afterward, from a motive of charity, correct the offender. Use persuasion rather than reproof, for it is a far more efficacious way of benefiting anyone, and this should be our aim in dealing with the faulty, rather than to obtain personal satisfaction for the injury or insult offered to us.

Learn to feign, sometimes, not to see things. Although you may think that discipline is then kept more slackly than well, overlook the offense, for sometimes it is from a secret motive of pride or anger that we are anxious that our serv-

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 24 ~ St. Bartholomew
8 a.m. — Joseph Vanegas, by Beatriz Rubio

Tuesday, August 25 ~ St. Louis IX
8 a.m. — Eileen Lindenau, by Sebastian Ertelt

Wednesday, August 26 ~ Feria
8 a.m. — L'Amarca Family, by Linda Kartes

Thursday, August 27 ~ St. Joseph Calasance
6 p.m. — Joseph Tessier Family, by Joseph Tessier

Friday, August 28 ~ St. Augustine
8 a.m. — + Beatriz L. Gordon

Saturday, August 29 ~ Beheading of St. John the Baptist
8 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence P. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Sunday, August 30 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
7 a.m. — Private Intention
9 a.m. — Catherine Walsh
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

August 24 ~ 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.

ants should behave as they ought toward us.

The heart of man is deep and often deceives itself. Therefore, we should always prefer to mortify ourselves and exercise ourselves by putting up with one offense and then with another, until at last, as I have said, when annoyances come, we are actually glad of them and receive them as a boon.

Therefore, it will often be best to take not notice of offenses. As one of my companions, who also possesses a very hasty temper, is accustomed to say: "Behave as if you were deaf and dumb. If you are forced to find fault with anyone, do so gently. Say: 'You know that I desire your good: it pains me to see that you are not what I could wish, nor what our Lord would have you. I am more grieved on this account than at the faults you have committed against me.'" +++