

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*January 13th/January 14st 2024: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Second 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 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 Neal Tallie, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from January 14th to January 20th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Thomas Kelly from January 21st until January 27th.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, January 20th. 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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2024: Contribution envelopes are located in the back vestibule. If yours are not there, let Fr Booth know.

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY LAMP SIGN-UP SHEETS for 2024, 2025, and 2026 are at the religious goods counter in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

NATIVITY INDULGENCE: We will leave our nativity scene in place until February 2nd for the sake of obtaining a plenary indulgence in honor of the 800th anniversary of St Francis introducing the nativity scene in the year 1224. The back of this bulletin outlines the requirements for obtaining this plenary indulgence.

THANK YOU: The families that benefited from our Angel Tree this past Advent wish to thank all involved. Many thanks indeed.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: We continue with the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities 2024 campaign. You also can enter your annual pledge or recurring gift any time at catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Our pledge goal for this year is \$20,000.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last weekend was \$7482 and the Preservation Fund collection was \$1010. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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, Joshua Callahan, Michael Masny, Ross Gilliland, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, and Dominic Rumore.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a 6-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, Jan 13:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Zachary Archer (by the Donellans)
Sun, Jan 14:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for John Anthony Jimenez (by the Donellans)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Scott Donellan (by the Donellans)
Mon, Jan 15:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Max Cook (by the Donellans)
Tues, Jan 16:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for the High School graduates of our parish (by the Olsons)
Wed, Jan 17:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Carmen & Stafford Juneau (by the Juneau Family)
Thur, Jan 18:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Esther & Charlie Accardo (by the Juneau Family)
Fri, Jan 19:	*8:30 a.m.	† Joseph Lang (by Justin & Amanda Lang)
Sat, Jan 20:	9:15 a.m.	Special Intention for the Moran Family (by Brenna Schwager)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for the Moran Family (by Brenna Schwager)
Sun, Jan 21:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for the Renard Family (by Brenna Schwager)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for the Isabella Rose Schotzko (by Brenna Schwager)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially William Munch, Laura Minjares, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Alexandra Taylor, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Mary Jerabek, Sr Maria Lucis, Debbie Booth, Deacon Walter Henderson, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Jeff Brown, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, ShaKendria Hooks, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Don Williams, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, 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. Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20
7:30 a.m. Third Sunday After Epiphany	Rom 12:16-21, Mt 8:1-13
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Steps Required to Gain the Nativity Plenary Indulgence until February 2nd

1. Make the intention of receiving the plenary indulgence. Ask God to help you be completely detached from all sin. He wants this for you, and He will help. Have confidence in God and in His grace.
3. Decide whether you wish to receive the indulgence for yourself or for the souls in Purgatory. Make your decision part of your intention also. You can obtain an indulgence, for yourself or for the souls in Purgatory, multiple times until February 2nd (see item 9. below).
4. Think about when you last went to confession, and consider whether you need to go again soon. To gain a plenary indulgence, one must go to confession within 20 days before or after seeking the indulgence. Confession is not optional but a requirement for obtaining the indulgence.
5. Visit the Nativity scene at the Blessed Sacrament or in another Catholic church or public chapel. Since worthy reception of Communion is a requirement, your home nativity or a nativity outside of a Catholic church of our diocese does not count.
2. Recite an Act of Contrition from the heart.
6. Pause in prayer for a few minutes before the nativity scene, contemplating the birth of Our Lord, and pouring out petitions to God for peace. It is especially fitting to pray for peace in the Holy Land.
7. Recite an Our Father, the Apostles' Creed, and conclude with the following brief litany (this all may be done in the pew – you need not remain before the nativity for this part):

Dearest Jesus, Infant King,	Have mercy on us.
Most Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace,	Pray for us.
Good Saint Joseph, guardian and protector of the Church,	Pray for us.
Saint Francis of Assisi, protagonist of peace,	Pray for us.
8. Say a Hail Mary “for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis”. It is not necessary to know what his specific intentions are. Our Lady will know.
9. Go to Holy Communion worthily (in the state of grace) as soon as possible (within 20 days before or after). One confession can cover multiple indulgences – but one communion is needed for each indulgence you seek. Therefore, those who have gone to confession 20 days before or after seeking the indulgence and also go to Mass each day can theoretically receive one plenary indulgence per day. Worthy reception of Communion is not optional but a requirement for obtaining the indulgence.
10. Give thanks to God for these gifts of grace from Holy Mother Church, which help us on our path to eternal life with the Holy Family, St Francis, and all the saints and angels!