

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

February 3rd/February 4th 2018: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Sexagesima Sunday (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: 10:45 a.m.

English Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday

Latin Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday and Friday

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

Holy Day Mass: As Announced

Confessions: Thirty minutes before Saturday and Sunday Masses and by request

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.

WELCOME to all of our visitors: We are glad you have attended Mass with us. If you wish to join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form at the Religious Goods Counter located in the vestibule of the front entrance.

IN MEMORIAM: In memory of Gary Wolter, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from February 4th to February 10th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Austin Thomas, Jr. from February 11th until February 17th.

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY LAMP SIGN-UP SHEETS for 2018, 2019, and 2020 are at the religious goods counter in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2018 are in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

PARISH CALENDARS for 2018 are located in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

FIRST SUNDAY: This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

POTLUCK DINNER DANCE: We will have a covered dish dinner dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 10th following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to dine and dance.

HOMECOMING LASAGNA DINNER: The annual Blessed Sacrament Homecoming Lasagna Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held on February 24th following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited and all will be welcome. Please invite your families and friends to this event to share this special time with your fellow parishioners.

JOBS AT EWTN: Combine your faith and career at EWTN. They are searching for qualified candidates for the following positions: Animation Graphics Designer, Broadcast Technician, Network & Systems Administrator, Technical Operations Center Operator, Viewer Services Representative & Maintenance Technician. For information, go to www.ewtn.com.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Jonathan Howell, Connor Chandler, Chris Green, Justin Ward, Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Juan Perez, and Luis Reyes. We need to fervently pray for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood. We will need 12-15 men to enter seminary by 2020 or we face the closing or consolidation of parishes.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$2839, the Preservation Fund contributions totaled \$190, and \$624 was offered for the Church in Latin America. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

2018 HIGH MASS DATES: Sunday, February 4th (Sexagesima Sunday), Sunday, March 11th (Laetare Sunday), Thursday, March 29th (Holy Thursday), Sunday, April 1st (Easter Sunday), Sunday, April 15th (First Communion, Second Sunday After Easter), Thursday, May 31st (Corpus Christi, Thursday 6:00 p.m.), Sunday, July 1st (Precious Blood), Wednesday, August 15th (Assumption, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.), Sunday, September 2nd (Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost), Sunday, October 28th (Christ the King), Sunday, December 16th (Gaudete Sunday), Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m.).

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Mass in Rectory Chapel)

Sun, Feb 4: 9:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*
10:45 a.m. † Mario Botta (Beth Graf & Lund Randal Lab)
4:00 p.m. Private Intention – *Mass in Tuscaloosa*
Mon, Feb 5 *8:30 a.m. † Sandra Mattox (by Helen Brandley)
Tues, Feb 6: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Ken Walsh (by the Agnew Family)
Wed, Feb 7: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Deborah Zeller (by the Hahn Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Albert Walsh (by the Agnew Family)
Thur, Feb 8: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Kate McClure (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, Feb 9: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Lynne Williams (by the Hahn Family)
*8:30 a.m. Private Intention
Sat, Feb 10: 4:00 p.m. † Bill Mara (by Cathy Schauer)
Sun, Feb 11: 9:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Frances Jane Pohorelsky (by the Rumore Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Sylvia McCarrick, Vealena Early, William Scroggins, Laura Minjares, John Minjares, Sr., Lamar Smith, Fr Kevin McGrath, OSB, Johnny Young, Sharon Collier, Richard Collier, Paul Pac, Jacob Baker, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Darleen Schultz, Joseph Edwards, Fr Joseph Underwood, George Dunham, Rebecca Rice, Mike Hale, Kay Junk, Liz Pate, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Mary Thornton, Liz Bailey, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Anna Marie Madison, Kathleen Strawmeyer, Cindy Little, Stan Trawick, David Henning, Bill Bankson, Loretta Mara, Don Broseman, Lillie Rumore, Jennie Sciro, Stephanie Perry, Marcus Perry, Cynthia Daniel, and Jackie Modica.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m. Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lev 13:1-2,44-46, 1Cor 10:31-11:1, Mk 1:40-45
9:00 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lev 13:1-2,44-46, 1Cor 10:31-11:1, Mk 1:40-45
10:45 a.m. Quinquagesima Sunday	1Cor 13:1-13, Lk 18:31-43

The Sacraments: Holy Orders

St Paul uses the image of the Church as a body: *“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,’ it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,’ it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended”* (1Cor 12:12-18).

He goes on to say *“Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it”* (1Cor 12:27). What this means is that the Church is composed of many essential parts, all of which are necessary for the sake of the whole, and there are no unnecessary or superfluous parts. Thus, *“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’”* (1Cor 12:21). This is a statement that the Church is simultaneously unified yet diverse. But many in recent decades have engaged in a campaign to blur the lines between different aspects of the Body of Christ. We have seen priests engage in roles more appropriate to the laity, we have seen monks and nuns do much the same. It has gotten so bad in some cases that the author Dean Koontz once quipped ‘modern nuns seem to consider themselves social workers who don’t date.’ In a similar way, it also happens that priests cede their ministerial functions to laity when there is no legitimate or rational reason to do so. It is not unheard of for the prayers, the readings, most of the Eucharistic prayer, and the blessing of the Mass to be ‘performed’ laypeople with the priest’s only function being the pronouncement of the words of consecration.

This represents a blurring of the lines between the Church’s two priesthoods, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or ordained priesthood. The Catechism teaches that ‘Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (Rev 1:6). The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are consecrated to be a holy priesthood. The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ. While being ordered one to another, they differ essentially. In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace – a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit – the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders’ (CCC 1546-47).

While there is legitimate overlap of functions between the common and the ministerial priesthoods, they are not fundamentally the same. Using the analogy of the body, both the kidneys and the liver serve to remove toxins from the body, but they do so differently, and they serve other functions that are unique to each organ. For example, the kidneys, among other things, play a role in blood pressure regulation (the liver does not) while the liver, among other things, is necessary to metabolize food (the kidneys do not). Life without the liver is death. Life without kidneys (or dialysis) is also death.

The confusion of the roles of the common and ministerial priesthood represents a second kind of vocations crisis. The shortage of priests is one kind of crisis, but the belief that ordained ministry is somehow more dignified, that the vocations to single or married life is somehow inferior, or that there is no distinction between clergy and laity is also a crisis of vocations. One is a lack of men answering their calling, the other is a lack of understanding of vocation itself.

- Fr Booth