

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

August 29th/August 30th 2026: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

14th 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 Jack Schauer, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from August 30th until September 5th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Pilar Carrillo from September 6th until September 12th.

MEN’S ROOM: The Men’s room in the Parish Hall is undergoing renovation. There is a trailer at the northwest corner of the Church with bathroom facilities. The Ladies room will also be renovated in the near future.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on September 4th at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory followed with Adoration and Benediction and a Latin Low Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on September 5th. Altar server training will follow Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS: Blessed Sacrament will begin accepting electronic contributions in the upcoming months. It will be an on-line based system that will accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and ACH transfers.

OCIA CLASSES: We will begin to offer Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as RCIA, this fall beginning on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:00 pm in the rectory chapel. Those interested in becoming Catholic at Blessed Sacrament need to attend these classes with the goal of being incorporated into the Church at Easter.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$15,377 and \$520 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 October 26th.

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

Sat, Aug 29:	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Joseph Arsenault
Sun, Aug 30:	7:30 a.m.	† Mamie Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Janelle Tate (by the Donellan Family)
Mon, Aug 31:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Chris & Katie Marcus (by the Donellans)
Tues, Sep 1:	*8:30 a.m.	Special int for Peter & Rose Cytanovic (by the Donellans)
Wed, Sep 2:	*8:30 a.m.	Special int for John Anthony Jimenez (by the Donellans)
Thur, Sep 3:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Zachary Archer (by the Donellans)
Fri, Sep 4:	*8:30 a.m.	Special int for Nick & Angie Donellan (by the Donellans)
	6:30 p.m.	Special intention for Fraternus (by the Donellans)
Sat, Sep 5:	8:30 a.m.	Special int for Jonathan & Nicole Zaucha (by the Donellans)
	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Joseph Arsenault
Sun, Sep 6:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Michael Boes (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Ethel Jean Singleton (by Mary Claire Mathews)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for James Cover, 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, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m.	23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Eze 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20
7:30 a.m.	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Gal 5:25-6:10, Lk 7:11-16
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God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

So, if it is God's will that all people will be saved and come to the knowledge of truth (1Tim 2:4), if Jesus died for all people (1Cor 5:14-15), and if Jesus' death brought redemption to all of creation and thus to all people (Rom 8:19-22), does that mean that all people will be saved? It can certainly sound that way. If people misunderstand God's love, such as thinking that 'a loving God would never send anyone to hell' or 'a loving God would never let a child suffer', we can see why some have wrongly concluded that everyone goes to heaven or, in light of all the evil in the world, why others wrongly conclude that there is no God. After all, they might reason that if all are redeemed then surely heaven is assured for all, except for perhaps a few really naughty people. Or, they might ask if all are redeemed, then why does evil persist and the redeemed continue to sin?

We must always remember that we are not God. After all, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts"* (Isa 55:8-9). For example, Jesus taught just before His ascension into heaven that *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned"* (Mk 16:16) and yet many Christians say that baptism is unnecessary for salvation. They argue that since unbelief leads to condemnation then salvation must be by faith alone even though Jesus clearly states that both faith and baptism are required for salvation. A clear statement gets twisted and negated by human 'wisdom.' Likewise, after St Peter referenced how Noah's ark saved the human race through the flood waters, he goes on to say *"This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"* (1Pet 3:21). Still not a few people will say that baptism does not save but the faith leading someone to be baptized does save. Was Noah, his wife, his three sons, and his three daughters-in-law saved by faith alone? No, they were saved by Noah listening to God, believing God, obeying God, and trusting God through the construction of the ark. Had Noah's wife or any of his sons or daughters-in-law refused to board the ark, would they have been saved? Nope. Had Noah or any of his family chosen to abandon the ark during the flood, would they have been saved? Nope. Did all of Noah's family share his faith in God's promise of salvation? We don't know their faith, but they would not have been saved from perishing in the flood apart from boarding and remaining on Noah's ark. St Peter teaches much the same regarding baptism.

Imposing the human teaching of justification or salvation by faith alone upon what God has accomplished and revealed through Jesus clearly perverts, weakens, or even negates the Gospel. Some object, saying that God doesn't love everyone, that He actually hates some but loves others. Since we know that some people will be condemned, they reason that Jesus did not love them, that Jesus did not die for them, that He did not redeem everyone other than those who are saved. Yet, is it possible that God loves and has redeemed someone who will be condemned? Absolutely. Jesus calls Judas 'friend' even as Judas betrays Jesus at His arrest (Mt 26:50).

We were made in God's image and likeness, meaning that we have been endowed with intellect and free will. We need intellect to know our Creator and therefore have faith in Him, and we need freewill to love our Creator. Granted, our intellect is darkened and our freewill is damaged such that we need God's grace to have faith and to love God. But that grace can be squandered, it can be rejected. That all have been redeemed hardly means that all have a free ride to heaven. Jesus warns us, saying an unfaithful *"servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more"* (Lk 12:46-48).

- Fr Booth