

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 27<sup>th</sup>/July 28<sup>th</sup> 2019: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)



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## Pastor

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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 Eugene Mason, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eileen Schauer from August 4<sup>th</sup> until August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** We will have our First Friday English Mass on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory followed with Adoration and Benediction and a Latin Low Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on August 3<sup>rd</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.

**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 \$4938 and \$425 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 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)  
Mon, July 29 \*8:30 a.m. † David Anthony (by Helen Brandley)  
Tues, July 30: \*8:30 a.m. † Jesse D'Argo (by Teneda Latham)  
Wed, July 31: \*7:00 a.m. † Thellis Williamson (by the Donellann Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Lane Zimmer (by the Donellann Family)  
Thur, Aug 1: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Sarah Cover (by James Cover)  
Fri, Aug 2 \*8:30 a.m. † Fr Lambert Greenan, OP  
6:30 p.m. Special Intention for the Scroggins Family  
Sat, Aug 3: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bill & Judy Donellan (by the Donellann Family)  
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Sandra & Rick Phillips (by Mary & Betty Mason)  
Sun, Aug 4: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Kara Pepe (by the Donellann Family)

**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. Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2;2:21-23, Col 3:1-5,9-11, Lk 12:13-21  
9:00 a.m. Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2;2:21-23, Col 3:1-5,9-11, Lk 12:13-21  
10:45 a.m. Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9

## ***These are Interesting Times, Slow Learner Edition***

Socialism has plagued the world for a little over a century, beginning with the now-defunct Soviet Union. The idea of socialism in one form or another has been around for much longer. Marx and Engels wrote the Communist Manifesto in 1848 as the first political expression of the idea of socialism. Economic expressions of socialist ideas go back much further: the ancient Greeks toyed with the idea while the first known large-scale application might have been some 1500 years ago. It is often overlooked, but the earliest Christian community could have been the first small-scale application, where “*The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common... There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need*” (Acts 4:32-33,35). This sounds like socialism, but living this way is never mentioned again in the New Testament and there is no hint that this was tried or even proposed in later Christian communities. No doubt this mode of living proved untenable. The only real surviving expression of what is described in the fourth chapter of Acts can be found in monasteries and convents. Even when only a few dozen men or women freely choose to live this way, it is still very difficult. When foisted on unwilling subjects, it becomes nearly impossible to sustain. Thus, on a large scale socialism always fails, as seen in Venezuela today.

So, after many decades of opposing the global march of socialism, our nation now has people pushing for the institution of socialist principles. This would have been unthinkable just a few years ago, but now the popularity of socialism is on the rise. Yes, it appeals to the idealism of many people, but its track record of misery and pain should be enough to give us pause. Inevitably, however, egalitarianism ultimately leads to totalitarianism. Why? Because of our fallen nature. If socialism is so wonderful, why don't the millionaires and billionaires who champion socialism hand over all of their money and all of their property? Why don't they put their money where their mouth is? Human pride, hypocrisy, and greed lead the advocates of socialism to exclude themselves from what they seek to foist on the rest of society. An example of this was seen in Obamacare, which was the first step toward socialized medicine. If Obamacare was so wonderful, then why did congress exempt themselves from it? Could it be that all Americans are equal but some Americans are more equal than others?

Failure to account for our tendency toward selfishness and sinfulness is the doom of many other well-intentioned endeavors. Indeed, any program that relies on the participants having an exemplary and altruistic character is eventually bound to fail. We see this in the foster care system that was created to do away with the ‘evils’ of the orphanage system. Here it is assumed that all foster parents have the best interests in mind for the children entrusted to them. No doubt that many foster parents truly care for their foster children as if they were their own, but that is not always the case. Almost entirely unsupervised, how can we be sure that wards of the state are being treated like they ought to be? The orphanage is much easier to monitor and correct than the foster care system. Despite a mountain of evidence to the contrary, our leaders still insist that foster care is superior to orphanages.

We also did away with almost all mental health facilities and replaced them with outpatient medication regimes. Like the foster care system, this has not worked out too well. It presumes that the patient has a family of some sort to ensure that the meds are taken as prescribed. So often that family does not exist, so the patient inevitably stops taking the medicine. Is a homeless and unmedicated mental patient better off than the one cared for in an institution? Our politicians seem to think so.

As long as we think we can overcome or ignore our fallen nature, as long as we think we are smarter than our Creator, we will cling to bogus and detrimental solutions to the human condition. As Solomon proclaimed, this is “*vanity of vanities! ... and a chase after wind.*” If the first Christians could see the problems with socialism even when they were “*of one heart and mind,*” why can't we recognize this truth today?

- Fr Booth