

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 27th/June 28th 2020: 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

4th 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: 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.

REVISED DISPENSATION FOR SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: Per Bishop Raica, all Roman Catholics who reside in the diocese are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation through September 6th. 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 James Mickel, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from June 28th to July 4th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Kathryn Mabee from July 5th until July 11th.

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY LAMP SIGN-UP SHEETS for 2021, 2022, and 2023 are at the religious goods counter in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY: First Friday English Mass will be July 3rd 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 July 4th. 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. Again, due to COVID, there will not be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. This collection brings much needed help to various parts of the world.

2020 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: June 28th (4th Sunday after Pentecost); July 12th (6th Sunday after Pentecost); July 19th (7th Sunday after Pentecost); August 9th (10th Sunday after Pentecost); August 30th (13th Sunday after Pentecost); September 13th (15th Sunday after Pentecost); September 27th (17th Sunday after Pentecost); October 4th (18th Sunday after Pentecost); October 11th (19th Sunday after Pentecost); October 25th (Christ the King); Sunday, November 1st (All Saints); November 29th (1st Sunday of Advent); Tuesday, Tuesday, December 8th (Immaculate Conception); December 13th (3rd 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 \$6247 and \$25 was offered for the Preservation Fund. Please feel free to mail your contributions in or save them up for when things return to normal.

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

Sat, Jun 27: 4:00 p.m. † Rosemarie Cefalu (by James & Nida Hammond)
Sun, Jun 28: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Lee Harrison (by Rumore Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Fred Fullerton (by Susan Sertell)
Mon, Jun 29: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fred Fullerton (by Susan Sertell)
Tues, Jun 30: *8:30 a.m. † Martin Sertell (by Susan Sertell)
Wed, Jul 1: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Jessica Hedrick (by Jillian Wernke)
*8:30 a.m. † Carolyn Sertell (by Susan Sertell)
Thur, Jul 2: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Samantha Hedrick (by Jillian Wernke)
Fri, Jul 3: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Jonie Suchy (by Jillian Wernke)
6:30 p.m. Private Intention (by Jillian Wernke)
Sat, Jul 4: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Cece Dorin (by Michael Schultz)
4:00 p.m. † Nancy Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Jul 5: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Jeff & Catherine Hahn (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Eleanor Pohorelsky (by Sarah Catherine Rumore)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially John Minjares, Jr., Julia Bryant, 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. 14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9,11-13, Mt 11:25-30
7:30 a.m. 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Pet 3:8-15, Mt 5:20-24
9:00 a.m. 14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9,11-13, Mt 11:25-30
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Reception of Holy Communion

Two weeks ago, some sobering and depressing statistics were presented regarding Mass attendance, frequency of confession, and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Clearly these statistics represent a crisis of faith with respect to some of the most central doctrines and disciplines of the Catholic faith, namely the importance of the Sunday obligation, the requirement to confess our sins at least yearly, the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion, and recognition of what, rather Whom, we receive in the Eucharist.

St Paul is clear (1Cor 11:27-30) and the Church is clear (Catechism paragraphs 1384 and 1385) that we must examine our consciences to determine whether or not we are in a state of mortal sin before considering the reception of Holy Communion. If we are conscious of having sinned gravely – Ten Commandment type of sins done with full knowledge and consent of the will – without having previously confessed those sins, we are called to abstain from Communion. Knowingly receiving Jesus in a state of mortal sin is in itself a serious sin and does spiritual damage to ourselves. Again, St Paul makes it clear that unworthy reception of the Body or the Blood of the Lord is injurious to us, most likely in a spiritual way, but it is possible that physical harm might be involved as well: *“A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying”* (1Cor 11:28-30). Thus, it is in our best interests not to receive Holy Communion unless we are in a state of grace.

There was a time when Catholics would receive Communion only on an occasional basis. This did not mean that they were in a state of mortal sin most of the time. But to be sure of their spiritual state, they would typically confess on Saturday and then receive Communion on Sunday. On those occasions, they would also prepare themselves through prayer as well as fasting in order to receive the Eucharist in the most reverent and fruitful manner. People often referred to this pre-Communion preparation as being properly disposed. Thus, there was more to receiving Jesus than being in a state of grace, but being prepared spiritually, emotionally, and with the proper disposition. This type of pre-Communion preparation has all but disappeared among many Catholics. Many Hispanics, however, still retain the idea of being properly disposed before receiving Communion so much so that only a fraction of those attending Mass receive.

Any number of things can hinder or even prevent us from being properly disposed to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. One example would be failing to observe the Eucharistic fast, which is easy enough to do by automatically reaching for the coffee mug or chewing gum. Or, what we are saying or doing prior to Mass might interfere with being properly disposed. Getting annoyed at traffic or other drivers. Yelling at the kids. Fighting with your brother. Teasing your sister. Arguing with your spouse. Being angry about what happened two weeks ago on Wednesday. Holding a grudge. Being profoundly distracted. Now we even have the added dimension of fear of catching this coronavirus by receiving Communion. In other words, there are any number of proper and good reasons for abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, anywhere from having unconfessed sins on our souls to being distracted or otherwise poorly disposed.

Therefore, we ought to remember that spending time discerning whether or not we are in a state of grace and whether or not we are properly disposed to receive Jesus is important. Jesus wants to come to us, to abide in our lives, but not if we have rejected Him through sin or if we are more preoccupied with some worldly matter that won't matter two weeks from now than we are in reverently welcoming our Divine King into our souls and into our lives. Properly understood, is there anything we might do during a given week that might seem important or require more of our attention than the fruitful reception of God Himself in the Eucharist? If so, then we are either living a singularly momentous life or we don't truly grasp the profound nature of the gift of the Eucharist. - Fr Booth