

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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Repose of the Souls of:

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 20, 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.

Conquering BAD HABITS

My Daily Bread, by Anthony J. Paone, S.J.

BAD HABITS are evil inclinations acquired through repeated bad acts. Unless we overcome these habits, they will gradually become our masters. They come between Our Lord and us, and they can cripple our good will. In order to be true followers of Christ, we must refuse to be the slaves of our bad habits. In Him alone will we find true peace and joy.

How are we to deal with bad habits? A Kempis tells us: Habit is overcome by habit. By working to form good habits, we will slowly replace bad ones. God's help will not be wanting.

Just how sincere we are when we say that we love Christ, is seen in our daily effort for perfection. God will not judge us by our failures, but rather, by our efforts. He wants us to try, and to keep trying, to become the kind of person He wants us to be. Over-confidence shows our pride and presumption. Discouragement in time of failure, shows selfishness. Only a humble, determined, and persevering effort can prove genuine love for Christ.

This part deals only with the outstanding habits which keep men from a full generosity with God. By overcoming these, a person quickly advances along the road to true holiness. Above all, we must remember that God's help is most effective with those who

keep on trying, no matter how often they seem to fail.

Anger

My Child, anybody can get along with those who are quiet and mild-tempered. It is no great accomplishment to associate with those whom you like, or with those who see things your way. True greatness is proven by getting along with people who are difficult and contrary, or with those who are thoughtless and selfish.

Some live at peace with themselves and with those around them. Some on the other hand, have no peace within themselves, and they seem determined to ruin the peace of others.

You will find peace only if you are willing to bear patiently what you cannot remedy. He who knows how to suffer patiently for My sake, will receive My gift of peace. He is master of himself, a friend of Mine and an heir of Heaven.

If troubles come to you, do not let them disturb you. Look to Me, and at least give Me the loyalty of being patient with My Will. If human efforts fail to bring a solution to your troubles, it means that I want you to bear this trial. I want this for good reasons, which you may not understand

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Today ~ 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.

- September 21 ~ Catechumen Class

Fr. James Gordon will give instruction for the adult convert class; class meets 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

- September 23 ~ Bible Study

Fr. Dennis Gordon will continue his study of Exodus. This week's class will begin chapter 14. Study begins 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

- September 25-26 ~ All-Night Adoration

Adoration begins 7 p.m. Friday and continues until 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Sign up in the vestibule to reserve your time.

just now.

Above all, avoid anger when matters go against your wishes. Let no word of resentment fall from your lips. Give a good example of faith and confidence in Me. Let your patience shine before men.

Do not force others to share your troubles by making them feel your impatience, anger or self-pity. Follow My words in these matters, and your present trouble will bring you a joy greater than you can imagine.

Our Lord speaks of meekness and humility as two of His special lessons to me.

Meekness is the virtue of gentleness with others, especially with those who arouse me to anger. Jesus wants me to take this as a personal lesson from Him. Anger and impatience are often signs of a deep pride or selfishness. I am aroused when matters do not go as I wish. The occasions for a just anger are rare enough. Most of the time I become angry because I lack understanding, or sympathy, or patience, or a willingness to suffer any more than I must. How would Our Lord take those same situations? There

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 21 ~ St. Matthew

8 a.m. — + Mrs. Helen Hale Eggert, by McCowen Family

Tuesday, September 22 ~ St. Thomas of Villanova

8 a.m. ~ + Marylyn High, by Martin Family

Wednesday, September 23 ~ Ember Wednesday

8 a.m. ~ + Hong Mai, by Bao Vu

Thursday, September 24 ~ Feria

6 p.m. ~ + Joyce Ripperger, by Bao Vu

Friday, September 25 ~ Ember Friday

8 a.m. ~ + Felipe Medina Avendano, by Alejandro Medina

Saturday, September 26 ~ Ember Saturday

8 a.m. ~ Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Sunday, September 27 ~ Eighteenth 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.

is my Model!

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours. Make this petition one of my frequent prayers. You want me to be like You. I seem to think that life would be unbearable if I practiced meekness with certain people. Let me understand that meekness is not weakness, but strength -- the strength of virtue. You want me to practice meekness? I am willing to try it

for Your sake. Show me how to do it. Let me no longer give in to my pride and my selfish desires by the sin of anger. When things are not going my way, let me act as You would act if You were in my place. Make me more and more like You.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours. Amen.

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