

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

**August 10th/August 11th 2019: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Ninth 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 August 11th to August 17th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Helen Von Hagel from August 18th until August 24th.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have Masses in English on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 15th at 8:30 a.m. There will be a High Latin Mass at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th at 6:00 p.m.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, August 17th. 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.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Catholic high school students interested in working with youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities in the diocese's Nazareth House Program are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 17th from 10:00 a.m. until noon at St Francis Xavier School. Students who help out with Nazareth House are eligible for service hours necessary for graduation or scholarships. For more information, please contact Fr Cullen at Fr.Cullen@stpaulsbhm.org.

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: 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

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.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$5594 and \$155 were collected for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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

- Sat, Aug 10: 4:00 p.m. † Ronnie & Amber Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, Aug 11: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Danny Rohling (by Judy Rohling)
Mon, Aug 12 *8:30 a.m. † Marin Sertell (by Sharron & Susan Sertell)
Tues, Aug 13: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Gabi Paffumi (by the Donellan Family)
Wed, Aug 14: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Michael Yaeger (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Don Metcalf (by Matthews Family)
6:00 p.m. † Wanda Lou Gieringer (by Matthews Family)
Thur, Aug 15: 8:30 a.m. Matteo D'Argo (by Teneda Latham)
6:00 p.m. Special Intention for Allison Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, Aug 16: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Scroggins Family
*8:30 a.m. † Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
Sat, Aug 17: 9:10 a.m. † Jeanie Bua (by the Juneau Family)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Lee Dinan (by the Dinan Family)
Sun, Aug 18: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † William Telker (by Alan & Pam Olson)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Laura Minjares, 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. Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6,8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53
9:00 a.m. Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6,8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53
10:45 a.m. Tenth Sunday After Pentecost 1Cor 12:2-11, Lk 18:9-14

Blame

What if the media were around thousands of years ago? We seem to sense that they have been with us for many, many years, but that really is not the case. Truly it was the printing press, invented in the mid-1400's, which brought the practical beginnings of journalism. Journalism can convey facts, opinions, ideas, falsehoods, disinformation, and outright propaganda. It is little wonder that those attempting to overthrow a government would seek to seize control of the newspapers, radio stations, and TV networks. Grasping control of the media would certainly be at the very top of any revolutionary's list of things to be done as early as possible. No doubt the coup would fail if the wrong kind of information – the truth – were broadcast to the people.

In any case, imagine having our current media from the very beginning. In an interview, Adam might say 'All was going well until God created this woman. She has been a true pain in my side from the very beginning and now she has given me the Forbidden Fruit. Now I will have to toil just to survive. Because of her, I will die. Helpmate indeed!' Turning to Eve for her side of the story, she might have told the reporter 'Look, the fruit looked tasty, and the tree itself was pretty. Besides, who does not want to be like God? That's what the serpent promised me, that I would be like God, and that I would not die. He also told me, very quietly so that Adam would not hear, that this would be the beginning of the fashion industry. He was right there too. Look at my fashionable fig leaf. If God was not holding out on us, keeping knowledge and fashion from us, I would not have tasted the fruit.' Thus, Adam blames Eve and Eve blames the tree and the serpent, and they both blame God.

The reporter's headline might read 'God Hoodwinks Man: Adam and Eve Banished from Eden.' Or it might read 'God Cheats Man of Paradise.' We might read the account and begin to be sympathetic towards Adam and Eve. We might conclude that they were the victims. But how could we say that Adam and Eve were the victims? Didn't Eve partake of the Forbidden Fruit willingly? Didn't she know it was wrong? Wasn't Adam there to watch her being tempted by the serpent? Didn't he choose not to speak up for what God had commanded? Didn't he merely watch as Eve ate the fruit? Yes, there was temptation from Satan. Yes, Satan lied to Eve. But both Adam and Eve willingly and knowingly defied the one commandment that God had given them. So in what way were they victims?

In recent years we have developed a weird tendency to see a perpetrator as the victim and the victim as the one at fault to one degree or another. This was the unfortunate and indefensible legal defense used for generations regarding the horrid crime of rape. So often the victim was blamed for what she was wearing, for where she was at the time, and, in essence, for being a woman. This is still the mentality in much of the world, especially in muslim countries where the rapist is seen as the victim. Even though we have come a long way in not blaming the victim in cases of rape, we still have a propensity to see the miscreant as the true victim. This began during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations when poverty, lack of education, poor nutrition, unemployment, pollution, and any number of other factors were blamed for an individual's criminal actions. In other words, for almost 60 years we have had a tendency, enshrined in cultural attitudes, government policy, and the law, that society is generally at fault for criminal behavior, less so much the criminal himself.

Lyndon Johnson's Great Society was in part instituted to deal with society's guilt for criminal behavior. It clearly has not worked. So, we continue to seek social factors that cause immoral behavior instead of focusing on the criminal or sinner. With mass shootings, it has to be the gun, or the type of gun, or video games, or lack of healthcare, and increasingly some are using such tragedies for political gain. So we see with each mass shooting an urge to ban or confiscate guns, or to address inequalities, or to increase healthcare spending. None of these address the fundamental issue. The man chose to do what he did and banning something or passing a law is not going to solve or address the problem. Why? Because we have lost sight of the idea that human behavior has at its core a moral dimension. Thus we leave God out of the solution we and don't even think to ask if the murderer was a man of faith.

- Fr Booth