

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>/August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)**

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 Helen Von Hagel, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Jack Schauer from August 30<sup>th</sup> until September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**MEN’S ROOM:** The Men’s room in the Parish Hall is undergoing renovation. There is a trailer at the northwest corner of the Church with bathroom facilities. The Ladies room will also be renovated in the near future.

**ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS:** Blessed Sacrament will begin accepting electronic contributions in the upcoming months. It will be an on-line based system that will accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and ACH transfers.

**OCIA CLASSES:** We will begin to offer Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as RCIA, this fall beginning on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the rectory chapel. Those interested in becoming Catholic at Blessed Sacrament need to attend these classes with the goal of being incorporated into the Church at Easter.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:** Please pray for our seminarians: Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, Joshua Callahan, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Benjamin Caruna, Maximilian Waldron, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Nathan Mitchell, Nicholas Shovel, Axel Lopez, Fox Garon, 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.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last week was \$7690 and \$220 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

**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 October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Sat, Aug 22: 4:00 p.m. † Fr Joseph Arsenault  
Sun, Aug 23: 7:30 a.m. † Sonya Cook LaRussa (by the Donellan Family)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. † Johnny Lamar Cooper (by the Donellan Family)  
Mon, Aug 24: \*8:30 a.m. † Danny Rohling (by Judy Rohling)  
Tues, Aug 25: \*8:30 a.m. † Danny Rohling (by Judy Rohling)  
Wed, Aug 26: \*8:30 a.m. † Danny Rohling (by Judy Rohling)  
Thur, Aug 27: \*8:30 a.m. † Danny Rohling (by Judy Rohling)  
Fri, Aug 28: \*8:30 a.m. † Danny Rohling (by Judy Rohling)  
Sat, Aug 29: 4:00 p.m. † Fr Joseph Arsenault  
Sun, Aug 30: 7:30 a.m. † Mamie Donellan (by the Donellan Family)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special intention for Janelle Tate (by the Donellan Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially for James Cover, Dennis Taubitz, Suzanne Vickery, Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampetro, 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, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

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| 4:00 p.m. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27 |
| 7:30 a.m. 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  | Gal 5:16-24, Mt 6:24-33             |
| 9:00 a.m. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27 |
| 10:45 a.m. 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Gal 5:16-24, Mt 6:24-33             |

## *Jesus Sustains and He Redeems*

As mentioned last week, Jesus sustains all of mankind and all of creation (Heb 1:1-4, Jn 1:1-3, and Col 1:15-17). This means that Jesus has been, is, and will be fully aware of every galaxy, every star, every planet, every grain of sand, every molecule, every atom, and every subatomic particle in the universe. We can scarcely fathom the number galaxies in the universe, but the totality of particles in the created world represents a mind-numbing number that might be written but would be so large as to be meaningless to our feeble minds. In His divinity Jesus knows each of these particles, where they are, where they have been, and where they are going to be at any point in the future. Each and every one of these particles was created by God but subject to futility because of Adam's sin. God's power to create and sustain the universe is unfathomable, but we can easily underestimate the destructive power of sin. It is not merely breaking a rule as many seem to think. No, sin is truly destructive far beyond the local impact of transgressing God's law.

St Paul makes this point in the Letter to the Romans: *"For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now"* (Rom 8:19-22). Thus, Adam's sin is not just a human tragedy but has cosmic consequences. Adam brought creation down through sin and creation became subject to futility. At the fall of Adam and Eve, God says to Adam, *"Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat from it, cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life"* (Gen 3:17). It was not just the ground or the soil that was cursed. It was all of creation. Just as a rift between man and woman was forged by Adam's sin, hostility reigns between mankind and nature. We were called to be stewards of nature, but we are much more adept at exploitation than we are at stewardship. It must be admitted, however, that nature has a profound and utterly inescapable capacity to bring us to our knees. Yes, we can prevail over nature locally and for a time, but all of the knowledge and technology in the world cannot stop nature from taking its course, for we are dust and unto dust we shall return. Materially speaking, we are cursed along with nature and equally subject to futility.

Despite the futility of the material world and our participation in it, hopelessness does not prevail. Hope for man and hope for the created world comes from Jesus. Every Christian ought to know that Jesus' death on the cross wrought redemption from sin. Every Christian ought to confess that the only way of obtaining heaven stems from Jesus' redemptive death. Many, perhaps most, do not understand or know that Jesus' death did not just redeem mankind but the whole of creation. As Paul confesses, *"creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God."* It should be no surprise that our death is the gateway to immortality. The very same can be said of the material world. It too will suffer a death of sorts so as to be replaced by a creation unsullied by sin. The Apostle John testifies, *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband"* (Rev 21:1-2).

Thus we can say that God created all that there is through Jesus. Through Adam's sin all of the substances with which we are familiar were brought down to futility and decay, all of creation and we who were the pinnacle of God's creative activity. Through Jesus we along with all of creation were redeemed from futility, decay, and hopelessness. Thus, we ought to be able to see that Jesus died for all of creation even for those people who will reject the offer of salvation. After all, if Jesus redeemed rocks, brussels sprouts, and all other objects in the universe, how can anyone claim that Jesus did not redeem every human being without exception?

- Fr Booth