

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

October 8th/October 9th 2022: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
18th 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 Eugene Mason, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from October 9th to October 15th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Jeremy Noblit from October 16th until October 22nd.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, October 15th. 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.

LOW MASS ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 16th: Next Sunday, the 10:45 Mass on will be a Low Mass due to a shortage of altar servers.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: You should have received a letter and a pledge card from the diocese. Our pledge goal this year is \$20,000. Almost all money raised through this annual appeal remains within the diocese.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Daniel Sessions, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, John Gardiner, Collins Hess, John Paul Stepnowski, Andrew Vickery, Hunter Limbaugh, Adam Sellers, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, and Dominic Rumore. May more good men to answer God’s call to the priesthood.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$8196 and \$175 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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).

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a six-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Masses in the Rectory Chapel)

Sat, Oct 8: 4:00 p.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, Oct 9: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Laura Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Michelle Smith (by Monica Duvall)
Mon, Oct 10: *8:30 a.m. Private Intention
Tues, Oct 11: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Patti Champion (by Monica Duvall)
Wed, Oct 12: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for David Muck, Sr. (by the Duvall Family)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Sandy Somorakis (by Monica Duvall)
Thur, Oct 13: *8:30 a.m. † Gilbert Taylor (by Helen Brandley)
Fri, Oct 14: *7:00 a.m. † Freddie Foster (by Helen Brandley)
*8:30 a.m. † Frances Weems (by Helen Brandley)
Sat, Oct 15: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for John Morgan (by the Donellan Family)
4:00 p.m. † Special Intention for Eli Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Oct 16: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Jackson Macken (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Janay Deering (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. 29 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Exo 17:8-13, 2Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8
7:30 a.m. 19 th Sunday After Pentecost	Eph 4:23-28, Mt 22:1-14
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Following Christ Brings Consequences

Actions have consequences. Taking a moral stand can also have consequences. Just ask Mark Houck, a pro-life protester who was arrested by the FBI on September 23rd for allegedly assaulting an employee of an abortion mill. What he actually did was come to the defense of his 12-year old son who was being berated and threatened by the alleged victim. The FBI came in force to his home with over two dozen agents with guns drawn as if they were apprehending public enemy number one. All done in clear view of his wife and young children. Much the same treatment was given to Paul Vaughn on October 5th. He was arrested by the FBI at gunpoint in front of his wife and children. He too was charged with opposing abortion. He was held without access to legal counsel, charged, and released 60 miles from his home but not before they confiscated his wallet and cell phone. Nice touch. In the cases of both Mark Houck and Paul Vaughn no attempt was made to have the accused surrender peacefully and no attempt was made to spare their families trauma. The obvious and unwarranted show of force was made to send a message and might have been motivated by the hope that the accused would respond with violence. Were they hoping for another Ruby Ridge or Waco?

One might hope that these are isolated incidents not suggesting a trend. But such hopes might be unfounded. Just about a year ago school board meetings began to see angry parents responding to the immoral and propagandistic indoctrination to which their children were being subjected. Although not one credible threat against a teacher or a school board member has been documented, the Justice Department unleashed the FBI to monitor angry parents nationwide as if it were criminal to oppose the indoctrination of their children or to voice their opinions. Which parts of the FBI were tasked to target angry parents? The criminal division and the counterterrorism division. The criminal division tasked to investigate what crimes? The counterterrorism division employed for what threat or act of terror? Now, it must be said that there was one documented case of terroristic threats made at a school board meeting. It was not angry parents that made threats of terror but proponents of the immoral propaganda. The FBI has not responded to that terroristic threat for some reason.

Likewise, a significant portion of law-abiding citizens have been labeled as posing a ‘clear and present danger’ to the nation. This might have been over-the-top rhetoric, but it must be noted that ‘clear and present danger’ is a legal term signifying the justified suspension of citizens’ First Amendment rights, e.g., free speech, free exercise of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly. Whether this is rhetoric or a declaration of policy, it certainly sends a message just like the recent excesses of the FBI: behave a certain way or face the consequences.

Maybe all of these things are coincidences. Maybe not. But it is clear that we are living in unprecedented times in this nation’s history. Has the FBI misbehaved before? Absolutely. Just ask Martin Luther King, among others. Has the government turned on its own citizens before? Yes, just ask any of the 120,000 Japanese American citizens ‘relocated’ to concentration camps by executive order during World War II. Just ask any of the 400 unwitting test subjects of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study that ran from 1932 to 1972. But seeing every parent is a potential terrorist? Really? America is a great country capable of doing great good, but we are also capable of great evil on occasion.

If we have entered into a dark age in American history it might signal a great country facing great decline. That does not mean that we, as followers of Jesus, join in the actions and behaviors of the dark age or great decline. No, we must follow Jesus no matter what and do so without fear or apology. We must rise above the decline knowing that following Christ has consequences. St Paul’s words to the Hebrews should be taken to heart where he urges us to keep “*our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood*” (Heb 12:2-4). May it not come to bloodshed. - Fr Booth