

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

February 18th/February 19th 2023: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Quinquagesima 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.

IN MEMORIAM: In memory of Gary Wolter, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from February 19th to February 25th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Salvatore and Mary Riccardi from February 26th until March 4th.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. We will have an English Mass at 8:30 a.m. and a Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. during the Fridays of Lent (Stations on Good Friday, April 7th it will be at 2:30 p.m.).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6409 and \$250 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed.

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

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

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.

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

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)

Mon, Feb 20: *8:30 a.m. † Pope Benedict XVI

Tues, Feb 21: *8:30 a.m. † Helen Mooney (by Jacob & Stacie Heiserman)

Wed, Feb 22: 8:30 a.m. † Helen Mooney (by Jacob & Stacie Heiserman)
6:30 p.m. † Paddy Joseph (by the Rumore Family)

Thur, Feb 23: *8:30 a.m. † Luke Barranco (by the Rumore Family)

Fri, Feb 24: *8:30 a.m. † Mike Millican (by the Rumore Family)

Sat, Feb 25: 4:00 p.m. † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason)

Sun, Feb 26: 7:30 a.m. † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Rebecca Fernandes (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 McMahan, 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. First Sunday of Lent	Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11
7:30 a.m. First Sunday of Lent	2Cor 6:1-10, Mt 4:1-11
9:00 a.m. First Sunday of Lent	Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11
10:45 a.m. First Sunday of Lent	2Cor 6:1-10, Mt 4:1-11

It Is Almost Here

Lent is upon us. Thus we now have to change some of what we do for forty days. We will have to give up meat on Ash Wednesday and on the seven Fridays of Lent. We will also have to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Many people will see this as an imposition, an inconvenience, a bother, and a reason to be discontent. If we are surrounded by others who don't abstain from meat and don't fast, it can really seem to be an unnecessary burden. 'Why do we have to fast when the Smiths don't have to?' 'Why can't we have a pork chop on Friday like everyone else?'

Like many things, it can seem senseless and arbitrary. But knowing why we fast and abstain is as important as the fasting and abstaining. We are generally not deprived of much, so we don't like fasting or abstaining from meat. We can likewise tell ourselves that we have always done this during Lent and just leave it at that. Others might tell themselves that changing our eating habits it is too difficult to do. But is it really all that difficult? Is it enough to say that we have always done this? Is it healthy never to deprive ourselves? The answer is no in all cases. With regard to fasting, we are really only talking about skipping two full meals in the course of forty days. With regard to abstaining, we are talking about having meatless meals for only eight of those forty days. We should be able to pull this off. We should be able to do this with relative ease.

If we find it difficult, then we have some growing to do. Maybe we tend to forget to fast or abstain. If so, we need to become more attentive and more intentional. Maybe we fall into temptation and break the fast or eat meat. If so, we need to grow in temperance and fortitude. Maybe we find ourselves in a situation where it is tough to control what food is available to us. If so, we need to grow in prudence. Is it prudent to accept a dinner invitation from a non-Catholic on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday? It would be more prudent to say that we are unavailable those days. Much the same could be said of the other six Fridays of Lent.

That we might need to become more attentive, more intentional, more temperate, more steadfast, and more prudent illustrates the benefits of the Lenten discipline of fasting and abstaining. It is all about becoming more disciplined, about becoming more self-controlled, about becoming more virtuous. In fact, the older we get the easier observing the disciplines of Lent ought to become. That many people go above and beyond the seven days of meatless Fridays and the two days of fast and abstinence by giving up chocolate, coffee, desserts, TV, games, Facepage, etc. all through Lent or fasting more often reflects a desire for growth in virtue. Not only abstaining and fasting in and of themselves, but one might question whether virtue is obtained when done so with complaining, resentment, bitterness, hostility, or bingeing on something else. Any form of Christian discipline ought to make us better people, ought to make us more Christ-like.

It must be admitted that Lent is not the only time of year for giving up good things or for fasting. The Roman Church universally mandates that all Fridays, unless they are solemnities, are days of abstinence from meat. The bishops of the United States have amended this practice making the choice of what good thing to abstain from the choice of the individual. The individual might discern that skipping desserts on Fridays outside of Lent might be beneficial to them spiritually. They might already observe a vegetarian diet, so something else would be better suited for Friday abstinence. The common perception that Friday abstinence only occurs in Lent is wrong: outside of Lent some form of abstinence or some other pious act is required.

Those required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are all those who over 18 but under the age of 59. Those required to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday are all those 14 years and older. Those who are 14 and older are likewise obliged to abstain from meat on the other Fridays throughout the year or to abstain from some other good thing.

By the way, our bishop has dispensed us from abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17th. However, no mention has been made regarding green beer...
- Fr Booth