

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

*June 29<sup>th</sup>/June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019: Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)*

*Third 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 James Mickel, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Kathryn Mabee from July 7<sup>th</sup> until July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** We will have our First Friday English Mass on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory followed with Adoration and Benediction. Even though the novena of Masses for the new bishop has been completed, we will continue to have an evening Latin Low Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church at least until we get our new bishop.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on July 6<sup>th</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.

**2019 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE:** 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).

**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, Traffic Assistant, Closed Captioning Technician, On-Air Graphic Designer, and 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)

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$4044 and \$150 were collected for the Preservation Fund. A total of \$901 were collected for the mission Cooperative Appeal. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Arianna Omari Morris, daughter of Ashley and LaSheka Morris and granddaughter of Tony Morris, was baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Atlanta on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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

Sat, June 29:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Don and Mary Lynn Williams (by the Hahn Family)
Sun, June 30:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for the Pohorelsky Family (by the Judy and Danny Rohling)
Mon, July 1	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Anthony Troncale (by the Hahn Family)
Tues, July 2:	*8:30 a.m.	† Ruby Fox (by Teneda Latham)
Wed, July 3:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for the Pinter Family
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Samantha Rankin (by John Robertson)
Thur, July 4:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Fr Justin Ward (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, July 5	*8:30 a.m.	† Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
	6:30 p.m.	Special Intention for Bennett Fach (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
Sat, July 6:	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Mary Margaret Rumore (by Valori Clemens)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Killian Fach (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
Sun, July 7:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for the Rumore Family (by the Judy and Danny Rohling)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Lee Dinan, Msgr Eugene O’Conner, Mina Keasler, Fr Jim Handerhan, Isabella Auer, Donald Nettleman, Kenneth Levesque, Levi Ray, John Minjares, Sr., Christopher Chism, Anthony Timpa, Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Vinita Kelley, 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**

4:00 p.m. Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12,17-20
9:00 a.m. Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12,17-20
10:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	Rom 8:18-23, Lk 5:1-11

## *These are Interesting Times*

The old Chinese curse, may you live in interesting times, seems to apply more and more today. While we have made great advancements in many areas, an increasing number of people are gravitating to all sorts of things that must be considered anything but progress. For example, the Romans and Greeks would expose unwanted infants, leaving them to die in the wilderness. They would die of exposure or by wild animals, and perhaps in some cases, they would die by starvation. By exposing their children, the parents could say that they were not really killing their children, but leaving them to fate. They might even rationalize their act by thinking that someone who wanted the child would happen upon her before she died, or perhaps even the child might be raised by animals, as in the case of Romulus and Remus. Children who survive an abortion are often treated much the same way except that they will be left to die in a medical institution of some sort. They typically die of neglect. The ancient parents of the exposed infant could comfort themselves that they did not murder their baby, at least not taking its life directly. The doctors and nurses can tell themselves much the same thing.

In reality, however, such arguments are pure sophistry. Saying that they let nature take its course when that course could easily be stopped would normally be no defense in a court of law. Failing to provide the basic care necessary for life would normally be seen as negligence, and if it leads to the loss of human life, would be classified as negligent homicide. In the case of the exposed infant or the baby surviving abortion being left to die, it is not mere negligence at work. No, there is willfulness and deliberation, making it premeditated murder. But since under Roman law a man's wife and minor children were essentially seen as his property, he had legal free reign to kill them if he wished. It was regarded as a private affair of the family to be resolved as the *pater familias* so desired. Not surprisingly, the direct killing of a baby inside of the womb or the killing of a baby through deliberate negligence outside the womb (currently only for failed abortions) is also regarded as a private matter. What is odd, it is not a matter of privacy for the father or mother but that of the doctor and medical staff. If a mother or father willfully and deliberately withheld food and water from an infant they would be charged with murder. If a third party did this, say a daycare center, the same would apply. In the case of the killing of an unborn child, about 80 percent of states would treat the unborn baby as a person exactly like any other human life such that if the mother, father, or third party killed the baby they would be held accountable. Even excessive alcohol use or drug use during pregnancy is generally seen as child endangerment. In other words, we tend to treat the unborn child as it actually is – a child and a person – except in the case of abortion where the baby loses all legal protection.

Recognizing the absurdity that has been introduced by the legalization of abortion, that an unborn child is a child in all circumstances except for abortion, eight states have recently attempted to resolve this incongruity in the law. The obvious thing to do would be to regard the unborn child as a child and as a person from the moment of conception. This would be the natural and logical conclusion. It would also be the Catholic teaching. However, these eight states have gone the opposite direction by denying any status to the unborn baby. For example, if a man physically assaults a pregnant woman such that she has a miscarriage, these states would not recognize the death of the baby as a crime nor see the baby as a victim: the woman would be the only victim of the assault and the loss of the pregnancy would be regarded as an aggravating circumstance in the sentencing of the assailant.

With thinking at this level, where abortion becomes the primary value protected under the law instead of human life itself, it is not difficult to imagine that we might end up with a legal understanding not terribly different from that of ancient Rome. If unborn babies have no legal status and born babies can be killed through negligence under certain circumstances today, it may well be that in the not too distant future a *pater familias* or *mater familias* could end the life of one of their children up to a certain age. If the fundamental right is to choose, who is to say that that choice has to end at birth? It is just a matter of time before many people begin to think this way. How absurd, how sad, how wrong.

Fr Booth