

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Homeschooler's First Friday	5 First Saturday
6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	7 No Adult Convert Class	8	9 Bible Study	10	11 Pro-life Vigil	12
13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	14 Adult Convert Class	15	16	17	18	19 St. Benedict's Altar Guild
20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	21 Adult Convert Class	22	23 Study Bible Ember Wednesday	24	25 Ember Friday	26 Ember Saturday
				All-Night Adoration		
27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	28 Adult Convert Class	29	30	1	2 Homeschooler's First Friday	2 First Saturday

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Repose of the Souls of:

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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

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Parishioners in the Military:

1st Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force

Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force

Spec. Moises R. Garcia, U.S. Army

1st Lt. Andrew Rodgers, U.S. Army

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

Spec. 3 Patryk Stepien, U.S. Space Force

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday *after* Pentecost ~ September 13, 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: 7 a.m.
9 a.m.
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:

Half an hour before Mass,
Saturday 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.

RESTORING CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

*On the Restoration of Christian Philosophy,
Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII August 4, 1879*

The Church herself not only urges, but even commands, Christian teachers to seek help from philosophy. For the fifth Council of the Lateran, after it had decided that "every assertion contrary to the truth of revealed faith is altogether false, for the reason that it contradicts, however slightly, the truth," advises teachers of philosophy to pay close attention to the exposition of

fallacious arguments; since, as Augustine testifies, "if reason is turned against the authority of sacred Scripture, no matter how specious it may seem it errs in the likeness of truth; for true it cannot be."

...We know that there are some who, in their overestimate of the human faculties, maintain that as soon as man's intellect becomes subject to divine

authority it falls from its native dignity, and, hampered by the yoke of this species of slavery, is much retarded and hindered in its progress towards the supreme truth and excellence.

Such an idea is most false and deceptive, and its final result is to induce foolish and ungrateful men willfully to repudiate the most sublime truths, and reject the divine gift of faith, from which the fountains of all good things flow out upon civil society.

For the human mind, being confined within certain limits, and those narrow enough, it exposed to many errors and is ignorant of many things; whereas the Christian faith, reposing on the authority of God, is the unfailing mistress of truth, whom whoso follows he will be neither enmeshed in the snares of error nor tossed hither and thither on the waves of fluctuating opinion.

Those, therefore, who to the study of philosophy unite the obedience to the Christian faith are philosophers indeed; for the splendor of divine truths, received into the mind, helps the understanding, and not only detracts in nowise from its dignity, but adds greatly to its nobility, keenness, and stability.

In the first case they cut the ground from under the feet of error and expose the viciousness of the arguments on which error rests; while in the second case they make themselves masters of weighty reasons for the sound demonstration of truth and the satisfactory instruction of any reasonable person. Whoever denies that such study and practice tend to add to the

resources and expand the faculties of the mind must necessarily and absurdly hold that the mind gains nothing from discriminating between the true and the false.

...A wise man, therefore, would not accuse faith and look upon it as opposed to reason and natural truths, but would rather offer heartfelt thanks to God, and sincerely rejoice that in the density of ignorance and in the flood-tide of error, holy faith, like a friendly star, shines down upon his path and points out to him the fair gate of truth beyond all danger of wandering.

...Moreover, the Angelic Doctor pushed his philosophic conclusions into the reason and principles of the things which are most comprehensive and contain in their bosom, so to say, the seeds of almost infinite truths, to be unfolded in good time by later masters and with a goodly yield. And as he also used the philosophic method in the refutation of error, he won this title to distinction for himself: that single-handed he victoriously combated the errors of former times, and supplied invincible arms to put those to rout which might in after-times spring up.

Again clearly distinguishing, as is fitting, reason from faith, while happily associating the one with the other, he both preserved their rights and had regard for the dignity of each; so much so, indeed, that reason, borne on the wings of Thomas to its human height, can scarcely rise higher, while faith could scarcely expect more or stronger aids from reason than those which she

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 14 ~ Exaltation of the Holy
Cross

8 a.m. — + Holy Souls, by Bao Vu

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Seven Sorrow of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. ~ Paul Marie AGBO, by Helene AGBO

Wednesday, September 16 ~ Sts. Cornelius &
Cyprian

8 a.m. ~ + Mr. & Mrs. James P. Gordon, Jr.

Thursday, September 17 ~ Feria
6 p.m. ~ Private Intention

Friday, September 18 ~ St. Joseph of Cupertino
8 a.m. ~ Private Intention

Saturday, September 19 ~ St. Januarius &
Companions

8 a.m. ~ Joseph Vanegas, by Beatriz Rubio

Sunday, September 20 ~ Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

7 a.m. ~ Private Intention

9 a.m. ~ Private Intention

11 a.m. ~ *Pro Populo*

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 14 ~ Catechumen Class

Class for adult converts will be held 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

September 19 ~ Altar Boy Training to Resume

Training for altar servers will resume Sept. 19 after the 8 a.m. Mass. For more information about having your son join the St. Benedict Altar Guild, or for scheduling concerns, you may contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

September 20 ~ Toy Give-away and Game Raffle

The foosball, ping-pong, and air hockey tables will be raffled in a drawing at 10:30 a.m. All toys not taken will be given to charity. To enter the raffle, write your name and phone number on paper provided in lower vestibule, and place it in the envelopes. For more information, contact Kris McCowen, (719)352-1519.

has already obtained through Thomas. For these reasons learned men, in former ages especially, of the highest repute in theology and philosophy, after mastering with infinite pains the immortal works of Thomas, gave themselves up not so much to be instructed in his angelic wisdom as to be nourished upon it. It is known

that nearly all the founders and framers of laws of the religious orders commanded their associates to study and religiously adhere to the teachings of St. Thomas, fearful lest any of them should swerve even in the slightest degree from the footsteps of so great a man. + + +