

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*Aug 31st/Sept 1st 2019: Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Twelfth 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 John Schauer, Jr., the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from September 1st to September 7th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eugene Mason from September 8th until September 14th.

FIRST SUNDAY: This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on September 6th 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 September 7th. Altar server training, choir practice, and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow Mass.

CHRISTO REY FUNDRAISER: Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School will be hosting ‘BBQ at the Brew,’ a BBQ competition, on Saturday, September 7th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Cahaba Brewing Co., located at 4500 5th Avenue South. Advance tickets are \$15, and day of event tickets will be \$20. You can purchase tickets at <https://bbqbrew2019.swell.gives/>

FRANCISCAN FESTIVAL: The Franciscan Friars will host a Festival in the backyard of Our Lady of Fatima (44 16th Ave South) on Saturday, September 14th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be games, songs, and food available for purchase. For more information, please contact Friar Rafael at (205) 578-2988 or at matttalbot@ocaminho.org

ST GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL: The 38th Annual Saint George Middle Eastern Food Festival will be held September on 19th, 20th, and 21st from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 425 16th Avenue South. Drive through will be available until 7:00 p.m. Traditional Middle Eastern entrees and desserts will be served. For menu and event details, please see <http://saintgeorgeonline.org/food-festival/>

SCAM ALERT: People in our diocese are getting emails or texts from someone posing as one of our priests asking them to buy gift cards for the needy. This is a scam and all such texts or emails should be ignored and deleted.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: In the near future you should receive a Catholic Charities letter and a pledge card from the diocese. Our pledge goal this year is \$16,000. All money raised through this annual appeal remains within the diocese.

2019 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: 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).

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 \$5906 and \$450 were collected for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Combine your faith and career at EWTN. They are searching to fill the following positions: accounting assistant, groundskeeper, IT support technician, non-linear editor, production assistant, viewer services representative, and customer service rep. Information on job requirements can be found at www.ewtn.com. Please email cover letter, salary requirements & resume to humanresources@ewtn.com

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

Sat, Aug 31:	4:00 p.m.	† Eugene Mason (by the Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, Sep 1:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Greg & Christy Miller Family (by Danny & Judy Rohling)
Mon, Sep 2	*8:30 a.m.	Spec Int for Carolyn Sertell (by Sharon & Susan Sertell)
Tues, Sep 3:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Peter Gagnon (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, Sep 4:	*7:00 a.m.	† Freddie Zimmer (by the Donellan Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Jim Pinto (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, Sep 5:	*8:30 a.m.	† Eufrosina Lopez (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, Sep 6:	*8:30 a.m.	† Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
	6:30 p.m.	Special Intention for Charlie & Allison Rumore (by the Donellan Family)
Sat, Sep 7:	8:30 a.m.	† Robert Soeherman (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Jennifer Rodriquez (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Sun, Sep 8:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for David Rohling and Family (by Danny & Judy Rohling)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Laura Minjares, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Mina Keasler, Isabella Auer, 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.	23 rd Sunday of Ordinary. Time	Wis 9:13-18, Phmn 9-10,12-17, Lk 14:25-33
9:00 a.m.	23 rd Sunday of Ordinary. Time	Wis 9:13-18, Phmn 9-10,12-17, Lk 14:25-33
10:45 a.m.	13 th Sunday After Pentecost	Gal 3:16-22, Lk 17:11-19

Loving Truth

Given that Jesus is the truth and that He is love, it stands to reason that love and truth must be indelibly linked. This means that love can never be based on or motivated by falsehood irrespective of whatever good intentions one might have for lying. To tell someone that faith or baptism is of no account with regard to salvation, perhaps to spare their feelings, could not be a loving act since it is false. Jesus' teaching and the Church's constant practice insist that the normative way of salvation includes both faith and baptism. The Great Commission, the last words of Jesus to His Apostles before ascending into heaven, makes this quite clear: "*All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age*" (Mt 28:18-20). In a certain way we can see that Jesus commands the Apostles to love their neighbor by making them disciples, teaching them the Gospel, and baptizing them into a relationship with the Father as adopted sons and daughters. Refusing to make them disciples, or failing to teach them the Gospel, or withholding baptism from them can hardly be seen as loving acts. Any act or omission that hinders or precludes another from seeking or obtaining heaven must be unloving.

Thus, love requires the truth. If it is untruthful, it is unloving. But can we say that the truth always conforms to love? To put it another way, does telling the truth guarantee that doing so is a loving act? Or, is withholding the truth or the fullness of truth always an unloving act? These are more complex questions to answer.

God, who is love and therefore cannot do anything that is unloving, did not tell mankind the fullness of truth from the very beginning. He had to reveal it gradually as we became more capable of understanding the truth. St Paul puts it this way: "*I mean that as long as the heir is not of age, he is no different from a slave, although he is the owner of everything, but he is under the supervision of guardians and administrators until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were not of age, were enslaved to the elemental powers of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption*" (Gal 4:1-5). Just as loving parents reveal the truth to their children in an age-sensitive and age-appropriate way according to their capacity to comprehend, God did much the same thing with mankind as a whole. There was no point, for example, of revealing the truth about the Holy Trinity until man came to understand the concept of personhood. Similarly, the Incarnation makes no sense unless we understand the concept of a nature, that Jesus had both a human nature and a divine nature each united in His divine personhood.

In other instances, it is a loving act to withhold the truth. Secrets are examples of this. If a woman made the mistake of having had an abortion in her youth, that truth need not be made public knowledge. Revealing this without her consent would be an unloving, hateful act. Gossip and detraction are sins even if what is said is absolutely truthful. Likewise, revealing trade secrets, national secrets, personal secrets, and the like can only be done for truly just causes, not out of pettiness or some form of vengeance. Not surprisingly, the truth must be used with justice in mind: the Golden Rule would be a reasonable starting point regarding the revelation of the truth that might damage or harm another.

Even evident and obvious truths are often best left unsaid. Usually, telling someone they are fat would be news to no one. If they are buying 3XL or 4XL size clothes, which means they could hardly be unaware of their physique, how could telling someone that they are fat help anyone? Even if they ask if they are fat, there are loving and just ways of answering that question and there are hurtful and hateful ways of doing so as well. Saying 'Darn toot'n you are fat!' would be unloving, but so would saying 'No, you are not fat at all.' One statement is true but unloving, the other is untrue and therefore unloving.

- Fr Booth