

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 4th/June 5th 2022: Pentecost



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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: 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 Fr Bill Jones, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from June 5th until June 11th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julia V. Bryant from June 12th until June 18th.

REST IN PEACE: Anthony Morris, brother of Gwen Branch, passed away on May 27th and was laid to rest on June 4th. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FIRST SUNDAY: This 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 16th), All Saints (Tuesday, November 1st), and Immaculate Conception (Thursday, December 8th).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6901 and \$175 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, June 4: 8:30 a.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
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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)

Mon, June 6: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Brendan D'Amato (by the Rumore Family)

Tues, June 7: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Pohorelsky Family (by the Hahn Family)

Wed, June 8: *7:00 a.m. † Joseph Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Agnes Zimmer (by the Donellan Family)

Thur, June 9: *8:30 a.m. † Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)

Fri, June 10: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Sharon Gagnon (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Catherine Hahn (by the Donellan Family)

Sat, June 11: 4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Joseph Donellan (by the Donellan Family)

Sun, June 12: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Scott Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Jeff Hahn (by the Donellan 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. Trinity Sunday	Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15
7:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday	Rom 11:33-36, Mt 28:18-20
9:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday	Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15
10:45 a.m. Trinity Sunday	Rom 11:33-36, Mt 28:18-20

Quietly Powerful

When an army marches through a landscape, it can't go unnoticed. It is impossible to hide tens of thousands of men as well as hundreds of tanks and other vehicles. It is also impossible for that army to move in silence. If there are a number of tanks, they will shake the ground. And once they have passed through, there will be visible evidence of their passing. Just ask the Ukrainians.

The same can be said of many natural phenomena. We have experience with the sight, sound, and effects of tornadoes. They also leave the landscape marred and scarred with their passing. We don't really get hurricanes this far from the gulf, but we get a taste of their power when the remnants of one moves through as a tropical storm or depression. Likewise, we are not prone to have earthquakes, but they can be heard, seen, and felt leaving lasting marks upon the land.

What an army, a tornado, a hurricane, and an earthquake all have in common is that they are all very powerful things. That power, whether natural or manmade, cannot escape notice. The more powerful the thing is, the more unmistakable it is. Some things, such as volcanoes and nuclear weapons, are so powerful that they can be seen from space and can have a global impact.

Our experience with powerful things suggests that an all-powerful God should be seen, felt, heard, and even smelled quite infallibly. In a certain way, the power of God is unmistakable if we just look around at what He has created. How could God not be more powerful than anything we make or anything He has made in nature? St Paul witnesses to this in the first chapter of his letter to the Romans where he says *"For what can be known about God is evident to [us], because God made it evident to [us]. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made"* (Rom 1:19-20). But since God's power is not all fireworks and commotion, and since many people reject the obvious truth that there must be a Creator of creation, they cannot see God's power that lies right before their eyes. Again from St Paul's letter to the Romans we hear that since they refuse to see God's power in creation *"they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened"* (Rom 1:20-21).

With darkened and senseless minds, it is easy to overlook God's manifest power. It is also easy to overlook because the powerful things we experience – tornadoes, earthquakes, armies – all have power that is destructive. God's power, however, is purely creative and re-creative. This is especially true with regard to the Holy Spirit.

While there was a rush of wind and visible flames descending upon the Apostles at Pentecost, these hardly compare to the undoing of the curse of the Tower of Babel. That the Apostles can be understood in over a dozen languages is a quiet but unmistakable manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power. So is the change of heart that the Holy Spirit brings about through the preaching of St Peter. Three thousand hearts are changed and three thousand souls are cleansed in baptism all without fireworks, mushroom clouds, or any other form of spectacle.

The very same is true today. When a child is baptized, there are no wonders to confound the senses even though the baby is re-created, the Church grows, and the universe itself changes forever. When someone is confirmed, they are changed permanently and this change is an eternal change much like the transformation that occurs at baptism. The very same can be said of all of the sacraments, that the creative and re-creative power of the Holy Spirit quietly works with more power than a volcano or an atomic bomb.

If our senses were attuned to spiritual realities and not confined to the things of the physical world, we would see just how the Holy Spirit works within us, within the Church, and within the world. Since our senses are limited only to natural things, the infinite power of the Holy Spirit must be seen through eyes of faith. After all, if we are able to see the power of God in the things He has created, we should not doubt how His power quietly works in re-creating us.

- Fr Booth