

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>/November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021: Christ the King (English)  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Latin)**



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## **Pastor**

Rev. Jim W. Booth

## **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 an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30, which is intended to aid in the social distancing, and will continue on a provisional basis.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE, CONFESSIONS:** Confessions have returned to the confessional. 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.

**NOTE ON CONFESSIONS:** If there is a significant line for confession, Fr Booth might say part of the formula of absolution while the penitent recites the act of contrition. The full formula of absolution is always said, but the first part might be said softly during the act of contrition. Thus, you might only hear “and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

**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 Ellen Daniel, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from November 21<sup>st</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Lois Pruitt from November 28<sup>th</sup> until December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**ADVENT ANGEL TREE:** We have an Advent Angel Tree this year that will benefit a number of truly needy families in our local communality. Please bring the wrapped gift items back with the angel tag attached by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FUNDRAISER FOR OUR FRANCISCANS:** All are invited to a fundraising dinner for our Franciscans, the Poor of Jesus Christ, that will be held at the social hall of Our Lady of the Valley. The event will occur on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. There will be a raffle, including artwork by Sr Clara, \$1,000 cash, and one week at a Lake Martin house that sleeps 20. There is no cost to attend, but an appeal for donations will be made. Banquet registration required by November 24<sup>th</sup> by calling (205) 913-3776.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:** Please pray for our seminarians: Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Matthew Gubenski, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, John Gardiner, Andrew Vickery, John Paul Stepnowski, Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Adam Sellers, and Dominic Rumore. May more good men to answer God’s call to the priesthood.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATE:** For 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION DATE:** Our next confirmation is planned for Spring of 2023.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last week was \$7229 and \$1230 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

**2021 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE:** The High Mass schedule for the 10:45 a.m. Mass is as follows: Every second, third, and fourth Sunday of the month excluding December 26<sup>th</sup> with the addition of Immaculate Conception (Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas (Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>).

**NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS:** There is about a six-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, Nov 20: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Davon Beebe (by Deborah Beebe)  
4:00 p.m. † Jean Wolter (by Bill & Mary Dinan)

Sun, Nov 21: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Colin Beebe (by Deborah Beebe)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Ilan Beebe (by Deborah Beebe)

Mon, Nov 22: \*8:30 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory

Tues, Nov 23: \*8:30 a.m. † Flora Fauntleroy (by Helen Brandley)

Wed, Nov 24: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Lori Mueller (by Monica Duvall)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Edna Holt (by Helen Brandley)

Thur, Nov 25: \*8:30 a.m. † Calvin Alexander (by Helen Brandley)

Fri, Nov 26: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Teri Erickson (by Monica Duvall)  
\*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Clement Muck, Jr. (by the Duvall Family)

Sat, Nov 27: 4:00 p.m. † Sheila Garner (by Mary & Betty Mason)

Sun, Nov 28: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Susan Muck (by Monica Duvall)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Natalie Lawshe (by Cora Duvall)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially William Hull, Theresa Ragusa, Gloria Archambault, Anthony Morris, James Bonner, Matthew Clune Sr., Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Sister Miracles, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Aaron Minjares, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, Don Williams, Roseanne Timpa, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Paul Herrmann, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

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| 4:00 p.m. First Sunday of Advent  | Jer 33:14-16, 1Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-28,34-36 |
| 7:30 a.m. First Sunday of Advent  | Rom 13:11-14, Lk 21:25-33                       |
| 9:00 a.m. First Sunday of Advent  | Jer 33:14-16, 1Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-28,34-36 |
| 10:45 a.m. First Sunday of Advent | Rom 13:11-14, Lk 21:25-33                       |

## ***Christ Our King***

It is not at all obvious that Jesus is a king let alone the King of kings. He does not dress the part. He does not act the part, or we can say more accurately that earthly kings, potentates, and rulers seldom act like Jesus. Thus, during the interrogation on Good Friday Pilate responds with a degree of surprise, “*Then you are a king?*” when Jesus says “*My kingdom does not belong to this world... my kingdom is not here*” (Jn 18:36,37). Likewise, unlike most earthly rulers, beloved or despised, Jesus does not boast of vast riches and possessions. He is not paranoid, a megalomaniac, self-absorbed, or narcissistic like most secular rulers. He does not surround Himself with toadies, sycophants, flunkies, flatterers, and the like. The men He surrounds Himself with are hardly typical of courtiers, but they could hardly be regarded as perfect. Indeed, there is ambition, jealousy, greed, pride, boastfulness, impetuosity, cowardice, ignorance, treacherousness, and presumptuousness among them, but not so much as to distinguish the Twelve from most other men. In fact, the ordinariness of the Apostles is extraordinary. We are very unlikely to find men such as Peter, James, Matthew, Jude, and John around earthly moguls, rulers, and leaders. Men like Judas Iscariot would be common around the politically powerful, but not men like the rest of the Apostles. Surveying the unimpressive and ordinary men accompanying Jesus, Pilate could equally express the same surprise “*Then you are a king?*”

Obviously, Jesus did not need the trappings of an earthly king. Such things would have probably got in the way of His mission. He came to do the will of the Father, He came to both serve and to save. To do so, Jesus chose to empty Himself: Jesus, “*though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross*” (Phil 2:6-8). In becoming human, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity laid aside His grandeur and His splendor but did not surrender His divinity. He became one of us, like us in all things but sin, and entered the royal line of David such that He joined divine and human royalty. Being the fulfillment of the promise made to King David, Jesus’ domain truly extends into this world, and reigning in heaven for all eternity He is King of the heavens. Jesus is thus truly a universal King, reigning in heaven and on earth. His realm extends everywhere except into the kingdom of satan. We must always remember, however, that these two kingdoms are in no way equal.

### ***All Souls Remembrance (Continued)***

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| Benji Putnam Alexander   | Virginia Habrat        | Diane Thomas          |
| Elsie & Jack Alexander   | Mr. & Mrs. Hendrix     | Frank Thomas          |
| Jack Alexander           | Mr. & Mrs. Jack Herely | Gabriel & Ruth Thomas |
| Mary Alexander           | Tom Kerney             | Joe Thomas            |
| Ron & Linda Alexander    | Bernadette Marino      | Joey Thomas           |
| Virginia Alexander       | Nicki Marino           | Marie Thomas          |
| Helen Boutwell           | Dan Meadows            | Pridge & Buddy Thomas |
| Herme Boutwell           | Frances Meadows        | Irene Tobins          |
| Mrs. Copeland            | Edith Perry            | Joanie Tobins         |
| Mary Ann Cullota         | Ray Perry              | Marian Vacarella      |
| Nell Duke                | Mr. & Ms. Pless        | Art Wallace           |
| Mile Duquette            | Norman & Betsy Pless   | Boyd Wallace          |
| Ally & Lawrence Fishburn | Ben Saxon              | Frances Wallace       |
| Lorraine Habrat          | Mr. & Mrs. Stanford    | Jerry Wallace         |
| Mary Habrat              | Tom Stanford           | Michael Wallace       |
| Maureen Habrat           | Jerry Sullivan         |                       |
| Ted Habrat               | Pat Sullivan           |                       |