

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	28 Catechumen Class	29	30	1	2 Homeschooler's First Friday	3 First Saturday
4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	5 Catechumen Class	6	7 Bible Study	8	9 Pro-life Vigil	10
11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	12 Catechumen Class	13	14	15	16	17 St. Benedict's Altar Guild
18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	19 Catechumen Class	20	21 Bible Study	22	23	24
25 Christ the King	26 Catechumen Class	27	28	29	30  All-Night Adoration	31 Standard Time resumes: Set clocks back one hour tonight

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Repose of the Souls of:

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Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh,
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Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 27, 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, 8 a.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Perseverance in MENTAL PRAYER

The Way of Perfection, by St. Teresa of Avila

NOW, AS I HAVE said, it is most important that from the first we should be very resolute, and for this there are so many reasons that if I were to give them all I should have to write at great length. Some of them are given in other books. I will tell you just two or three of them, sisters. One is that when we decide to give anything -- such as this slight effort of recollection -- to Him Who has given us so much, and Who is continually giving, it would be wrong for us not to be entirely resolute in doing so and to act like a person who lends something and expects to get it back again. (Not that we do not receive interest: on the contrary, we gain a great deal.) I do not call this "giving." Anyone who has been lent something always feels slightly displeased when the lender wants it back again, especially

if he is using it himself and has come to look upon it as his own. If the two are friends and the lender is indebted to the recipient for many things of which he has made him free gifts, he will think it meanness and a great lack of affection if he will leave not even the smallest thing in his possession, merely as a sign of love.

What wife is there who, after receiving many valuable jewels from her husband, will not give him so much as a ring -- which he wants, not because of its value, for all she has is his, but as a sign of love and a token that she will be his until she dies? Does the Lord deserve less than this that we should mock Him by taking away the worthless gift which we have given Him? Since we have resolved to devote to Him this very brief period of time --

only a small part of what we spend upon ourselves and upon people who are not particularly grateful to us for it -- let us give it Him freely, with our minds unoccupied by other things and entirely resolved never to take it back again, whatever we may suffer through trials, annoyances or aridities. Let me realize that this time is being lent me and is not my own, and feel that I can rightly be called to account for it if I am not prepared to devote it wholly to God. I say "wholly," but we must not be considered as taking it back if we should fail to give it Him for a day, or for a few days, because of legitimate occupations or though some indisposition. Provided the intention remains firm, my God is not in the least meticulous; He does not look at trivial details; and, if you are trying to please Him in any way, He will assuredly accept that as your gift. The other way is suitable for ungenerous souls, so mean that they are not large-hearted enough to give, but find it as much as they can do to lend. Still, let them make some effort, for this Lord of ours will reckon everything we do to our credit and accept everything we want to give Him. In drawing up our reckoning, He is not in the least exacting, but generous; however large the amount we may owe Him, it is a small thing for Him to forgive us. And, as to paying us, He is so careful about this that you need have no fear He will leave us without our reward if only we raise our eyes to Heaven and remember Him.

A second reason why we should be resolute is that this

will give the devil less opportunity to tempt us. He is very much afraid of resolute souls, knowing by experience that they inflict great injury upon him, and, when he plans to do them harm, he only profits them and others and is himself the loser. We must not become unwatchful, or count upon this, for we have to do with treacherous folk, who are great cowards and dare not attack the wary, but, if they see we are careless, will work us great harm. And if they know anyone to be changeable, and not resolute in doing what is good and firmly determined to persevere, they will not leave him alone either by night or by day and will suggest to him endless misgivings and difficulties. This I know very well by experience and so I have been able to tell you about it: I am sure that none of us realize its great importance.

Another reason, very much to the point, is that a resolute person fights more courageously. He knows that, come what may, he must not retreat. He is like a soldier in battle who is aware that if he is vanquished his life will not be spared and that if he escapes death in battle he must die afterwards. It has been proved, I think, that such a man will fight more resolutely and will try, as they say, to sell his life dearly, fearing the enemy's blows the less because he understands the importance of victory and knows that his very life depends upon his gaining it. We must also be firmly convinced from the start that, if we fight courageously and do not allow ourselves to be beaten, we shall get what we

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 28 ~ St. Wenceslaus
8 a.m. — + Beatrice Luz Gordon

Tuesday, September 29 ~ Dedication of St. Michael
the Archangel
8 a.m. ~ + Fr. Terrence P. Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Wednesday, September 30 ~ St. Jerome
8 a.m. ~ + Holy Souls, by Bao Vu

Thursday, October 1 ~ FERIA
6 p.m. ~ + Kenneth Hostetler, by Jill Demian

Friday, October 2 ~ Holy Guardian Angels
8 a.m. ~ Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6 p.m. ~ Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, October 3 ~ St. Therese of the Child Jesus
8 a.m. ~ Reparation to the Immaculate Heart
of Mary
11:30 a.m. ~ Reparation to the Immaculate Heart
of Mary

Sunday, October 4 ~ Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
7 a.m. ~ Reparation for Bad Communions
9 a.m. ~ Private Intention
11 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Fr. James Gordon is accepting Mass intentions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 28 ~ Catechumen Class

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

October 2 ~ Homeschooler First Friday

Potluck breakfast, and catechesis for home-schooled children of the parish. Meet in parish hall after Mass. For more information contact, Gracey Wike, cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

want, and there is no doubt that, however small our gains may be, they will make us very rich. Do not be afraid that the Lord Who has called us to drink of this spring will allow you to die of thirst. This I have already said and I should like to repeat it; for people are often timid when they have not learned by

experience of the Lord's goodness, even though they know of it by faith. It is a great thing to have experienced what friendship and joy He gives to those who walk on this road and how He takes almost the whole cost of it upon Himself.

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