

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>/April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018: Easter**



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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 Walter Roberts, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Maxine Olson from April 15<sup>th</sup> until April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**FIRST SUNDAY**: Since Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter, there will be no coffee and donuts following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY**: We will have our First Friday Mass on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory. Mass will be followed with Adoration and Benediction.

**FIRST SATURDAY**: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Altar server training, choir practice, and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow Mass.

**ST ELIAS ANNUAL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL**: The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Lebanese Food and Cultural Festival will be Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A wide variety of traditional Lebanese entrees and desserts will be sold. Admission is free. For more details see [www.stelias.org/festival.htm](http://www.stelias.org/festival.htm)

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

**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.

**PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS**: Deacons Jonathan Howell and Brother Matthew Mary Bartow, M.F.V.A. will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St Paul on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$4519 and \$65 was collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

- Sat, Mar 31: 8:00 p.m. Special Intention for Jack O'Dell (by Bill and Marian Dinan)
- Sun, Apr 1: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. † Bryan Seese (by Alan and Pam Olson)
- Mon, Apr 2 \*8:30 a.m. † Fr J. Peter Sheehan
- Tues, Apr 3: \*8:30 a.m. † Fr J. Peter Sheehan
- Wed, Apr 4: \*7:00 a.m. † Zelf Williamson (by Scott & Lori Donellan)  
\*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for C.C. Thompson (by the Pohorelsky Family)
- Thur, Apr 5: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for John Pohorelsky (by the Pohorelsky Family)
- Fri, Apr 6: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Louise Flavin (by the Pohorelsky Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Annie Diergo
- Sat, Apr 7: 8:30 a.m. † Nancy Donellan (by Scott Donellan)  
4:00 p.m. † Annie Diergo
- Sun, Apr 8: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Bishop Foley  
4:00 p.m. † Annie Diergo – *Mass in Tuscaloosa*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Pete Searcy, Bishop David Foley, Sylvia McCarrick, William Scroggins, 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**

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| 8:00 p.m. Second Sunday of Easter | Acts 4:32-35, 1Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31 |
| 9:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Easter | Acts 4:32-35, 1Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31 |
| 10:45 a.m. Low Sunday             | 1Jn 5:4-10, Jn 20:19-31              |

## *The Sacraments: The Eucharist*

One of the reasons why the Eucharist is the ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’ (CCC 1324) is the earth-shattering reality of Easter. While many Christians will flock to church today – Easter – how many know that each Sunday of the year is in fact a celebration of Jesus rising from the dead? Of those who do know this, many will say that celebrating Easter, albeit in a less solemn manner, every Sunday somehow seems excessive, that it perhaps detracts from the annual celebration of this most important feast. Some even will say such repetition takes away from the special nature of Jesus rising from the dead.

But is that really the case? Consider the important events in our lives. Does retelling and remembering these events diminish them? Does remembering an event somehow lessen its meaning? Does sharing the memory with others, especially the next generations, cheapen it in any way? Would parents take only one picture of their children or keep those pictures to themselves because taking more pictures or sharing them with others might make their children less special?

Speaking of children, are they content to see *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *Toy Story*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Willy Wonka*, *Shrek*, etc. only once or twice? For many years, that would have to have been the case because reruns or rereleases were rare in movie theaters. For example, Disney would occasionally rerelease their big hits, but at very limited times. Pinocchio was originally released in 1940 but would return to the theaters only seven times between 1945 and 1992. For whatever reason, I missed Pinocchio when it ran in 1971 and when Disney rereleased it again in 1978, I was too old to really want to watch a children’s movie. In any case, cable TV began to change all of that. Then the advent of VCRs, DVDs, DVRs, and streamed movies over the internet have made it possible for children to see their favorite movies over and over and over. Of course we adults don’t fall for this, do we? Few of us can quote from our favorite movies because we have only seen them once or twice, right? We only watched reruns because we missed that episode or because nothing else was on TV. Surely the episodes of *MASH*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Gilligan’s Island*, *Seinfeld*, and the many incarnations of *Law and Order* and *CSI* are all moldering away in some Hollywood vault. And certainly none of us would binge watch a whole series, a whole season at a time or even the whole program from pilot to finale. Of course not.

But movies and TV series are just that, movies and TV series. They might provide momentary entertainment, they might even be uplifting briefly, but do they really make our lives substantially better? Are they real? Yes, modern man wants to be entertained and he wants an escape, but can the dancing and flickering image on a screen really fulfill what we are looking for?

The answer is a resounding No. And yet the very things that can change and improve our lives – prayer, devotions, reading the Scriptures, amending our lives, trying to grow in virtue and to put our vices to death, taking up our crosses, loving God above all and our neighbors as ourselves, and the worthy reception of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist – are the very things so many people tend to ignore. Some even tend to develop an aversion towards these aspects of the Gospel.

Indeed, if we can name the movies where ‘I’m going to live through this and when it’s all over, I’ll never be hungry again,’ ‘The Marquis of Queensbury Rules will be observed on all occasions,’ ‘No doubt they’ll sing in tune after the revolution,’ ‘Do or do not. There is no try,’ ‘Bring me four fried chickens and a Coke,’ or ‘You can’t handle the truth’ are said, will that get us closer to or even into heaven? Not by a long shot. No, if we find it easier to quote an actor or anyone else than Jesus Himself, if we know movie plots or other stories better than the Gospel, if we look forward to a movie or a TV episode more than Sunday Mass, then we have let something other than Jesus rule our lives and we have let something earthly supplant the heavenly. And if we are worldly and something or someone other than Jesus is central in our lives, we will find it difficult to believe that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives and Easter will just be a memory brought to mind perhaps once a year.

- Fr Booth