

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>/Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2019: Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
Fourteenth 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 Robert and Susie Brandley, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Ellen Daniel from September 22<sup>nd</sup> until September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**REST IN PEACE**: Emery Regina Caraccilo, granddaughter of Gina Kulovitz Kirland, passed away recently. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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.

**MORNING WITH MARY**: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**ST GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL**: The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint George Middle Eastern Food Festival will be held September on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 425 16<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**DINNER DANCE**: We will have a dinner dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner will be provided, and it will consist of Louisiana stewed chicken and rice. Desserts will be potluck, and dessert sign-up can be made at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49ACA72BA1FD0-blessed](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49ACA72BA1FD0-blessed). All are invited to dine and dance.

**RED MASS**: The Diocese of Birmingham and the Catholic Lawyers of the St Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal related professionals, and the public they serve to the annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center.

**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**: You should have received 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, 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).

**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 \$7944 and \$125 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: Groundskeeper, IT support technician, viewer services representative, customer service 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)

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

Sat, Sep 14:	4:00 p.m.	† Helen Von Hagel (by Linda Miller)
Sun, Sep 15:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Randy Labauve (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Mon, Sep 16	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Carolyn Sertell (by Sharon & Susan Sertell)
Tues, Sep 17:	*8:30 a.m.	† Lourdine Fernandes (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, Sep 18:	*7:00 a.m.	† Fr Angelus Shaughnessy (by the Hahn Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Peter Gagnon (by the Donellan Family)
Thur, Sep 19:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Catherine Hahn (by Lori Donellan)
Fri, Sep 20:	*7:00 a.m.	† David Bull (by Allan Bull)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
Sat, Sep 21:	8:30 a.m.	† Wayne Bullock (by Allan Bull)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Lee Dinan (by the Dinan Family)
Sun, Sep 22:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Michael Rohling Family (by Danny & Judy Rohling)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Natalie Karen Caraccilo, 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.	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary. Time	Amos 8:4-7, 1Tim 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13
9:00 a.m.	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary. Time	Amos 8:4-7, 1Tim 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13
10:45 a.m.	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Gal 5:25-6:10, Lk 7:11-16

## *The Truth Remains the Truth*

After eighteen years, we are still wounded by what happened in New York City, Washington DC, and in rural Pennsylvania on a late-summer Tuesday, specifically September 11<sup>th</sup>. Generally speaking, once emotions run their course and through the distance of time, we begin to see emotional events like 9/11 more honestly, more clearly, and more objectively. Indeed, strong emotions cloud our memories and our understanding of events. This often leads to making poor decisions soon after such events: if our memory and intellect are degraded by the effects of emotion, we run a real risk of making very poor decisions. After all, if what we know and what we understand of an event are imperfect, then the decisions that result could potentially be ill considered.

Thus, we tend to look at the Civil War and World War II more honestly and objectively than was generally the norm immediately following these momentous events. We tend to be more objective but we do not achieve total objectivity even though the emotions have almost entirely run their course. Why is objectivity elusive even after 75 or even more than 150 years? Partially, it is because we still have some emotional investment even generations later, but most of all we become victims of revisionist history.

Revisionist history concerns itself with the truth only so long as the truth fits an ideological point of view or objective. Those who want to revise history to match their worldview will often twist or omit important facts. For example, many people who disdain the exceptionalism of America will argue that we were to blame for the attack on Pearl Harbor. They claim that the Japanese had no choice but to attack us because we placed an embargo on sending oil to Japan. It is like saying that the rape victim is to blame because her skirt was too short or her neckline too plunging as if the rapist had no choice but to commit one of the most heinous crimes. Revisionist historians will even deny irrefutable historical truth. The Holocaust is a perfect example of an undeniable truth that is nonetheless denied by some. General Eisenhower insisted that the horrors of the death camps be filmed and that reporters be brought in to record this crime against humanity lest people come to believe that the attempted total extermination of the Jews can be dismissed as wartime propaganda. Likewise, revisionists have accused the Church, especially Pope Pius XII, of aiding and abetting the Nazi's 'final solution' when quite the opposite is the truth.

Not surprisingly the revisionists are busily working on changing the truth about 9/11. For example, earlier this year a congressman described 9/11 as 'some people did something.' That pretty much describes what happens every day. We could describe a football game, a picnic, a birthday party, a wedding, a business meeting, or a trip to the store as 'some people did something.' Short of denying the event completely, saying that 'some people did something' pretty much robs 9/11 of any significance. The clear intent of the congressman was to downplay the truth that muslim terrorists committed an atrocity in the name of allah. The New York Times did much the same on 9/11 when one of their columnists wrote; 'Eighteen years have passed since airplanes took aim at the World Trade Center and brought them down.' Terrorist airplanes took aim? How did we not see these airplanes becoming radicalized? How did we not notice the warning signs these airplanes surely exhibited prior to taking aim at the twin towers and the Pentagon? The truth is that planes did not take aim at anything but muslim terrorists did. Also, to merely say that these two skyscrapers were brought down misses the important fact that 2,600 people were murdered that day in the very city where the New York Times is published. It is absolutely shameful to suggest that rogue airplanes did billions of dollars in property damage when it was muslim terrorists who deliberately murdered thousands of our fellow citizens and would have killed more if they could.

While some people may not like the fact that the Vatican was one of the very few entities that resisted the Holocaust or that some people want to downplay the fact that muslim terrorists attacked this nation killing about 3,000 of our neighbors in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania does not justify twisting, distorting, denying, or falsifying the truth. In a certain way, when the truth is denied, distorted, or co-opted it is a sign that whoever does so is making Eve's mistake of wanting to be like God yet actually allying themselves to the father of lies, satan.

- Fr Booth