

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 20<sup>th</sup>/July 21<sup>st</sup> 2019: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)



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

**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.

**FATHER JAMES E. COYLE MEMORIAL MASS:** Let us remember a holy priest killed in the line of duty. A memorial Mass will be offered on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of St Paul. Mass will be followed by a reception and a reflection upon the life of Fr Coyle. For more information, please see <http://www.fathercoyle.org/> or call (205) 447-8796.

**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: 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](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 \$2910 and \$625 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 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)
- Mon, July 22 \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Nicholas Tate (by the Rumore Family)
- Tues, July 23: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Celeste & George Azar (by the Rumore Family)
- Wed, July 24: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Gracie Lightsey (by the Hahn Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Tommy Beaumont (by the Hahn Family)
- Thur, July 25: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Richard & Charlotte Moy Family (by James Cover)
- Fri, July 26 \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Christine Cover (by James Cover)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
- Sat, July 27: 4:00 p.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
- Sun, July 28: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Elise Pohorelsky (by Danny and Judy Rohling)

**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**

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| 4:00 p.m. Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Gen 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14, Lk 11:1-13 |
| 9:00 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Gen 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14, Lk 11:1-13 |
| 10:45 a.m. Seventh Sunday After Pentecost     | Rom 6:19-23, Mt 7:15-21               |

## *These are Interesting Times, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*

If you were alive in the late 1950s and all through the 1960s, there was a great interest in all things related to outer space. Indeed, we were in a ‘space race’ with the Soviet Union that had much to do with the Cold War. The arms race of the Cold War provided the technology for the space race and the impetus to sway the third world countries, countries that were unaligned with either the western powers or the Soviet Bloc countries, toward or away from communism. Many of these countries were emerging from colonial rule and were ripe targets for falling under communist domination. It was believed by both sides that the outcome of the space race would show that capitalism or communism was the superior economic and political system for these developing countries to adopt. Success in the Olympics and other forms of sports competition was also seen as a way to showcase the benefits of one system over the other. Thus, we saw athletes from Russia, Poland, Romania, and East Germany pumped so full of steroids that the women athletes had to shave their beards.

In any case, in the early 1960s the Soviets appeared to be winning the space race. They had Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite launched from earth; Sputnik 2, the first animal in space; Luna 2, the first manmade object to land on the moon; Luna 3, the first photos taken of the dark side of the moon; Sputnik 5, the first animal launched into space and safely returned to earth; Vostok 1, the first man launched into space and the first man to orbit the earth; Venera 1, the first manmade probe to fly near another planet; and Verena 3, the first manmade object to land on another planet, just to name a few. While the United States had a number of firsts, which were usually more of a practical nature such as the first satellite that actually did something useful, it certainly looked as if the Soviets were ahead. The first artificial satellite (Sputnik 1) and the flight of Yuri Gagarin (Vostok 1) truly rattled the American psyche, so much so that President Kennedy challenged the nation to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. And 50 years ago on Saturday, this fete was accomplished, brought about in just over eight years.

The moon landings are certainly a great cause for national pride. But that was 50 years ago. Could we do it again today? Our technology is so much more advanced than it was during the Kennedy administration and our knowledge far greater, but it probably could not be done today. The main issue is a lack of will. If we did not have the Cold War and the associated space race to force the issue and to compel us 50 years ago, we might be considering putting a man on the moon today. If we did have a will to land a man on the moon, we most likely could not do it today in eight years. Yes, recent initiatives have stated that we could make it back to the moon by 2024, a mere five years, but it would likely take more time than that to simply award the contracts and perhaps even longer to procure funding. Further delay would be guaranteed if lunar environmental impact studies have to be made.

This illustrates the power of hope and determination demonstrated 50 years ago, and the corrosive action of having a lack of will especially to do difficult things. Without hope and determination people simply give up or they aim so low as to be indistinguishable from having given up. This affects many things in our lives, and most importantly, our faith. Do we have the zeal to make obtaining heaven our highest priority or are we more caught up in things that seem, at least in the moment, to be more urgent? Jesus has given us all that we need to obtain heaven so it is not as we have to do the heavy lifting, but are we availing ourselves of the soul-saving sacraments? Do we have the will to evangelize and re-evangelize the world? We have modern communications so as to reach billions of people, but are we using that technology appropriately?

Indeed, the Cold War and the space race represented a battle for hearts and minds, that people might choose freedom over the bondage of communism. There is also a battle for hearts and souls going on, one that goes all the way back to Adam and Eve. How many people have lost hope personally or have lost hope in bringing people the freedom of the Gospel instead of bondage to sin? May we have the same hope and determination that got us to the moon regarding getting others – and ourselves – to heaven. Fr Booth