

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Aug 27th / Aug 28th 2022: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

12th 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 Kathryn Mabee, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from August 28th until September 3rd. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Jack Schauer from September 4th until September 10th.

REST IN PEACE: Matthew Clune Sr., grandfather of John Minjares, passed away on August 20th. 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 FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on September 2nd 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 September 3rd. Due to a baptism following Mass, altar server training, choir practice, and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will **not** follow Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

A NEW SISTER! Please welcome Sr Brisa to the parish. She joins Sr Luz, Sr Liz, Sr Melonie, and Sr Isabel. Sr Brisa, along with the friars and other sisters that have so generously served the poor, will no doubt be a blessing to the parish.

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 \$6563 and \$1275 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 27: 4:00 p.m. † Ronnie Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, Aug 28: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Carolyn Watson (by the Juneau Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Zelf Williamson (by the Donellan Family)
Mon, Aug 29: 8:30 a.m. † Fr Henry McDaid
Tues, Aug 30: 8:30 a.m. † Rob Macintosh (by the Donellan Family)
Wed, Aug 31: 7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Nicole Zaucha (by the Donellan Family)
8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Lena Cook (by the Donellan Family)
Thur, Sept 1: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Joseph Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Fri, Sept 2: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Scott Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
6:30 p.m. Special Intention for Mary Allison Jimenez (by the Donellan Family)
Sat, Sept 3: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Judy Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Linda Cooper (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Sept 4: 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. † Lorine Alesci (by Helen Brandley)
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Adrienne Price (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Michael Nolan Griffin, Sam Montalbano, Gloria Archambault, Don Williams, 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. 23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wis 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10,12-17, Lk 14:25-33
7:30 a.m. 13 th Sunday After Pentecost	Gal 3:16-22, Lk 17:11-19
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Is Our Notion of God too Limited?

The new James Webb Space Telescope, as was mentioned last week, has in a few weeks raised the estimated number of galaxies in the universe from 100 billion to twice that number. Given that the telescope has just begun its work and has not been directly used to answer the question of how many galaxies there are but doubled the previous estimate from a single image of a very very small section of the sky, it is quite likely that the estimate will eventually rise to 300 billion, to 500 billion, even to one trillion galaxies. Whether there are 200 billion or a trillion, that is a whole bunch of galaxies in the universe. It is also believed that each galaxy contains something like 100 billion stars suggesting that there might be a trillion planets in a single galaxy. That would be a trillion trillion potential planets in the universe, not counting asteroids and comets, which would be yet a vastly larger number.

So, if God spent just one minute focusing His attention on one planet at a time, how many years would it take for Him to consider each planet in the universe just once? About 2 million trillion years. What if He spent only one second regarding each planet before moving on to the next? That would take about 30,000 trillion years to focus on one planet per second. The problem is, the universe as we understand it is only about 13.8 billion years old, a small fraction of 30,000 trillion and an even smaller fraction of 2 million trillion years. Another way to put these numbers in perspective, God would have to consider 2.3 million planets per second to cover all of the planets in the universe just once over the course of 13.8 billion years, or about half of a microsecond per planet.

Yikes! That the James Webb Space Telescope seems to have detected a much larger number of suspected galaxies is interesting, but if we confined ourselves to what was known just six weeks ago, the numbers would still be daunting. If we assume only 100 billion galaxies, the previous estimate before the new space telescope, that makes it such that God would have to consider 230,000 planets a second to regard each one only once over the course of 13.8 billion years. That raises the amount of time to about five microseconds of consideration per planet over the known age of the universe.

One could say that God only focuses on earth, but that can't be the case because we know that in Christ *"were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together"* (Col 1:16-17). Jesus sustains all things in heaven and on earth, which means He is constantly aware of all things, whether they are galaxies, stars, planets, rocks, atoms, subatomic particles, and especially us. If He sustains all things, things known to us and unknown, then nothing escapes His attention. God, whether it is the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit, is hyper-aware of all things happening over all time.

How is this possible? First of all, God is infinite and not limited as we are. We can focus on one or two things at a time, but God is able to focus on an infinite number of things constantly. God is omnipresent, He exists everywhere, so no part of the universe is remote from Him. He can likewise know an infinite number of things without ever forgetting. He knows what has happened to every particle in the universe since He created them. A calcium atom currently in one of your bones started out as pure energy, became subatomic particles, became hydrogen, became helium in a star, became calcium when that star was nearing the end of its life, was spewed out in a nova or supernova, became part of our solar system, became part of earth, became part of the soil, various plants, and various animals, and then became part of your bone. God knows everywhere and everything that calcium atom has been. All of this is possible because He is infinite.

An infinite God is easy to speak of but more difficult to understand because of our human limitations. It is common and natural to impose our limitations on God. In doing so, however, we conceive of a God that really is too limited, too small, too weak, and too human. Indeed, how could He who created and sustains an almost inconceivable number of heavenly bodies be limited, small, weak, or even human?

- Fr Booth