

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

January 14<sup>th</sup>/January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (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, Wednesday, and Friday

**Latin Weekday Masses:** 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 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 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.”

**ADDITIONAL NOTE ON CONFESSIONS:** Beginning in Lent we will begin using a new formula for absolution that reads: “God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God **grant** you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Changes in Bold).

**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.

**CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:** Beginning in the first week of January, we will have daily Mass at 8:30. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Mass will be offered in English and Mass will be offered in Latin on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The First Friday and First Saturday schedules will remain unchanged.

**IN MEMORIAM:** In memory of Neil Tallie , the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from January 15<sup>th</sup> until January 21<sup>st</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Walter Roberts from January 22<sup>nd</sup> until January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**THIRD SUNDAY:** This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

**MORNING WITH MARY:** All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** Contribution envelopes for 2023 are located in the back vestibule of the church.

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATE:** For 2023, Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> has been identified as the date for First Communion.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last week was \$4864 and \$250 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

**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, Jan 14: 4:00 p.m. † Ervin Weaver, Jr. (by Helen Brandley)  
Sun, Jan 15: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Nathan Tate (by the Rumore Family)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Annette Clark (by the Rumore Family)  
Mon, Jan 16: \*8:30 a.m. Private Intention  
Tues, Jan 17: \*8:30 a.m. † Marty Thompson (by the Rumore Family)  
Wed, Jan 18: \*8:30 a.m. † George Azar (by the Rumore Family)  
Thur, Jan 19: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mike Irwin (by Charlotte & Terry Rumore)  
Fri, Jan 20: \*8:30 a.m. † John Watson (by the Juneau Family)  
Sat, Jan 21: 9:15 a.m. † Carolyn Watson Watson (by the Juneau Family)  
4:00 p.m. † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)  
Sun, Jan 22: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Jimmy Dean (by the Rumore Family)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Den Irwin (by the Rumore Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially ShaKendria Hooks, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, 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, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

4:00 p.m. Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 8:23-9:3, 1Cor 1:10-13,17, Mt 4:12-23
7:30 a.m. Third Sunday after Epiphany	Rom 12:16-21, Mt 8:1-13
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## *Centrality and Importance of Family*

One of the things a society provides for us is a way of looking at things. A world view. We Americans look at things differently than other peoples. Our first inclination for going somewhere is by car, while most of the world sees walking as the primary way of going from place to place. Some parts of the world would consider public transportation as much more natural than driving while we have public transportation in many cities that goes largely unused. In Japan, they have people to cram the people into the subway car but here there is plenty of room. To be jammed into a subway car like sardines with no personal space is unthinkable to us while it is perfectly natural for the Japanese. Likewise, it is unthinkable to think of oneself first in many cultures where it seems to be the way that we Americans tend to think. We very much are caught up in ourselves. This is a tendency that does not always serve us very well.

This tendency gets in the way of us learning to love one another. We have a strong inclination to want to be loved but we are not as keen on loving back. Are we worse people than others throughout the world? No. Are we somehow defective? No. The problem lies more with the attitudes we receive from our society, especially with regard to the family. For us, the basic social unit is the individual when in reality it is the family. The family is the true human social unit. The family is where we learn to live in our society, and it is the family where we learn to love. Without families, we do not learn how to function as well in our society as we should and without strong and functional families we do not learn how to love in a mature way.

All of us as small children naturally were very needy. Kids need to be fed, dressed, and hauled around by mom and dad. It should not surprise us that a child tends to have a very needy love. While not incapable of loving others, they are more prone to receive than to give. Later on, we begin to develop friendships and relationships with siblings and relatives. Here we begin to love as equals, we enter into give and take relationships. Later, the love between equals transcends the give and take of friendship when marriage joins husband and wife in a one flesh union. Now it is no longer give and take but both giving 100%. Sacrifice for the other becomes a regular thing and it does not breed resentment. When children come, however, it is then that the parents begin to give more than 100% and sacrifice much for their kids. It is then that we begin to love unconditionally, it is then we begin to love as God loves us.

But when the family is disrupted, when the family is not protected in society, when families are prone to fall apart too easily, this progression of love is disrupted. The school of love that is the family ceases to function well and we are more likely to favor a more selfish, a more childish love.

So is it any wonder that Jesus came into this world in the context of a family? He could have created a body for Himself from nothing. He could have taken a body from someone else, our bodies and everything we have is ultimately His. He could have even been born with a fully developed psyche, a fully developed mind, and fully developed intellect, a fully developed will. But He chose to be born of Mary and to develop in a family environment.

Thus, Jesus – true God and true man – depended upon two of His own creatures as a helpless infant. As a boy He submitted to the parental authority of Mary and Joseph even though they owed Him homage and obedience as God. Jesus developed relationships with neighbors, friends, and His cousins as if He was an equal. All of this happened in the Holy Family. This family environment prepared Jesus for the ultimate sacrifice of love ever made in the history of man. Totally innocent, He offered His life for us who are hardly innocent.

So it should not surprise us that our families prepare us to love. And it should not surprise us that when our society has disdain for the family, when our society exalts the individual over the family, that we tend to have an underdeveloped capacity for love. Therefore, let us hold the family in high esteem. Jesus did so, and so should we.

- Fr Booth