

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

February 11th/February 12th 2023: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Sexagesima Sunday (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 Alexander Salillas, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from January February 12th to February 18th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Gary Wolter from February 19th until February 25th.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, February 18th. 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.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: The Office of Vocations is hosting a Priesthood Discernment Weekend from Friday, February 17th to Sunday, February 19th at Casa Maria. Fr Bazzel will lead this weekend of prayer, talks, and fellowship for men discerning a call to priesthood. Fr Vintson, Vocation Director, will be present to answer questions about discernment, the application process, and seminary life. This weekend experience is for men ages 18-35 years. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit www.bhmdiocese.org/vocations to register.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$8514, \$1100 was donated to the Preservation Fund, and \$872 was collected for the Black and Indian Missions. Many thanks for your generosity.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed.

FIRST COMMUNION DATE: Sunday, April 23rd is the date for First Communion.

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.

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, Feb 11: 4:00 p.m. † Jerry Simmons (by Helen Brandley)
Sun, Feb 12: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Margaret Masney (by Monica Duvall)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Christopher Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
Mon, Feb 13: *8:30 a.m. † Pope Benedict XVI
Tues, Feb 14: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Benedict Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
Wed, Feb 15: *8:30 a.m. † Joel Levenberg (by Mary Jane Kelly)
Thur, Feb 16: *8:30 a.m. † James Cuddy (by Diane Penney)
Fri, Feb 17: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Miriam Tate (by the Rumore Family)
Sat, Feb 18: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Claire Clemens (by the Rumore Family)
4:00 p.m. † Antionette Campisi (by Julie Bryant)
Sun, Feb 19: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for T. Adam Tate (by the Rumore Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † George Azar (by the Rumore Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Friar Pietro, Mary Simmons, Victoria Sanderson, Linda Henry, 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. Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lev 19:1-2,17-18, 1Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48
7:30 a.m. Quinquagesima Sunday	1Cor 13:1-13, Lk 18:31-43
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Does Individualism Lead to Totalitarianism?

The exaltation of the individual has led to many of the problems we see today. Abortion, for example, considers only the motives and intentions of the mother. The unborn child has zero voice at all and in most cases the father of the child has no voice either. The motto of ‘my body, my choice’ is a flat out lie since there are two distinct bodies in question. Likewise, the choice excludes the father who might want to raise the child as his own. He will almost certainly be held financially responsible if the child is born, but he has no choice in this. Setting aside the morality of the abortion itself, this sad and inexcusable practice affords the woman supposed rights but no responsibility and the father true responsibilities but no rights. The existence of rights apart from responsibilities or responsibilities apart from rights are sure and certain signs of injustice.

We have seen false right of abortion exalted above other true human rights through the mechanisms of the legal system and increasingly through the various forms of the media. The consciences of doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are being trampled upon. Pro-life freedom of speech is in danger. It may even come to the point of forced abortions for those who hold undesirable views, for those who have had ‘too many babies’, or for those who belong to the wrong race. It has happened in other countries, so it can just as easily happen here. This is actually the basis for the founding of Planned Parenthood, the extermination or limitation of large families, extermination of minorities, and the cleansing of the culture of ‘dangerous’ beliefs.

More recently we see the exaltation of the individual’s supposed right to define or redefine themselves. We thus have men competing in women’s sports. We have minors being mutilated in the name of (false) compassion. This happens through the imposition of governmental power. No one in their right mind thinks that men can fairly compete against women in the majority of sports. It is a matter of biological fact. The true women are not consulted about competing against pseudo-women or having to share a locker room with them. Their natural right to privacy does not matter nor does their right to equal access under Title IX. No one in their right mind thinks that minors, often as young as three or four years old, have the ability to understand and to consent to changing from a boy to a girl or a girl to a boy. But these supposed rights are being imposed through the power of government, power they don’t really have under the Constitution, power to impose rights that simply do not exist.

More examples exist where the government imposes the false rights of the individual upon others almost always at the expense of the true rights of the others. The ironic fact is that the promotion of false individual rights often requires the use of totalitarian force. This is utterly counterintuitive because the focus on the individual ought to result in more personal freedom, not less, more egalitarian societies than totalitarian. If a right is true and truly human, then one would expect that force would not be necessary for that right to be recognized and exercised. Yes, a bit of governmental force was required to end systematic and legalized racism in the 1950s and 1960s, but it has not been maintained by force. Racial discrimination is generally illegal, but such laws apply to all races. If it comes to pass that laws are enacted to the benefit of one race over others, that law will almost certainly be enforced by governmental power where some are protected and others face persecution.

Indeed, unnatural rights will result in unnatural laws. Unnatural laws will result in the use of unjust governmental force. Sometime in the future we are likely to be violating the unnatural right of a man to claim to be a woman, we will likely face legal penalties for misgendering him. He might dress just like a man, talk just like a man, and otherwise appear just like a man, but such evidence will likely be discounted in favor of the man’s false right to pretend to be a woman on his own terms. Free speech will become forced speech, an inadvertent insult will constitute a crime. We will have responsibilities without the corresponding rights, a man pretending to be a woman will have rights without responsibilities. Again, when rights and responsibilities are separated from each other, injustice is almost certainly to ensue. Similarly, unnatural rights will lead to a myriad of wrongs. - Fr Booth