

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

*July 15<sup>th</sup>/July 16<sup>th</sup> 2023: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)*



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## **Pastor**

Rev. Jim W. Booth

## **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 a.m., 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.”

**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:** For Kathryn Mabee, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from July 16<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Beverly Grisham from July 23<sup>rd</sup> until July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**REST IN PEACE:** Saverio Montalbano, brother of Marian Dinan, passed away on July 5<sup>th</sup> and was laid to rest on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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.

**LOW MASS AT 10:45:** This Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> the 10:45 a.m. Mass will be a Low Mass due to a lack of sufficient altar servers.

**FATHER JAMES E. COYLE MEMORIAL MASS:** Let us remember a holy priest killed in the line of duty. A memorial Mass will be offered on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St Paul’s. The celebrant of the Mass will be Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, archbishop of Mobile who will be joined by Bishop Raica and priests from the diocese. The Mass will be followed by a reception and a reflection upon the life of Father Coyle.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:** Please pray for our seminarians: 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 for the weekend of July 2<sup>nd</sup> was \$6887 and \$630 was given to the Preservation Fund. The collection last week was \$5406 and \$200 was given for the Preservation Fund.

**NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS:** There is about a 7-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, July 15: 9:15 a.m. † Edie Irwin (by the Rumore Family)  
4:00 p.m. Private Intention  
Sun, July 16: 7:30 a.m. † Henrietta Rataj (by Ed & Susan Fay)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. † Angela Kerper (by the Rumore Family)  
Mon, July 17: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Den Irwin (by the Rumore Family)  
Tues, July 18: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Bryan Jerabek (by the Rumore Family)  
Wed, July 19: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Alan Mackey (by the Rumore Family)  
Thur, July 20: \*8:30 a.m. Private Intention  
Fri, July 21: \*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Yvonne Dahm (by Paul Clemons)  
Sat, July 22: 4:00 p.m. Private Intention  
Sun, July 23: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Kay Deering (by the Rumore Family)  
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. † Myra Myers (by the Rumore Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Susan Corsini, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Madeline Sampedro, Jeff Brown, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, ShaKendria Hooks, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, 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, Linda Cooper, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Beverly Scroggins, 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. 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43
7:30 a.m. 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9
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## *Truly Good Fear*

Man is an animal that is more or less born fearless and develops various fears over time. We are taught to fear some things and other things we fear by virtue of experience. Mom and dad, others as well, rightly teach us to be afraid of dangerous things. In some cases, they teach us but we have to learn by experience. Mom can warn us that the chicken nuggets are too hot to eat, but a hot chicken nugget looks much the same as a cold one or one that is just the right temperature. The same goes for pizza. Scorching the roof of your mouth on lava-hot pizza toppings most certainly teaches us to temper our gustatory gusto. This is a lesson that could easily be learned and relearned many times.

First we fear things that bring about pain or injury. Later we begin to fear more theoretical things. Our minds begin to understand that there are dangers that can't be seen but are worthy of our fear. If we see a predator for the first time, we naturally fear it because it shares characteristics – large teeth, fangs, claws, aggressiveness, and so on – with animals that we have already learned to fear. A European explorer of old, familiar with wildcats and perhaps lions from north Africa, would naturally be afraid of tigers the first time he encounters them in India or jaguars and cougars in North and South America. Our imaginations concoct fearsome animals that don't exist, such as werewolves, dragons, basilisks, minotaurs, yetis, etc., that would be truly fearsome if they existed. There are always the monsters of the imagination that lurk under the bed, that only materialize in the dark.

At some point the boogiemans become less of a worry and death itself becomes our most fundamental natural fear. The things we rightly fear frequently boil down to threats to our lives. Death's inevitability also weighs heavily upon us: we can go through life avoiding lions, tigers, bears, and dragons, we can limit our exposure to other dangers, but death can at best be postponed or delayed but never avoided. Death's unavoidability and its finality make it our most primal fear, but as we begin to understand life and death more deeply, it is not just death itself, but death's meaning that becomes a greater fear. Does death mean being plunged into nonexistence, entering into a shadowy existence, returning as another creature, entering into hell, or entering into paradise? Experience and science are incapable of telling us our fate at the end of life, and that can spawn its own fears. These fears about what death means and what might happen after death are naturally fearful, but these fears are ultimately supernatural in nature.

Science can only say that life ends implying that existence ends as a result. This is implied, but not proven, because science is limited to the material world. Science can say nothing of the soul and other spiritual realities. This is why we turn to religion for answers of this nature. Jesus makes it clear that there is a heaven and a hell and that our behavior in this life determines our eternal destination in the life to come. A lived faith is required for heaven. We will be judged by Jesus based on our behavior (Mt 16:27, Mt 25:31-46, Jn 5:28-29, Rom 2:5-11, 2Cor 5:10, Rev 20:11-13, etc.) and Jesus therefore warns us “*do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna*” (Mt 10:28). Thus there are two fears regarding divine judgment. The fear of hell and the fear of God. These are quite different types of fear.

The fear of hell, which is expressed in the traditional Act of Contrition (‘I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell...’) is sufficient to receive absolution in the sacrament of confession. This fear is akin to the fear of lions, tigers, bears, and death. However, this is a defective, incomplete understanding of God and how we are to relate to Him. We are to fear Him not as the source of eternal damnation – it is we who damn ourselves by our lack of faith or by our sins – but to fear Him as in acknowledging God's true magnificence and surpassing goodness. This too is expressed in the Act of Contrition when we say ‘I detest all my sins... most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love.’ The fear of the Lord is ultimately an aspect and an expression of our love for Him. Thus, as we mature, we should go from fear of pain, to fear of death, to fear of damnation, to unconditional love of God. This last stage of fear, love of God, ought to resolve all of our other fears no matter what they are because God is much greater than our fears. - Fr Booth