

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>/June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019: Pentecost**



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## **Pastor**

Rev. Jim W. Booth

## **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 Mattie L. Thomas, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julia V. Woods from June 16<sup>th</sup> until June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**2019 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE:** Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost); Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (Corpus Christi); Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (Assumption of BVM); Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost); Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King); Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate Conception); Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (Gaudete Sunday); and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve).

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:** Please pray for our seminarians: Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Luis Reyes, Matthew Gubenski, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, and John Gardiner.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Our Lady of Sorrows School has an opening for a maintenance/janitorial staff member responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the school. A high school diploma and five years of verifiable experience with general maintenance is preferred. Must have a driver's license. Contact the school office at 205-879-3237 for more information.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Combine your faith and career at EWTN. They are searching to fill the following positions: Groundskeeper, Non-Linear Editor, Production Assistant, Research Analyst, Traffic Assistant, Viewer Services Representative. Information on job requirements can be found at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). Please email cover letter, salary requirements & resume to [humanresources@ewtn.com](mailto:humanresources@ewtn.com)

**PATRIOTIC CONCERT:** St Aloysius Church will host the 7<sup>th</sup> annual "I Love America" concert on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (Feast Day of St Aloysius) at 7:00 p.m. The Saint Aloysius Choir will be performing, along The Waylighters Gospel Quartet and Voices of the South Barbershop Chorus. The Lake View American Legion Post 2011 will presents the Colors and Service Flags from each branch of the military. Please accept this invitation to honor our country and our service men and women. Saint Aloysius Church is located at 751 Academy Drive in Bessemer. Admission is free.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$5443 and \$1130 were collected for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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

- Sat, June 8: 4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Caroline and Will Scroggins (by the Rumore Family)
- Sun, June 9: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Hahn Family (by Danny & Judy Rohling)
- Mon, June 10 \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Barbara Juneau (by Charlie Matthews)
- Tues, June 11: \*8:30 a.m. † Ruby Fox (by Teneda Latham)
- Wed, June 12: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Jacob Gagnon (by the Duryea Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Dr. Delbert Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
- Thur, June 13: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Charlie Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
- Fri, June 14 \*7:00 a.m. † Dorothy Sampedro (by the Rumore Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
- Sat, June 15: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Allison Rumore (by the Rumore Family)  
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Andrew Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
- Sun, June 16: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. † Bernard Krahm (by the Hahn Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Mina Keasler, Fr Jim Handerhan, Isabella Auer, Donald Nettleman, Kenneth Levesque, Kathryn Ransom Mahon, Levi Ray, John Minjares, Sr., Christopher Chism, Anthony Timpa, Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Vinita Kelley, Penny Vaughn, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, 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, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Liz Bailey, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Anna Marie Madison, Kathleen Strawmeyer, Cindy Little, Stan Trawick, David Henning, Loretta Mara, Lillie Rumore, Jennie Sciro, Stephanie Perry, and Marcus Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

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| 4:00 p.m. Most Holy Trinity  | Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15 |
| 9:00 a.m. Most Holy Trinity  | Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15 |
| 10:45 a.m. Most Holy Trinity | Rom 11:33-36, Mt 28:18-20            |

## *Doing the Impossible*

Just prior to the Ascension, “*When they saw Him, they [the Apostles] worshiped, but they doubted*” (Mt 28:17). What is it that the Apostles doubt? Do they doubt that Jesus is true God and true man? They saw Him suffer and bleed, and at least one of them saw Him die. No, they could not really doubt Jesus’ humanity. They also worshiped Jesus. Coming from a culture and a religion having zero tolerance for idolatry or divinizing humans, it is hard to imagine that the Apostles were worshipping Jesus but doubting His divinity at the same time. They had to be totally convinced of Jesus’ divinity before they would ever think about worshipping Him. So what did they doubt? It was not Jesus they doubted, but themselves. The Apostles knew that Jesus would leave them, for He made this clear at the Last Supper. The prospect of Jesus’ departure had to have been quite daunting. They had to know that the mission of Jesus, calling people to repent and believe in Him, would fall to them.

When Jesus says to the Apostles as He ascends “*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,*” they had to wonder how eleven uneducated men with no special talents could actually be given such a mission. It would not have been just doubt running through their minds but a profound fear as well. All they had to do is look at what happened to John the Baptist and to Jesus Himself. This evangelizing – calling people to repentance and proclaiming of the Kingdom – was dangerous stuff. But it was not just what happened to John and Jesus that would have been disturbing: Jesus tells them before ascending “*you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” Again, the global mission entrusted to a mere eleven men brought much personal doubt, but also the call to be witnesses that would have confirmed their fears.

Why? Because the word for witness also means martyr. The Apostles would have understood Jesus to be saying, “*you will be my [martyrs] in Jerusalem and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” Given an impossible job that comes with suffering, torture, and death, most of us would seek a change of careers. But the Apostles knew that they were not Jesus’ employees and He was not giving them a mere job. No, they were chosen by Jesus, they were called. As Apostles, they were sent, not just to baptize and to preach, but to make Christ present wherever they went and to whomever they met. We all have this same basic mission. How each of us does this in our own lives is our vocation, either to married life, unmarried life, religious life, or priestly life.

Remain single the rest of my life? Be married to one person for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part? Forsake marriage, renounce possessions, and obey my superiors? Shepherd hundreds or thousands of families, preaching and teaching, and making Christ present to others? No matter how we look at it, every vocation involves what seems to be an impossible mission that entails some degree of suffering. Perhaps this one reason why we have a crisis in the priesthood, in religious life, and in marriage as well. Being what God calls us to be and doing what He asks us to do seem impossible. We see this in our society’s attitude toward the four vocations.

For single people, abstinence and chastity are mocked and dismissed. We hear it’s impossible for the unmarried to remain pure, so immoral behavior is seldom discouraged. But how did previous generations do the impossible? We hear it is impossible for a man and woman to marry and remain faithful for the rest of their lives. But how did previous generations do the impossible? We hear it is impossible to expect someone to devote their entire lives totally and completely to Christ. But how did previous generations do the impossible?

The answer to these questions lies in how the Apostles were able to do what they did. They were not much different than any of us, yet this did not hinder them or stop them from doing things far beyond what we are called to do. So what was their secret? They did not surrender to fear and doubt, but instead they turned to prayer. They prayed together for nine days. Their overcoming fear and doubt and their prayer bore profound fruit: the Holy Spirit. It worked for the Apostles, so it can work for us as well. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can certainly do what God asks of us. - Fr Booth