

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Aug 13th/Aug 14th 2022: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

10th 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.”

NOTE ON PARISH EMAIL: If an email is sent to the church through the parish website, it is more than likely to be considered as spam by the parish email. It is recommended that emails should be sent from your own email account. You may have to resend recent emails.

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 Beverly Grisham, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from August 14th to August 20th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Helen Von Hagel from August 21st until August 27th.

FR BOOTH ON VACATION: Father Booth will be on vacation from Monday, August 15th until Saturday, August 20th. There will be no daily Masses during the week.

THE ASSUMPTION: Monday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since it falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Nevertheless, there will be a Latin High Mass on the 15th at 10:45 a.m.

MORNING WITH MARY: Due to Fr Booth’s vacation, there will be no Morning with Mary this month.

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, 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).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$8846 and \$1100 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, Aug 13:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Eli Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Aug 14:	7:30 a.m.	† Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for John Morgan (by the Donellan Family)
Mon, Aug 15:	10:45 a.m.	Latin High Mass
Tues, Aug 16:		Private Mass
Wed, Aug 17:		Private Mass
Thur, Aug 18:		Private Mass
Fri, Aug 19:		Private Mass
Sat, Aug 20:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for the Gaudet Family (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Aug 21:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for the Pinter Family (by the Donellan Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Michael Nolan Griffin, Sam Montalbano, 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.	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7,11-13, Lk 13:22-30
7:30 a.m.	11 th Sunday After Pentecost	1Cor 15:1-10, Mk 7:31-37
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Assumption of St Mary

Towards the end of his first letter to the faithful in Corinth, St Paul proclaims “*Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?*” He goes on to say “*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law*” (1Cor 15:54-56). This corresponds closely to what Paul says in his letter to the Romans: “*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom 6:23). Indeed, Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal salvation, the gift that conquers our two greatest foes: sin and death. Sin reigns in our bodies, we feel the effect of sin from the very moment of our conception until very end of our earthly lives. In like manner, death is at work in us from the moment of conception. In fact, our conception guarantees us only one thing: death. However, if we accept, receive, nourish, and retain the gift of salvation from sin and death, we will enjoy eternal life in heaven where neither sin nor death can touch our lives. The secondary effects of sin that plague us all through life, namely pain, suffering, alienation, fear, anxiety, toil, conflict, rivalry, jealousy, ignorance, pride, factions, and so forth will have no place in heaven either. If, however, we reject the gift of salvation either through a lack of faith or a failure to repent, we will suffer under the power of death, we will feel the sting of death for all eternity.

Mary, however, was conceived without the stain of original sin and remained sinless throughout her earthly life. For Mary, there was no sting of death: she was conceived in a graced manner, she was created as a daughter of God so that she would later become the mother of God. She was immaculate so that she could pass on to Jesus a human nature untouched in any way, shape, or form by sin.

It is as a consequence of her freedom from sin that Mary was assumed into heaven at the end of her earthly life. We know from the Old Testament that Enoch and Elijah were taken into heaven without tasting death. This was a special favor for Enoch and Elijah, both of whom were holy men striving to live in accordance with God’s will, but they were also sinners with fallen human natures, they had no claim on a relationship with God nor a claim on heaven. So, if two sinners, albeit men who enjoyed the unmerited gifts of God’s good graces, were assumed into heaven by God, can we imagine how Mary would not have been granted such a favor? Can we imagine the Mother of God’s physical body being allowed to suffer decay?

Many, essentially all, protestants deny that Mary was assumed into heaven: according to them she died and was buried like the rest of us. This stems from two errors in their theology. First, they deny that Mary was any different from any other woman. She, in their minds, was a sinner, perhaps holier than most other women, but a sinner nonetheless. Secondly, they do not regard Mary as the Mother of God. She just happened to be a convenient female to give birth to Jesus. From their perspective Mary merely performed a function that any other healthy young woman could have fulfilled. Indeed, they see Mary more as a surrogate mother of the Messiah, more of a wet nurse for the Son of God.

Mary is not blessed because her womb bore Jesus or because her breasts nursed Jesus. She is not blessed because her body fulfilled a number of natural biological functions. No, the Blessed Virgin is blessed because she obeyed the will of God. We hear this in the words of Elizabeth who, filled with the Holy Spirit, “*cried out in a loud voice and said, Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*” Mary is not just any young woman. She is “*most blessed among women*”. She is not just a functionary, not just a convenient womb, not a mere wet nurse. No, she is “*mother of the Lord*.” Again, being “*most blessed among women*” and “*mother of the Lord*” tells us that Mary is very special. How could the most blessed woman be denied bodily paradise in heaven? How could Jesus deny any good thing to His own mother? And the supreme good thing that He would not deny her is physical and spiritual union with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the halls of heaven for all eternity. - Fr Booth