

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*July 9th/July 10th 2022: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Fifth 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: 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 Marian and Saverio Miranda, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from July 10th until July 16th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Beverly Grisham from July 17th until July 23rd.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, July 16th. 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.

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 Sunday with the addition of All Saints Day (Tuesday, November 1st), and Immaculate Conception (Thursday, December 8th).

2022 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE, UPDATE: Next Sunday, July 17th will be a Low Mass at 10:45 a.m.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$9300 and \$505 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, July 9: 4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Bill Donellan (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
Sun, July 10: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Valori Clemens (by the Clemens Boys)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Paul Clemens (by the Clemens Boys)
Mon, July 11: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore (by Diane Penney)
Tues, July 12: *8:30 a.m. † Edward J. Penney (by Diane Penney)
Wed, July 13: *7:00 a.m. † Patricia M. Penney (by Diane Penney)
*8:30 a.m. † John Penney (by Diane Penney)
Thur, July 14: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Henderson Family (by Sophie Duvall)
Fri, July 15: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore (Carol Ogle)
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Sat, July 16: 9:15 a.m. † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason)
4:00 p.m. † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, July 17: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore (by Danny & Judy Rohling)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore (by the Tyler Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Michael Nolan Griffin, Sam Montalbano, Josie Nickell, Gloria Archambault, Don Williams, James Bonner, Matthew Clune Sr., Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahan, 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

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| 4:00 p.m. Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42 |
| 7:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Rom 6:3-11, Mark 8:1-9 |
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A Great Victory (continued)

As was mentioned last week, *Roe v Wade* was one of the most egregious examples of judicial activism in Supreme Court history. In 1973 the court invented the supposed right to an abortion and then sought to find a place in the Constitution that formed the basis for this right. The court somehow found the right to abortion in the language of the 14th Amendment, specifically ‘nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.’ Here, liberty was interpreted in an enormously broad sense so as to include the right to privacy, specifically the right to privacy of the doctor and the pregnant woman, allowing for them to decide to terminate a pregnancy without the interference of the government. If the right to privacy, a right not actually guaranteed by the Constitution, allows for abortion, why not assisted suicide? Isn’t that a private matter between a man and his doctor? What about indentured servitude where one man enslaves himself to another to pay off a debt. Wouldn’t that be a private matter between the servant and the one who holds the debt? What about conversion therapy. Wouldn’t that be a private matter between a psychologist and someone trying to escape a vile lifestyle? Then there are prostitution, extortion, paying protection, gambling, drug dealing, and any number of other activities that might fall under the umbrella of privacy. Shouldn’t the 14th Amendment apply in these instances as well?

In any case, the proper way of obtaining a right not already contained in the Constitution is passing an amendment. This is not an easy task. But amending the Constitution is the only way to make abortion a civil right. It is also the only way to preclude each state from legalizing abortion on its own. That *Roe v Wade* was overturned shows that the courts cannot be relied upon to behave in a predictable and certain way. The *Roe* decision, along with several others like *Plessy* and *Dred Scott*, also demonstrates that the courts cannot be relied upon to rule in a right, moral, and constitutional manner. Indeed, there is no guarantee that the Supreme Court won’t overstep its authority again through judicial activism and reinstate the false right to abortion.

Pro-abortion pundits claim that the recent *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v Wade* is judicial activism. Hardly. The court did just the opposite by ruling, based on what the Constitution actually says, that it did not and does not have the authority to enshrine abortion as a civil right nor the authority to ban abortion nationwide. Many on the pro-life side, while grateful for the end of *Roe v Wade*, were disappointed that the Supreme Court did not go further. The way the Constitution reads at the moment, however, they could not have banned abortion outright, specific abortion procedures, partial birth abortion, or restricted abortion on the basis of trimester, presence of a heartbeat, or any other measure of the baby’s development in the womb. Those would be examples judicial activism.

In other words, the six justices who ruled to overturn *Roe v Wade* acted in a consistent, restrained, and constitutional manner. Reasonable and rational people will come to recognize this fact. The problem is that all too many people are unwilling to be reasonable or rational regarding abortion largely because it continues to be a highly emotional issue. Then again, slavery was also an emotional issue where some readily recognized that it was intrinsically evil and never justified while others could not have imagined a culture where one man couldn’t own another and treat him as mere property. Even when slavery became illegal and rightly seen as a blight on our history, that did not translate into people recognizing and respecting the civil rights and personhood of those of African descent. That process has been agonizingly slow. We can probably expect the same regarding abortion.

In any case, one thing the court could have done, consistent with their authority and consistent with the Constitution, is rule on the personhood of the baby in the womb. While personhood is understood to be a religious and philosophical issue, certainly a matter that science cannot resolve one way or the other, it is also a legal issue. While the Supreme Court previously punted on the issue of personhood for the unborn child in the case of abortion, the end of *Roe v Wade* could easily bring this issue before the court if some states define the unborn child as a person while others do not.

- Fr Booth