

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

**September 12th/September 13th 2026: 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
16th 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 Charlie Kirk, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from September 13th to September 19th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Ellen Daniel from September 20th until September 26th.

MEN’S ROOM: The former Men’s room in the Parish Hall is almost complete but useable. It is now the Ladies room and the former Ladies room is now the Men’s room. The former Ladies room, now the Men’s room, will be renovated soon.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, September 20th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at 9:15 a.m.

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

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: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes will continue on Tuesday, September 15th 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.

THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL is beginning soon. You should receive a Pledge Card in the mail soon, but you also can enter your annual pledge or recurring gift any time at catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Our pledge goal for this year is \$30,885.

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 María Josefa of the Divine Providence and Jessica Saville.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$8173 and \$1470 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 January 11th.

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

Sat, Sep 12:	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Joseph Arsenault
Sun, Sep 13:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Horace Williams (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Aric Pohorelsky (by the Hahn Family)
Mon, Sep 14:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Johnny Robert Maziarz (by Brandon Maziarz)
Tues, Sep 15:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Stephen Saville (by the Osorio Family)
Wed, Sep 16:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Christine Cover (by Alan & Pam Olson)
Thur, Sep 17:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Allen Bull (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Fri, Sep 18:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Bonnie Hill (by the Ferino Family)
Sat, Sep 19:	9:15 a.m.	Special intention for Agnes Regina Maziarz (by Brandon & Erin Maziarz)
	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Joseph Arsenault
Sun, Sep 20:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Beth Lauriello (by Monica Duvall)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Kathy Koughl (by Alan & Pam Olson)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for James Cover, 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, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m.	25 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24,27, Mt 20:1-16
7:30 a.m.	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Eph 4:1-6, Mt 22:34-46
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We Have Been Entrusted with Much

A parable from Luke's Gospel tells us that we have been entrusted with God's grace, which is represented by ten servants all being entrusted with one gold coin each. Two servants obeyed the Master, representing God, who commanded them to "*engage in trade with these [coins] until I return*" (Lk 19:13). One disobeyed: having accepted the gold coin he did not engage in trade but kept the coin hidden. We are told that the two servants that traded with the coins entrusted to them gained differing amounts and were rewarded by the Master in proportion to the profits they had obtained. The one who failed to trade with the Master's coin was declared wicked and was condemned by the Master.

All three of the servants that came before the Master to report their efforts certainly believed that the Master would return. Two obeyed the Master with the objective of giving the Master more back than they were entrusted with. But the third servant, believing that the Master would return, nevertheless did nothing with the gold coin entrusted to him. He knew his Master's will and knew that he would be held accountable upon the Master's return, but failed to act on that knowledge. Had he done little more than depositing his coin in the bank to gain interest, he might have been chastised for not doing more, but it seems that the Master would have accepted such a meager effort. He would have been a profitable servant, but just barely.

But what if he had traded with the Master's coin and lost money in the process? The answer lies in what the Master was looking for from the ten servants. Was he looking to be richer than he was before he entrusted the ten men with the ten coins? If so, unsuccessful trading would have been certainly punished. If the Master was not looking to become more affluent, if he was looking for obedience from the ten servants as opposed to successful trading, then the third man losing money would not have been the issue. A famous quote from Mother Theresa would apply in this case: 'God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful.'

But what about the other seven servants who did not appear before the Master upon his return? We are given no information on why they did not go before the Master or what the Master did with them. It is probably safe to say, however, that these seven were not rewarded, that they were not ignored, and that they did not fare well with the Master in the end. Did they engage in trade? Did they gain or lose money? It is likely that these seven did not believe that the Master would return or they simply did not care if he did come back. We do know that those who opposed the Master were judged quite harshly; "*Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me as their king, bring them here and slay them before me*" (Lk 19:27). These were enemies of the Master, not his servants.

Thus, four types of people are mentioned in this parable. Two productive servants, one unproductive servant, seven faithless servants that did not present themselves to the Master on his return, and the Master's declared enemies. Only the productive servants are blessed while the rest are condemned. Was the unproductive servant better off in terms of punishment than the seven faithless servants that also got gold coins? Were the enemies of the Master worse off than the servants?

Besides the two obedient servants, eight servants were entrusted with the Master's gold coin. They were in a relationship with the Master but that relationship did not profit them. It might be argued that the one unprofitable servant would be punished less than the other seven since all ten servants were told the Master's will and all ten were entrusted with the Master's coins. He was less disobedient than the other seven. The enemies of the Master seem to be the worst of the lot. But did they know the Master's will? Were they entrusted with anything by the Master? Humanly speaking, we would expect the Master's enemies to be punished far more severely than the disobedient servants. In light of Jesus teaching "*Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more*" (Lk 12:48), it can be argued that the Master's enemies are less culpable than the servants that failed to be profitable.

- Fr Booth