

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 13th/July 14th 2019: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

Fifth 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 Beverly Grisham, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from July 21st to July 27th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eugene Mason from July 28th until August 3rd.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, July 20th. 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.

THIRD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

2019 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, August 15th (Assumption of BVM); Sunday, September 8th (Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost); Sunday, October 27th (Christ the King); Sunday, December 8th (Immaculate Conception); Sunday, December 15th (Gaudete Sunday); and Tuesday, December 24th (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: gift shop manager, accounting assistant, groundskeeper, IT support technician, non-linear editor, production assistant, traffic assistant, on-air graphic designer, viewer services representative. Information on job requirements can be found at www.ewtn.com. Please email cover letter, salary requirements & resume to humanresources@ewtn.com

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$5229 and \$480 were collected for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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, July 13: 4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Tom Beaumont (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
- Sun, July 14: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Rumore Family (by the Judy and Danny Rohling)
- Mon, July 15 *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Michael Schultz (by the Gagnon Family)
- Tues, July 16: *8:30 a.m. † Dorothy Sampedro (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
- Wed, July 17: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Jacob Hayes (by the Hahn Family)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Maggie Thompson (by the Hahn Family)
- Thur, July 18: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Carolyn Sertell (by Sharon & Susan Sertell)
- Fri, July 19 *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Nathan Tate (by the Rumore Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
- Sat, July 20: 9:10 a.m. Special Intention for Genevieve Tate (by the Rumore Family)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Lee Dinan (by Bill & Marion Dinan)
- Sun, July 21: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Catherine Hahn & Baby (by Sarah Catherine Rumore)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, 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. Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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10:45 a.m. Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42
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Rom 6:3-11, Mk 8:1-9

These are Interesting Times

Yes, we are cursed to live in interesting times, or so the ancient Chinese aphorism goes. Another example comes in the great contradictions we see arising in our culture. As discussed earlier, the baby in the womb can be murdered or can be victimized by child abuse based on what the mother or others do that might harm the unborn baby, but the horrors of abortion, which transcend any abuse a mother or another might otherwise inflict, are considered neither child abuse nor murder but a constitutional right. It makes no sense whatsoever. It does witness to the fact that *Roe v. Wade* is a legal aberration departing from logic, legal norms, and of course, moral norms. After all, how can a baby be a human being in some circumstances and not a human being in another circumstance? It is even more difficult to understand given the lack of care given to babies born alive during unsuccessful abortions, who are usually left to die of neglect.

Another huge contradiction lies in the fact that a student in the public schools will find it very difficult to obtain an aspirin or Tylenol from the school nurse, but in many places the same nurse can dispense birth control and the abortion pill without parental consent, the consent of a doctor, or any other reasonable restraint. Clearly abortion comes before the health and welfare of the student.

We have also been lectured by our fallen culture that sexual preference is not chosen but is pre-determined somehow. Identical twins, who share the exact same DNA, prove that it is not a fixed predetermined genetic trait since one twin might have same sex attraction and the other doesn't. Likewise, non-identical twins raised by the same parents, or siblings almost the same age raised by the same parents, do not always share the same preference and thus we can reasonably say that their environment is not a determining factor either. Thus, it is neither nature nor nurture, but we are nonetheless told that this is a trait that is never, ever chosen.

However, we are now told that one can choose their gender. Children under the age of eight, thus under the age of reason, are now choosing something other than their biological gender. Sadly, some families and doctors see no reason why they cannot be physically changed at that age. Even with a teenager, this is utterly problematic. To suggest irreversible treatments and surgeries based on a decision by someone so young seems utterly insane and completely irresponsible. Don't we say that the minimum age to drive a car without supervision is 16, but someone under that age can responsibly decide to have a gender reassignment operation? Don't we say that under the age of 16, 17, or 18 (depending on the laws of various states) one is unable to truly consent to sex but they can change their sex at an even younger age? Don't we say that people under the age of 18 are not able to vote because they have not developed the ability to discern matters of a civic nature until that age? Don't we say that those under the age of 18, 19, or 21 cannot choose to buy tobacco because they are not able to understand the health risks associated with smoking, vaping, and chewing? And don't we say that anyone under the age of 21 is not mature enough to buy and consume alcohol? If we as a culture recognize that the ability to make some decisions and to act responsibly does not happen until the ages of 16 to 21, how can parents, doctors, psychologists, legislators, and our culture honestly allow such a grave and permanent decision to be made before the age of 18 or 21 years? Again, it makes no sense.

That we are told that sexual preference is not a matter of choice but something so fundamental as gender is a matter of choice, even a matter of personal definition, is pretty solid evidence that our culture has lost its mind. Because gender identity and sexual preference are covered under the guise of political correctness it would seem that any discussion of the topic would not be welcome: anyone questioning or objecting would be shouted down as a 'hater.' Likewise, abortion being wrongfully declared a right, a right that seems to transcend many of the enumerated rights in our constitution, it likewise is not subject to logical and reasoned discourse. Even legal and political discussion of abortion is largely unwelcome. This does not bode well for our culture because recognizing logical contradictions is a very basic form of reason, and without reason a free, stable, and just society can hardly persist.

Fr Booth