

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 20th/June 21st 2026: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

4th Sunday After Pentecost (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. To join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: For the Dinan and Montalbano Families, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from June 21st to June 27th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Omer & Ida Hull from June 28th until July 4th.

THIRD SUNDAY: Given that the usual third Sunday potluck was held last week, there will not be a potluck this Sunday, June 21st, but we will have vocations prayers following the 10:45 Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a second collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. This collection brings much needed help to specific dioceses and ministries in Mexico, Cameroon, India, Nicaragua, Nigeria, and Malaysia.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, Joshua Callahan, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Deacon Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, Friar Apollo, and Owen Sederstrand.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE: Please pray for Sister Maria Josefa of the Divine Providence and Jessica Saville.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5553 and \$450 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

CONTINUATION OF FOOD DRIVE: The food drive begun in Lent benefitting the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ, who have a ministry to the homeless, and a local food bank will continue on an ongoing basis. If you have further questions, please contact Shannon Dunaway (ssullivan7606@gmail.com) or Steve and Brandy Katona (Katonafamily@yahoo.com).

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is large backlog on Mass Intentions. Therefore, until further notice, Mass Intentions will only be accepted on a one Mass per family per week basis. No exceptions. The Mass Intentions for this week date from August 10th.

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

Sat, June 20: 9:15 a.m. † Fr Larry Shinnick
4:00 p.m. † Fr Timothy Gahan

Sun, June 21: 7:30 a.m. Special intention for Benedict Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Mary Hahn (by Hahn Family)

Mon, June 22: *8:30 a.m. † Marty Kullick (by Patrick & Mary Beth Schwager)

Tues, June 23: *8:30 a.m. Special intention for Kevin Kelly Family (by Mary Jane Kelly)

Wed, June 24: *8:30 a.m. Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Dan Flemming (by the Hahn Family)

Thur, June 25: *8:30 a.m. Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Dan Flemming (by the Hahn Family)

Fri, June 26: *8:30 a.m. † Fr Larry Shinnick

Sat, June 27: 4:00 p.m. † Fr Timothy Gahan

Sun, June 28: 7:30 a.m. Special intention for Allison Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special intention for Katie Marcus (by the Hahn Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for Dennis Taubitz, Suzanne Vickery, Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampedro, Jesse Hernandez, Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Deb Rankin, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, Andrea Little, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m. 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time 2Kings 4:8-11,14-16, Rom 6:3-4,8-11, Mt 10:37-42
7:30 a.m. 5th Sunday after Pentecost 1Pet 3:8-15, Mt 5:20-24
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The Ark of the Church

One of the classic images or metaphors for the Church is a large boat. We naturally associate the Church with a boat because of St Peter. The three most prominent Apostles, Peter, James, and John, were all fishermen. These three were also partnered with Peter's brother Andrew. But what sets Peter the fisherman apart from the others is that Peter owns his own boat. The boat used by James and John is owned by their father. Another reason why we associate the Church with the image of a boat lies in how St Peter describes baptism in his first epistle. He says that Jesus "*went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him*" (1Pet 3:19-22).

What Peter is teaching is that baptism brings us into the Church, it brings us into the Ark that does not save just eight people from the destructive forces of a flood but saves many, many more from the destructive forces of sin and death. Just as Noah's Ark was big enough to accommodate one pair of unclean and seven pairs of clean bird and animal species, the Ark of the Church can accommodate the entire human race, past, present, and future. We need not worry about whether or not there is still room left in the boat: The Ark of the Church will not sink or capsize because it is too full.

One difference between Noah's Ark and the Ark of the Church is that every passenger that entered Noah's Ark is saved from the flood but not everyone who enters the of the Ark of the Church will be saved. In Noah's Ark, it was simply a matter of physically riding out the flood. In the Ark of the Church, however, we must ride out the storm of sin and death and remain in the Ark both physically and spiritually until death. If we were to look at the Church as an Ark and consider the behavior of its passengers, we would not see everyone riding safely in the confines of the boat. Some would be in the boat and safe from all spiritual peril. Others, however, would be testing the waters by sticking their toes in the water while others would be dangling their feet over the side of the boat. Still others would be almost entirely in the water holding on to the side of the boat. The more reckless would simply dive head first into the water presuming that they will easily climb back in at some later date. Some would simply abandon ship finding the water more pleasant than remaining on the boat.

The toe-dippers, the feet-danglers, the ones hitching a ride along side the Ark of the Church can fool themselves into thinking that they are safe as if they were fully inside. They can tell themselves that the water is fine, that it does not seem menacing or dangerous. But where will these people who are not entirely inside the boat be when a sudden storm strikes? Will the water seem so benign when a hungry shark attacks? Those not entirely in the boat might convince themselves that they are merely exercising "*the glorious liberty of the children of God*" (Rom 8:21). They might think that no harm will come from dabbling and playing in the water. They might sincerely believe that they are experiencing the best of both worlds: the allure and excitement of the water as well as the safety and salvation offered by the Ark of the Church.

Just as a man cannot serve two masters, we cannot reside in two worlds at the same time. We are either in the Ark of the Church or we are not. If we are choosing to dabble in sin, sticking our toes or feet into the abyss, can we be certain that we won't find ourselves almost totally immersed? Can we be certain that we won't dive in once we test the waters or that we might be pulled into the water? The only guaranteed way of arriving at our desired destination is to remain in the safety of the boat. We need to pull our toes, feet, and bodies, with the help of God's grace, back into the boat. Just as St Peter did not deserve to be in Jesus' presence (Lk 5:8), we do not deserve to be in the Ark of the Church. But this is where God has called us to be, and if we choose to play in the abyss, we may find ourselves at an unexpected and unpleasant destination.

- Fr Booth