

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

March 18th/March 19th 2023: Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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 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 Bessie K. Lawrence, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from March 19th to March 25th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Steve Melendez from March 26th until April 1st.

THIRD SUNDAY: This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. Since there will be a reception for the First Communicants and their guests, **there will not be the usual third Sunday potluck following the 10:45 Mass.**

FIRST COMMUNION DATE: ~~Sunday, April 23rd is the date for First Communion.~~ This Sunday, March 19th is the date for First Communion.

ST JOSEPH HIGH MASS: A High Mass will be offered on Monday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. for the Feast of St Joseph.

ANNUNCIATION MASS: A Latin Mass will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25th. The Annunciation is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

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 \$5351 and \$825 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.

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, Mar 18: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Allison Jimenez (by the Donellan Family)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Aric & Anna Pohorelsky (by the Donellan Family)
- Sun, Mar 19: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Anthony Stanley (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for John Anthony Jimenez (by the Donellan Family)
- Mon, Mar 20: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Sandra Smith (by the Donellan Family)
6:30 p.m. Novena Intention
- Tues, Mar 21: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Allison Rumore (by the Donellan Family)
- Wed, Mar 22: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Ella Rose Morrow (by Monica Duval)
- Thur, Mar 23: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Helena Ducote (by Monica Duval)
- Fri, Mar 24: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Kevin Bazzel by Monica Duval
- Sat, Mar 25: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Jimenez Family (by the Hahn Family)
4:00 p.m. † Dr. James Bonner (by the Byant Family)
- Sun, Mar 26: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Still Family (by the Hahn Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Zaucha Family (by the Hahn Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Jeff Brown, Ann Slovensky, Debbie Trussell, 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

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| 4:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday of Lent | Eze 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 |
| 7:30 a.m. First Passion Sunday | Heb 9:11-15, Jn 8:46-59 |
| 9:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Lent | Eze 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 |
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Joy Among the Woes

Several American banks have gone under in the last few weeks. Several foreign banks seem to be on the brink of doing the same. Politicians are trying to tell us all is well, that these are isolated problems, but financial experts are disagreeing with the politicians' talking points. This might just be the beginning of more bank failures. Then again, unless other banks falter in the next few weeks, we will likely move on to the next cat video, tick tack craze, or facepage post and put the failure of a few smaller regional banks out of our minds. Evidence of this is that no one is talking about the collapse of the FTX cryptocurrency trading exchange any more, which happened only about four months ago. We have certainly forgotten about the 2008 collapse of Bear Stearns, Wachovia, Lehman Bros., and others as well as government bailouts for AIG, Royal Bank of Scotland, Freddie Mac, Fanny Mae, and others. We have also forgotten that politicians, especially Congress, were partially to blame for the 2008 financial collapse. Governmental regulations forced banks to lend to unqualified buyers, many of whom predictably defaulted on their mortgages, and the same politicians blamed greedy bankers for making risky and unprofitable loans in the first place.

Speaking of halfwit politicians, we are making World War III more probable through a bizarre combination of incompetence, bravado, weakness, and wokeness. How close are we to being drawn into actual combat in the Russia-Ukraine war? Probably very close since the Russians deliberately attacked and destroyed one of our surveillance drones in international airspace. We even have video of the attack. Is an attack on a manned airplane next? On one of our warships? On an airliner? Given that we are arming the Ukrainians and training them, as well as propping them up financially, it is not too far a stretch for the Russians to claim that we are already at war with them. We might have even destroyed their gas pipeline to Europe. What do we gain by playing this game? Ukraine is not a vital ally, they are not important to our national interests, and they are not even a democracy. They are as corrupt and thuggish as the Russians. Likewise, through woke energy policy we have kept oil prices artificially high so that electric cars might seem viable. Had we kept oil at a lower price through domestic production, Russia could not sell their oil at such a price so as to fund their war with Ukraine.

Then again, in a show of American weakness, we are likely to see China become more aggressive. The weaker we get by giving the Ukrainians more and more of our weapons and munitions, the more and more we get entangled with the Russians, the more and more the Chinese will become aggressive especially against Taiwan. Taiwan is definitely a democracy and they are vital to our interests, especially when it comes to technology.

We also have a share of our own domestic woes. We have had a rash of train derailments in the last month. We have no idea how bad the environmental damage might be in East Palestine, Ohio. Why is East Palestine not a federal disaster area? We have had some very close calls when it comes to air traffic control of recent. In one case, an airliner was cleared to land on the same runway at the same time as another airliner was taking off. This is just one of many recent near misses. We have persistent inflation, the housing market is going wonky, violent crime continues to increase, more dangerous drugs are crossing our borders, our borders are utterly insecure, more evidence piles up pointing to serious vaccine injuries, we have children being mutilated in the name of affirming their confusion, we have teachers and some parents confusing children into getting mutilated, we have a human trafficking problem, our schools are failing at all levels, and the list of woes goes on seemingly for ever.

So, the Church chooses the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, to remember rejoicing. Given the times we live in and the fact that things are getting worse, it is truly appropriate to focus on joy? A little tone deaf perhaps? Nope. We have to remember that nothing that happens in the world, whether locally, nationally, or globally, can erase the joy of God's love for mankind. In Advent we rejoice that Jesus is to be born among us. In Lent we rejoice that Jesus suffered and died out of love for us. And we have a full season, Easter, for rejoicing in the Resurrection.

- Fr Booth