

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

*May 28<sup>th</sup>/May 29<sup>th</sup> 2022: Ascension (English)  
Sunday After the Ascension (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:** Saturday 3:30-3:55 p.m., Sunday 7:00-7:25, 8:30-8:55, and 10:15- 10:40 a.m.

**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, to aid in the social distancing, and continues on a provisional basis.

**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 Glenn A. Varnell, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Fr Bill Jones from June 5<sup>th</sup> until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** We will have our First Friday English Mass on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June 4<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. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

**BEWARE OF TREE:** An old and very large tree behind and to the east of the church has split and is poised to split again. This tree is scheduled to be cut down in early June. In the mean time, please keep away from this tree for the sake of safety. Trees will likely be planted in its stead.

**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.

**2022 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 with the addition of Corpus Christi (Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>), All Saints (Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>), and Immaculate Conception (Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>).

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last week was \$7499 and \$250 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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

Sat, May 28: 4:00 p.m. † Jerry Bryant (by Julia Bryant)  
Sun, May 29: 7:30 a.m. † Jerry Bryant (by Lynn Bryant)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Marc Ross Payte (by the Lang Family)  
Mon, May 30: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Rose Sheffler (by the Lang Family)  
Tues, May 31: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Eben Sheffler (by the Lang Family)  
Wed, June 1: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Biggs Hurley (by the Lang Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Rebecca Fernandes (by the Rumore Family)  
Thur, June 2: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bettye Carrico (by the Rumore Family)  
6:30 p.m. Special Intention for Brendan D'Amato (by the Rumore Family)  
Fri, June 3: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Dominic Rumore (by the Rumore Family)  
6:30 p.m. Ann Roberts (by the Rumore Family)  
Sat, June 4: 8:30 a.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)  
4:00 p.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)  
Sun, June 5: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Jo Fernandes (by the Hahn Family)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Kolby Ann Rumore (by the Hahn Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Sam Montalbano, Josie Nickell, Gloria Archambault, Don Williams, James Bonner, Matthew Clune Sr., Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Aaron Minjares, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, 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**

4:00 p.m. Pentecost	Gen 11:1-9, Rom 8:22-27, Jn 7:37-39
7:30 a.m. Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11, Jn 14:23-31
9:00 a.m. Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11, 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13, Jn 20:19-23
10:45 a.m. Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11, Jn 14:23-31

## *Ascension*

Forty days after Easter Sunday Jesus ascends into heaven and leaves the eleven Apostles on their own. Joy still fills their hearts about Jesus rising from the dead and their heads are filled with a forty-day crash course in evangelizing the world, but they are not up to the task that has been assigned to them. They are just fishermen, tax collectors, and the like. Likewise, evangelizing the world is an extraordinary undertaking for only eleven very ordinary men. Wouldn't it be a whole lot easier and more effective to evangelize the world with Jesus at their side?

Despite the Apostles' joy, they had to be asking why Jesus had to leave them, this time not for forty or so hours but forever. Jesus tells them at the Last Supper that it is necessary that He leave them. Jesus also told them that it was necessary for Him to be betrayed, arrested, tortured, crucified, killed, and buried. It was tough for them to understand how it was possible for Jesus to be crucified by wicked men, and it was not until after the Resurrection that they began to understand why it was necessary.

It was necessary for Jesus to die for our sins that we might be forgiven. As St Paul tells us, it will be credited as righteousness to those “*who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification*” (Rom 4:24-25). It was also necessary that Jesus rise from the dead thereby defeating death and opening the way to justification through grace and faith.

The Preface for Easter proclaims the necessity of Jesus dying and His rising: “For He is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, He has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life.” In other words, Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the tomb are necessary because they are matters of life and death. In this case, eternal life in the presence of God, a life lost for us by Adam and Eve, and the very destruction of death itself, death that is the wages for our sins (Rom 6:23). What could be much more important than this? Could anything possibly be more necessary as this?

But again, why was it necessary that Jesus leave the Apostles? Why couldn't He have stayed in the world with them and remained even to this day? What man worthy of being called a Christian would not want to touch, to see, to hear, and speak to the Risen Jesus? He certainly could clarify issues that divide Christians and show us, by His living example, how to live in each epoch of human history. For example, if He was still with us today, Jesus could demonstrate how we ought too live with technology and other things that were incomprehensible in Biblical times. Yet it was necessary that He ascend into heaven beyond our reach, beyond our vision, beyond our hearing, and beyond the physical sound of our voice. And yes it was better that He ascend into heaven beyond our senses than to remain physically on earth.

Why? So that human nature in its fullness might be in heaven and that our nature might be united in its fullness to the Holy Trinity. Yes, Enoch and Elijah were assumed into heaven, but they were not united to God like Jesus was and continues to be united to the Trinity. In the Risen and Ascended Jesus, man truly tabernacles with God and God truly tabernacles with man. This makes it possible for us here on earth to become divine tabernacles through the sacraments. Through the sacraments, God takes up residence in our souls. If you give it even a moment's thought, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit are much better than seeing, hearing, touching, and conversing with the Risen Jesus.

St Peter teaches Jesus' “*divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature*” (2Pet 1:4). In other words, it was necessary that Jesus ascend into heaven bringing with Him His human nature so that we on earth might participate in the divine nature He had before the foundation of the world.

- Fr Booth