

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>/May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020: Pentecost**



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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: 7:30 a.m. and 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: [See Below](#)**

**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.**

**COVID-19 RESPONSE, MASS & DEVOTIONS:** We have returned to an approximation of our normal weekend schedule with Mass inside the Church. We will have a 4:00 p.m. Saturday English Mass, a 9:00 a.m. Sunday English Mass, a 10:45 a.m. Sunday Latin Mass, and an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30 a.m. The additional Latin Mass is intended to aid in the social distancing, **which is the responsibility of those attending Mass.** Please be considerate. This additional Mass will continue as long as social distancing is necessary.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE, CONFESSIONS:** Until further notice, confessions will be done in the Church parking lot with Fr Booth in his car. Those wishing to confess can walk up individually maintaining a six-foot distance. Confessions will be offered at 3:30-3:55 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday at 7:00-7:25 a.m., 8:30-8:55 a.m., and 10:15-10:40 a.m.

**DISPENSATION FOR SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:** Per Bishop Baker, all Roman Catholics who reside in the diocese are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation until June 30<sup>th</sup>. No one, especially the vulnerable, should feel obliged to attend Mass.

**CHANGES TO THE MASS:** We will forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood, reception of which is ordinarily optional, and the sign of peace, the omission of which is also optional.

**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 Fr Bill Jones, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Jeremy Noblitt from June 7<sup>th</sup> until June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** First Friday Masses on June 5<sup>th</sup> will be in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory followed with Adoration and Benediction and in Latin at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on June 6<sup>th</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. Given the pandemic, there will not be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

**DATE FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** First Communion is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (Corpus Christi) unless this epidemic forces another postponement. Rehearsal for First Communion will be on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> following the 10:45 a.m. Latin Mass. Opportunities for first confession will also be provided after rehearsal.

**2020 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE:** May 31<sup>st</sup> (Pentecost); Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (Corpus Christi); June 21<sup>st</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost); June 28<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost); July 12<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost); July 19<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost); August 9<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost); August 30<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost); September 13<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost); September 27<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost); October 4<sup>th</sup> (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost); October 11<sup>th</sup> (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost); October 25<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King); Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints); November 29<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent); Tuesday, Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate Conception); December 13<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday); Christmas.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:** Please pray for our seminarians: Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Matthew Gubenski, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, John Gardiner, Andrew Vickery, and John Paul Stepnowski. Please pray for more good men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$11039 and \$50 was offered for the Preservation Fund. Please feel free to mail your contributions in or save them up for when we return to having public Mass.

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

Sat, May 30:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Suzanne Bell (by the Rumore Family)
Sun, May 31:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Jeremy & Dana Henning (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Vanessa Muñoz (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
Mon, Jun 1:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Joseph DeLeonard (by Cathy Schauer)
Tues, Jun 2:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Catherine Hahn (by the Matthews Family)
Wed, Jun 3:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Catherine Hahn (by the Matthews Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Mrs. Irwin (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, Jun 4:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Dr. Tim Stone & Family (by the Hahns)
Fri, Jun 5:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Ari Fogelman (by the Hahn Family)
	6:30 p.m.	Special Intention for the Pinter Family (by the Hahn Family)
Sat, Jun 6:	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Isabel Pinter (by the Hahn Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Sophia Pinter (by the Hahn Family)
Sun, Jun 7:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Pinter Memorials (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Bob & Mary Wiseman (by Judy & Danny Rohling)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Mark Corley, Lee Gaissert, Lawrence Brandley, Don Williams, Roseanne Timpa, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Natalie Caraccilo, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Laura Minjares, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Mina Keasler, Levi Ray, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, Cindy Little, Stan Trawick, David Henning, Loretta Mara, Lillie Rumore, and Stephanie Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

4:00 p.m. Most Holy Trinity	Exo 34:4-6,8-9, 2Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18
7:30 a.m. Most Holy Trinity	Rom 11:33-36, Mt 28:18-20
9:00 a.m. Most Holy Trinity	Exo 34:4-6,8-9, 2Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18
10:45 a.m. Most Holy Trinity	Rom 11:33-36, Mt 28:18-20

## *Our Common Foes*

If we consider the death of a dignitary, it greatly matters when and how he died. For example, the death of a former president would elicit a vastly different response than for a sitting president who dies in office. President Kennedy's death was a big deal. He became much more popular in death than he was in life largely because he was our president whether or not you voted for him, even if you did not like his policies. The attempted murder of Ronald Reagan had a similar effect. Many disliked everything he stood for, but when he was shot in 1981, he suddenly was everyone's president. As much as many people disliked and disparaged him, they generally meant no harm to the man. The deaths of former Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Bush, however, were more routine affairs. Yes, their funerals drew many dignitaries from across globe and many saw them in a better light in death than in office, but their passing and their funerals were just one of many events competing for our attention on those particular days. There was a general sense of sorrow because it was once understood that it was poor form to speak ill of the dead even if one disparaged them while they were living.

It is unclear, however, if presidents Clinton, Bush the younger, Obama, or Trump had been killed in office, or if they had had a serious brush with death, that there would have been the similar public responses produced by the assassination of Kennedy or the attempted assassination of Reagan. More recent presidents are hardly seen as elder statesmen when they retire and the animosity directed at them would likely be magnified, not attenuated, had they been nearly or actually assassinated while in office. We have become that much more of a crass and tactless culture: the death in office of any president elected after the year 1992 would have brought sorrow to some and profound glee to others. The same is likely to be true when these men die as former presidents. How sad. How pathetic.

If we turn our gaze to foreign leaders, we would likely see a similar trend. It is likely that this will hold for the papacy as well. The death of St John Paul II brought forth a great deal of grief worldwide. This was true of those who were Catholic and those who were not. It was true for those who hated what this pope did and what he stood for as well as those who truly cherished his pontificate. Indeed, the world's attention was drawn to the Vatican like never before and we will probably never see something similar ever again. When Pope Benedict dies, it will be much more akin to the death of President Ford. If Pope Francis dies in office, it is likely to be much like the death of a modern sitting president, bringing forth a mixed reaction ranging from jubilation to deep grief.

Why has this happened? In recent decades people have put aside religion, to one degree or another, and taken up politics in its place. One of the most basic functions of religion is to provide meaning in life, that life has meaning above and beyond mere human activity. Once something supplants religion, especially the one true religion of Christianity, it begins to shape, warp, and pervert man's understanding of life's purpose. When politics begins to give meaning to people's lives, it is not simply a different set of values that come into play. True, God-focused religion does not change whether only a small number of people believe or if almost everyone does. The faith, when there were a few dozen disciples in the earliest days of the Church or now that there are billions, possesses the very same principles. This is because Jesus is the true focus of our faith, not ourselves or those who oppose us. Politics, however, requires the existence of opponents, foes that need to be resisted and conquered. Politics generally pits man against man to the point that hatred becomes a virtue. For example, if communism had obtained its stated goal of world domination, its focus would have shifted from overcoming outside enemies to defeating enemies from within. This has happened in almost every political revolution: counterrevolutionaries, even one-time loyal allies, must be purged.

The Christian revolution is against our true enemies, sin and death, and we ourselves form the battleground. Unbelievers are not the enemy but we have a universal common foe in sin and death. Indeed, seeing one another as enemies only plays into the hands of satan who wants us to be turning on each other instead of turning to Jesus.

- Fr Booth