

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

**November 17th/November 18th 2018: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (English)
6th Resumed Sunday After Epiphany (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, 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: 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 Shack Pruitt, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from November 18th to November 24th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Ellen Daniel from November 25th until December 1st.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend for the Beacons of Hope program that supports our at-risk Catholic Schools.

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.

HEART OF ST JOHN VIANNEY: The relic of the incorrupt heart of St John Vianney, patron saint of priests and co-patron of our diocese, will be on display at St Paul's on Thursday, December 6th from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Mass will be at 12:10 p.m. and many priests will pray solemn vespers at 5:15 p.m. The nationwide tour of St John Vianney's heart is being sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in reparation for the sexual abuse and predation crimes of priests and bishops that have shaken the Church anew this year. Please come to the Cathedral and join in praying for reparation and healing on December 6th.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Even though the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday this year, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have the following Mass schedule: 9:00 a.m. Mass in English and 10:45 a.m. in Latin on December 8th. The 6:30 p.m. First Friday Latin Mass will use the readings for St Ambrose while the 4:00 p.m. Mass on December 8th will use the readings for Sunday. In order to satisfy the Holy Day and Sunday obligations, you can attend 1) either morning Mass on the 8th and the 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass on the 8th, 2) either morning Mass on the 8th and one of the Sunday morning Masses on the 9th, 3) the First Friday Mass at 6:30 p.m. on the 7th and either the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the 8th or a Sunday morning Masses on the 9th. The 4:00 p.m. Mass on the 8th can satisfy either the Holy Day or the Sunday obligation, but not both.

RORATE MASS: There will be a Latin High Mass, a Rorate Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin, offered at the Cathedral of St Paul on Saturday, December 15th at 6:15 a.m. A Rorate Mass is a pre-dawn Mass illuminated only by candlelight symbolizing the spiritual darkness that prevailed prior to the advent of the Baby Jesus.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: You should have received a letter and a pledge card from the diocese. Our pledge goal this year is \$17,000. All money raised through this annual appeal remains within the diocese.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Justin Ward, Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Luis Reyes, Matthew Gubenski, and Cristian Padilla. We need to fervently pray for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood.

2018 HIGH MASS DATES: Sunday, December 16th (Gaudete Sunday, Confirmation), Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m.).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$3582 and \$475 was collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Nov 17: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Sharon Gagnon (by the Hahn Family)
4:00 p.m. † Dee Joseph (by Mary & Betty Mason)

Sun, Nov 18: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Frank Johnson (by the Olsons)

Mon, Nov 19 *8:30 a.m. Private Intention

Tues, Nov 20: *8:30 a.m. Private Intention

Wed, Nov 21: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Joseph Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. Private Intention

Thur, Nov 22: *8:30 a.m. † Sam Pilato (by Helen Brandley)

Fri, Nov 23: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Scott Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Dee Joseph (by Helen Brandley)

Sat, Nov 24: 4:00 p.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)

Sun, Nov 25: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Catherine Hahn (by the Pohorelsky Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially David Bull, Christopher Chism, Anthony Timpa, Jacob Baker, Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Vinita Kelly, Penny Vaughn, Patricia Durward, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Pete Searcy, Sylvia McCarrick, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Fr Kevin McGrath, OSB, Johnny Young, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, Rebecca Rice, Kay Junk, Liz Pate, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, 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. Christ the King	Dan 7:13-14, Rev 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37
9:00 a.m. Christ the King	Dan 7:13-14, Rev 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37
10:45 a.m. 24 th Sunday After Pentecost	Col 1:9-14, Mt 24:15-35

More on Guardian Angels

As was noted several weeks ago, it is the will of God that each one of us obtains the grace of everlasting life in heaven. Therefore, it is the Father's will that everyone find salvation from sin and death through Jesus Christ (1Tim 2:4, 2Pet 3:9) and thus it should not surprise us that the good angels would serve God's will by striving for the salvation of mankind. Likewise, it should not shock us that the fallen angels would work to oppose God's will, that the fallen angels would do their best to convince us to join them in the miserable depths of hell. If the old adage that misery loves company is remotely accurate, then the demons' motivation to tempt us into sin, to encourage us to fall into despair, to get us to presume upon God's mercy, to convince us that it is rightful to refuse forgiveness to others, to encourage us to hate, to promote the idea that love is compatible with either indifference toward or promotion of sinful behaviors, etc. are all manifestations of their desire to share with us their wretched company in hell for ever.

These foul angels choose us of their own volition (they are hardly assigned to us by God) and they might vex us constantly or at specific times or under specific circumstances. At any given time it might be one, it might be many, or it might be none at all that choose to work on us through temptation and their other misery-dealing methods. But God has assigned each one of us a guardian angel who never ever leaves our side. They have a divine mission to help us follow Christ so as to be worthy benefactors of His promises.

So, if we each have a guardian angel, do some of us have more than one? It is hard to say. Perhaps God has assigned several guardian angels to popes, bishops and priests, or, especially given recent events, perhaps not. Maybe parents of teenagers have a cadre of good angels, or perhaps not. We have no sure truth revealed by God as to whether or not some might have more than one angel constantly looking out for their salvation, but each of us definitely has one who is uniquely ours: it (not he or she since they have no hint of gender) is not shared with others like a lawyer might be, but it might come to the aid of someone else. For example, a mother might ask her own guardian angel to look after her daughter in college. An angel can do that without abandoning the mother and they can intervene for the sake of others if God so permits. In any case, they are extremely powerful creatures so it may not even be necessary that anyone would need more than one. After all, God could assign a more powerful angel as a guardian over someone who might need it such that two or more would be unnecessary.

Given that we can task our guardian angels to help others, it makes sense that we can even ask other people's guardian angels to help them in times of need. Why would this be necessary if everyone has a guardian angel? It is simply because not everyone takes advantage of the great gift we have been given in our angelic guardians. In fact it is often the case that people hardly invoke the help of their own angel and it might be that their mother, friend, or acquaintance has to put their angel to work on their behalf. That is the angel's mission after all, but they will not intercede for us unless they are asked to do so or unless God specifically tasks them. As with God, the guardian angels generally respect our free will even when we act or fail to act in a way contrary to our best eternal interests.

As powerful creatures who respectfully serve us, we must also respect them. We need to remember that they are persons with dignity who love us profoundly. God created each one as totally unique from every other angel and it is God who has given them their names. Therefore, it is not a good idea for us to name our guardian angels as if they were our pets. To name someone is to proclaim dominion over them as an owner over a pet or as a parent over a child, and none of us can really assert that superiority over their angel: in a certain way, naming our angels would be trying to usurp and deny something that God has already done. We are likewise cautioned about seeking to know their names. As was said a few weeks ago, only a handful of angelic names have been revealed to us and we need to respect that reality. Frankly, the probability that God has named our guardian angel Clarence is almost certainly zero, we might not even be able to pronounce their name even if we knew it, and the performance of their mission to aid in our salvation hardly relies on satisfying our curiosity. - Fr Booth