

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*July 18th/July 19th 2026: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
8th Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)*



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SACRAMENTS and LITURGY

English Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

English Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Latin Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

English Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Latin Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. on First Friday

First Saturday Latin Mass: 8:30 a.m. with confessions beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass: As Announced

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-3:55 p.m., Sunday 7:00-7:25, 8:30-8:55, and 10:15-10:40 a.m.

Baptisms: By Appointment

Marriage Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Talk to the Pastor before making any firm wedding plans. No destination weddings.

COVID-19 RESPONSE, MASS & DEVOTIONS: We have an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30 a.m., to aid in social distancing, and continues on a provisional basis.

NOTE ON CONFESSIONS: If there is a significant line for confession, Fr Booth might say part of the formula of absolution while the penitent recites the act of contrition. The full formula of absolution is always said, but the first part might be said softly during the act of contrition. Thus, you might only hear “and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

WELCOME to all of our visitors: We are glad you have attended Mass with us. To join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: For the Mary P. Hastings, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from July 19th to July 25th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of John Ryan from July 26th until August 1st.

THIRD SUNDAY: This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, Joshua Callahan, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Deacon Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, Friar Apollo, and Owen Sederstrand.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE: Please pray for Sister Maria Josefa of the Divine Providence and Jessica Saville.

CONTINUATION OF FOOD DRIVE: The food drive begun in Lent benefitting the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ, who have a ministry to the homeless, and a local food bank will continue on an ongoing basis. If you have further questions, please contact Shannon Dunaway (ssullivan7606@gmail.com) or Steve and Brandy Katona (Katonafamily@yahoo.com).

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is large backlog on Mass Intentions. Therefore, until further notice, Mass Intentions will only be accepted on a one Mass per family per week basis. No exceptions. The Mass Intentions for this week date from September 14th.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$3548 and \$50 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Masses in the Rectory Chapel)

Sat, July 18:	9:15 a.m.	Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Chris Marcus (by Brenna Schwager)
	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, July 19:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Chris Marcus (by Brenna Schwager)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Fr Frank Miller (by Trish Beaumont)
Mon, July 20:	*8:30 a.m.	† Rich Walter (by Trish Beaumont)
Tues, July 21:	*8:30 a.m.	† Ryan Walter (by Trish Beaumont)
Wed, July 22:	*8:30 a.m.	† Sharon Murad (by the Duvall Family)
Thur, July 13:	*8:30 a.m.	† Brent Duvall (by the Duvall Family)
Fri, July 24:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Helena Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
Sat, July 26:	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, July 26:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Ella Rose Morrow (by the Duvall Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Jeff & Jean Darrow (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for Dennis Taubitz, Suzanne Vickery, Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampedro, Jesse Hernandez, Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Deb Rankin, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, Andrea Little, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m.	17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	1Kings 3:5,7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52
7:30 a.m.	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 10:6-13, Lk 19:41-47
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Pride Deceives, Pride Divides

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus presents a parable about a publican, a tax collector, and a Pharisee, a man striving to be righteous according to the Law of Moses. Jesus tells us that "*The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'* But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, '*O God, be merciful to me a sinner*'"

 (Lk 18:11-13). The Pharisee thanks God that he is more fortunate than others but then goes on to extol his own virtues. The publican serves as an example of how good the Pharisee is, at least in his own estimation. In striving for righteousness, the Pharisee has managed to obtain self-righteousness. He is convinced that he is better than most others, especially the publican, and obtains this perceived superiority by his own efforts. He sees his own merits and is blind to his own sinfulness. He is blinded by pride.

We see no pride in the publican, at least as he stands before God and admits that he needs mercy. He might have reason to be prideful. He is certainly literate and has skills in math, gifts that make being a tax collector possible. Like many tax collectors, he might well have been considerably richer than the average man. He might have been much richer than the Pharisee. That wealth could have resulted from corruption and extortion, as was common among tax collectors. Presumably he probably has much for which to repent.

The Pharisee probably gets accolades from the people. They extol his virtue and holiness. This reinforces his high opinion of himself and his self-righteousness. On the contrary, the publican almost certainly is reminded frequently of his sinfulness by the people he taxes. He would be reviled even if he was one of the few honest tax collectors. The publican might as well be satan incarnate in the minds of the people while the Pharisee would be regarded as a man after God's own heart.

That is hardly the case. Praise from the world is evidence of nothing before the Lord. Clergy can fall into the same trap as the Pharisee. 'Father, aren't you wonderful!' 'He is such a holy man!' Maybe. Maybe not. Public opinion hardly measures a man's worth let alone his righteousness. Indeed, the prophet Samuel was told this in no uncertain terms: "*for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart*" (1Sam 16:7). Priests, especially those that cater to the fringes, are likely to be seen as holy or righteous by those they serve. 'Father is so courageous to promote contraception, abortion, and innovative forms of marriage!' 'Father is so holy and brave for being ordained a bishop against the will of the Pope!' In both cases, pride is operative in promoting immorality and in embracing defiance. Pride is stoked by human accolade.

In such cases, when rightful authorities discipline and correct the errant cleric, he regards himself as a victim as do his followers. In the case of the Society of St Pius X, they see themselves as victims of the Vatican's corrective measures of excommunication and declaration of schism. Recently they have appealed the declaration of schism and the excommunications brought about by their own acts, saying that 'the Society intends to exercise the right which the Church recognizes to any person who considers himself harmed by an administrative act to seek its correction, in a spirit of respect for ecclesiastical authority and of faithful attachment to justice, truth and the good of the Church.' They have been harmed? They have respect for ecclesiastical authority? The actions of the Vatican need correction? Wow! The pride here is entirely over the top.

Every heresy, every rupture of the Church's unity, involves pride. This should not be a surprise given that the unity of the heavenly choir of angels was ruptured by the pride of satan and his minions. Oddly enough, not a few people see satan, at least as he is depicted in Milton's *Paradise Lost*, as a hero for standing up to and defying God. Today a growing number of people imagine God to be a villain and satan to be a hero apart from any literary portrayal that might be sympathetic to the devil. This stems not only from pure pride, but a sense of autonomy that pride often fosters.

- Fr Booth