

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

August 8th/August 9th 2026: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

11th 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 Beverly Grisham, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from August 9th to August 15th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julia V. Bryant from August 16th until August 22nd.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: Saturday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Nevertheless, on August 15th there will be a High Latin Mass at 10:45 a.m.

MORNING WITH MARY: Since third Saturday this month coincides with the Assumption, there will be Morning With Mary devotions or Mass next Saturday.

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.

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

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

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).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6457, \$170 was given for the Preservation Fund, and \$2077 was donated for the Seminarian Education Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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 October 4th.

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

Sat, Aug 8:	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, Aug 9:	7:30 a.m.	Private Intention
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Jan Tate (by the Hahn Family)
Mon, Aug 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Bayley Maziarz (by Anonymous)
Tues, Aug 11:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Bayley Maziarz (by Anonymous)
Wed, Aug 12:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Bayley Maziarz (by Anonymous)
Thur, Aug 13:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Bayley Maziarz (by Anonymous)
Fri, Aug 14:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Bayley Maziarz (by Anonymous)
Sat, Aug 15:	10:45 a.m.	† Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, Aug 16:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Cindy Bull (by Mary Wiseman)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Fr James Macey (by Anonymous)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for James Cover, Dennis Taubitz, Suzanne Vickery, Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampetro, 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.	20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 56:1,6-7, Rom 11:13-15,29-32, Mt 15:21-28
7:30 a.m.	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	2Cor 3:4-9, Lk 10:23-37
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God's Love in Unconquerable

Romans 8:35-39 was mentioned in last week's missive. Specifically, St Paul lists some of the many things that cannot separate us from the "*love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom 8:39). The things that cannot separate us from God's love include anguish, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, the sword, death, life, angels, principalities, present things, future things, powers, height, depth, nor any other creature. Here principalities and powers more than likely refer to two of the nine choirs of angels, and it is likely that height refers to all heavenly beings and depth refers to the powers of hell. The primary point being made by Paul is that no thing, creature, or being has the power to stop God from loving us in Jesus Christ. Is the sword more powerful than God or can the sword claim dominion over God so as to stop Him from loving us? Time itself – past, present, and future – has no such power. The angels, heavenly and fallen, can't stop God from loving us.

Many interpret this to mean that our salvation cannot be lost no matter what. But does this section of Romans chapter 8 really say that? It does say that God's love cannot be negated by any other creature of this world and beyond this world. Indeed, how could a volcano, a hurricane, an angel, a heart attack, a gunshot, our neighbor, our neighbor's behavior, our neighbor's opinion, or events in the past, the present, or the future somehow overpower God so that He cannot or will not love us? Satan himself has made it his mission to lead as many people into hell as he can, but he does not have the power to remove us from the hand of God. Satan cannot overpower God and wrest us away from Him. Instead, satan and his minions use deceit and temptation against us. This worked on Adam and Eve and countless others over the centuries. We can't say the devil made us do it, but he can certainly make evil and depraved acts seem good and enticing such that we choose to fall. Short of demonic possession, duress, or mental illness, our acts are our own. If we act against God's will with full knowledge and free intent regarding grave matter, we ourselves have mortally sinned. Yes, satan or our fellow man might tempt us, but our sins, both venial or mortal, are our responsibility. We do have to admit, however, that we are fully capable of sinning without any outside influence. Our nature is fallen and is prone to sin, our will is weakened, and our intellect is darkened to the point that we don't need much help in the department of sinning. We are more adept at sinning than most of us would like to admit.

But if those that God loves are assured heaven no matter what based on the teaching of Paul found in Romans 8:35-39 as claimed by those who believe in the false doctrine of once-saved-always-saved, there is no point in satan or anyone else tempting us to sin. There is no point in tempting the saved or the unsaved. The saved would be impervious while the unsaved are already in satan's grasp. Then again, satan does hate all of mankind, both the saved and the unsaved. Maybe his tempting of both the saved and unsaved is merely an expression of that hatred. Then again, doesn't God love all of mankind, the saved and the unsaved alike? After all, "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him*" (Jn 3:16-17). God loves the world, all of mankind, not just the saved. God loves Peter and Judas Iscariot. Satan hates them as well.

In other words, that nothing outside of us can separate us from the love of God does not really imply the false teaching of once-saved-always-saved. God's love is unconditional. He chooses to love us all. "*But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us... Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life*" (Rom 5:8,10).

Thus, God loves all and no one can stop Him from loving anyone. But that does not mean that God's love cannot be rejected. God's love is always given, but it is not always accepted. The rejection of God's love is one definition of serious sin. Since he can't stop God from loving us, satan's plan for our demise is to convince us to stop loving God.

- Fr Booth