

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

November 24<sup>th</sup>/November 25<sup>th</sup> 2018: Christ the King (English)

24<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:** 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 Ellen Daniel, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Lois Pruitt from December 2<sup>nd</sup> until December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Altar server training, choir practice, and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow Mass.

**FIRST SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and the 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2) either morning Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> and one of the Sunday morning Masses on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 3) the First Friday Mass at 6:30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> and either the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> or a Sunday morning Masses on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The 4:00 p.m. Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> (Gaudete Sunday, Confirmation), Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m.).

**ADVENT OUTREACH TO THE CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN:** All through the season of Advent we will collect non-perishable food items as well as other basic necessities such as toiletries, diapers, paper goods, and the like for the Catholic Center for Concern. Please help those in need have a better Christmas by meeting their most basic needs.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$6823, \$410 were collected for the Preservation Fund, and \$829 were donated for the Beacons of Hope program. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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)  
Mon, Nov 26 \*8:30 a.m. Private Intention  
Tues, Nov 27: \*8:30 a.m. Private Intention  
Wed, Nov 28: \*7:00 a.m. Private Intention  
\*8:30 a.m. Private Intention  
Thur, Nov 29: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bishop Baker & his successor  
Fri, Nov 30: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Bishop Baker & his successor  
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Sat, Dec 1: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Vocations  
4:00 p.m. † Fr Joseph Underwood (by the Bryant Family)  
Sun, Dec 2: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Private Intention

**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. First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16, 1Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
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10:45 a.m. First Sunday of Advent Rom 13:11-14, Luke 21:25-33

## *More on Guardian Angels*

While it is wrong and disrespectful to name our guardian angels, we should not refrain from calling on them. In a certain way, they are the best friends we will ever have even though we don't know their names. They will never abandon us, they will never betray us, they will never cheat us, and they will remain faithful to us in all times and circumstances. That fidelity, however, must be properly understood. Adolf Hitler had a guardian angel, but that angel was not faithful to him with regard to the monstrous evils he inflicted upon the world. Our guardian angels will always be loyal to God first and foremost. There were likely other angels, or more precisely demons, that likely came to Hitler's assistance in his evil endeavors. No, the guardian angels will never come to our aid for any evil purpose whatsoever. Again, they are not our minions but powerful friends assigned to us for one primary purpose: to aid in our efforts to obtain heaven.

So how do they do that? We might imagine them to be something like drill instructors yelling and screaming at us to do one thing and not another. We might imagine them sitting on one shoulder trying to convince us to do good while a demon sits on the other shoulder tempting us to commit sin. Not exactly. More often they battle the demons directly on our behalf keeping them from having influence in our lives. We must remember that the fallen angels want us to share in their misery and will stop at nothing to make that happen, so it is likely that our guardian angels have spared us from suffering countless assaults from wicked spirits.

When the fallen angels do get to us, however, it is much more likely our fault than the fault of our guardian angels. These good angels respect our free will and if we choose to allow demons to influence our lives, that is on us not on them. For example, if we partake in the occult (horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, divination including ouija boards, tarot cards & séances, the new age movement, witchcraft, mediums, voodoo, santeria, freemasonry, necromancy, crystals, Feng Shui, any other effort to know the future or 'hidden knowledge', or any effort to tap into spiritual power apart from God), in drug abuse, in abortion, in pornography, in false religion (including yoga, smudging, eastern mysticism, spirit guides, wicca, etc.), or in any serious sin for which we choose not to repent, we invite evil into our lives, sometimes even the personified evil of a fallen angel. This last one, unrepented mortal sin, is key. While many people have nothing to do with the occult or false religion, unrepented sin stands as the most common avenue for a demon to get passed our guardian angels.

Even allowing strong emotions to reign over us, allowing emotion to overrule and supplant our intellect and our will, can be an invitation for a demon to get through the protective barrier of our guardian angels. St Paul warns us of this: *"Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil"* (Eph 4:26-27). What he is saying here is that emotional anger is not sinful in and of itself, but choosing to be angry by not letting the emotion run its course but choosing to keep the anger alive, is an opportunity for the devil to work on us. This deliberate anger is the anger spoken of in the Seven Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth). It is probable that the other six of the Seven Deadly Sins, since they are vices, also can be opportunities for the devil to work on us in the absence of repentance on our part.

For of us, the devil and his minions will work on us primarily through temptation. This is how Adam and Eve fell and it remains a reliable means for satan to share his misery with mankind. It is also common that the temptation will come at us through one or more of the Seven Deadly Sins (or any other vices to which we might be prone) and may be manifested through our senses or through our imagination. Not surprisingly, the guardian angels can lead us toward the good through our virtues, through our senses, and through our imaginations. Their assistance will almost always be subtle and we will hardly notice their help in most circumstances. Whether or not we can detect what our guardian angels have done for us, we should be thankful for what they do, for this *"is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth"* (1Tim 2:3-4). He gave us our guardian angels because He *"wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth"* and it is for that purpose they labor on our behalf.