

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 11th/June 12th 2022: Trinity Sunday



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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 Julia V. Bryant, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from June 12th to June 18th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Mary & Sam Montalbano from June 19th until June 25th.

CORPUS CHRISTI: For the Feast of Corpus Christi, there will be Latin High Mass on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. Corpus Christi will be celebrated next Sunday in English.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, June 18th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. 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 late 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 \$8966 and \$1000 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 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)
Mon, June 13: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Lori Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Tues, June 14: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Beth Mathews (by the Donellan Family)
Wed, June 15: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Eddie Mathews (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Chinnasami Family (by Josh & Hannah Meeker)
Thur, June 16: *8:30 a.m. Teresa, Jackson, & Sam McReynolds (by Josh & Hannah Meeker)
6:30 p.m. Special Intention for Anna Grace Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, June 17: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Lila Benton (by Ann K. Griffin)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Mathews Family (by the Duryea Family)
Sat, June 18: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Shane Henderson (Sophie Duvall Henderson)
4:00 p.m. † Amber Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, June 19: 7:30 a.m. † Amber Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Jeff Hahn (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. Corpus Christi Gen 14:18-20, 1Cor 11:23-26, Lk 9:11-17
7:30 a.m. Second Sunday after Pentecost 1Jn 3:13-18, Lk 14:16-24
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One in Three

History shows that man is religious by nature. We are hardwired to believe. These statements shock many people today; they would object to religion being a part of our nature. They don't believe in God, they are just too smart and sophisticated to believe in something they can't touch, see, hear, or smell. But it must be conceded that ancient peoples were universally religious. In all of history, there has never been any evidence of an entirely secular civilization where there is no religion or belief in some higher power than ourselves. No evidence at all.

The most primitive cultures tend to see natural forces as gods. They might see a volcano, the ocean, the sun, and other forces of nature as supernatural powers. They fear these powers because they do not understand them, they cannot control them, but they are controlled by these elements. This sense of being controlled by outside forces manifests today in things like astrology or palm reading. More developed cultures tended shy away from deifying mere things like a volcano, but would begin to believe in a god of volcanoes such as Vulcan. Thus, we see gods such as Thor, Apollo, Zeus, and Isis. These gods are personal, they can be made into idols, temples can be built in their honor, etc.

Once deities go from impersonal phenomena to personal entities, it is just a matter of time before they are attributed with human qualities both good and bad. It does not take too much thought to see that gods who commit adultery or who murder one another aren't gods at all. They are a projection of the human condition. More advanced cultures begin to reject multiple gods and gravitate to a single all-powerful deity. So the progression goes from deifying impersonal forces of nature, to seeing the forces of nature controlled by personal gods, to beginning to see that there could be but one god.

The Jews were spared this progression because God chose to reveal Himself as the One True God Who created heaven and earth. He revealed Himself to Moses as "*I Am Who Am*" (Ex 3:14), as "*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*" (Ex 3:6). God also warned the Jews to have no dealings with pagans because the Jews would begin to embrace false gods and make them equal or even superior to the One True God.

When Jesus comes, He reveals even more about God's nature. God is not only personal and all-powerful, He is also One God in three Persons. The formula for baptism reflects this: "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" The name, not names. Jesus did not make a grammatical error here. He is revealing the unity of God by using name in the singular form and then goes on to name the three Divine Persons.

Many want to deny that God can be One in Three. They insist that there can only be one person, or that three persons means three gods. But who are we to say what God is or is not? By nature we discern a power higher than ourselves, but who are we to say God cannot be One God in three Persons? With God as One in three Persons, through the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we can truly enter into a personal relationship with God. God Himself exists in relationship between the three Divine Persons and He lets us participate in this relationship as true adopted sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are persons for a reason: so that we can be in relationship with one another and with God Himself. And that relationship is possible because Jesus obeyed and offered Himself to His Father. A God of one Person could not become one of us and offer Himself to Himself.

Thus, the fact that God is One in Three Persons is not an optional or superfluous teaching. It is at the very core of who we are called to be: Sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of the Son, and holy as God is holy through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Without the Trinity, God would be an elusive Supreme Being unlike us in all things.

And of course, without God, man ends up returning to his primitive state, worshipping and idolizing impersonal created things again. It might be deification of government, power, wealth, sex, fame, etc. People laugh at the idea of worshipping a statue of Zeus or worshipping a volcano. Strangely enough, many of those same people are content to deify their car or the balance of the 401k account. - Fr Booth