

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

March 25th / March 26th 2023: Fifth Sunday of Lent (English)

First Passion Sunday (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, 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.”

ADDITIONAL NOTE ON CONFESSIONS: Beginning in Lent we will begin using a new formula for absolution that reads: “God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God **grant** you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Changes in Bold).

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: In memory of Steve Melendez, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from March 26th to April 1st. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of David Waligora from April 2nd until April 8th.

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on April 1st. Altar server training, choir practice, and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality 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.

PALM SUNDAY: Due to time constraints, for the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday the abbreviated Gospel will be used, the palms will be previously blessed, and there will be no procession. Also, the 10:45 will be a Low Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. during the Fridays of Lent (Stations on Good Friday, April 7th it will be at 2:30 p.m.).

FIRST COMMUNION DATE: ~~Sunday, April 23rd is the date for First Communion.~~ Sunday, March 19th is the scheduled date for First Communion.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6567 and \$450 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Daniel Sessions, 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.

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

- Sat, Mar 25: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Jimenez Family (by the Hahn Family)
4:00 p.m. † Dr. James Bonner (by the Byant Family)
- Sun, Mar 26: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Still Family (by the Hahn Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Zaucha Family (by the Hahn Family)
- Mon, Mar 27: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for George & Madeline Sampedro (by the Hahn Family)
- Tues, Mar 28: *8:30 a.m. † Virginia Renta (by Cathy Schauer)
- Wed, Mar 29: *8:30 a.m. † Joy Martin (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
- Thur, Mar 30: *8:30 a.m. † Charlene Cooper (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
- Fri, Mar 31: *8:30 a.m. † Denise Cerice (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
- Sat, Apr 1: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for John Anthony Jimenez (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Peter & Sharon Gagnon (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
- Sun, Apr 2: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Philip Cook (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Jill Caudle (by Scott & Lori Donellan)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Jeff Brown, Debbie Trussell, Friar Pietro, Mary Simmons, Victoria Sanderson, Linda Henry, ShaKendria Hooks, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Sam Montalbano, Gloria Archambault, Don Williams, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Aaron Minjares, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, 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. Palm Sunday Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66
7:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Phil 2:5-11, Mt 27:45-52
9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66
10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Phil 2:5-11, Mt 26:36-27:60

Worthy of Full Faith and Trust

We have had two bank failures in the U.S. recently and one in Switzerland. The Swiss bank was bought out, with government assistance, by another Swiss bank. The Swiss government assisted this buyout for the sake of bolstering confidence in the Swiss banking system. The depositors at the two American banks, Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, were bailed out to quell fears of a general banking collapse. Some are pushing back on the term of 'bailout' claiming that these banks were not bailed out like AIG, Freddie Mac, and Fanny Mae were in 2008. This is sort of true. The reality in 2008 was that the banks themselves were bailed out while the reality today is that the depositors of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank were bailed out. A partial bailout for the depositors would be expected, at least up to \$250,000 per depositor, based on deposit insurance. But the government has stepped in to insure deposits above and beyond the \$250,000 per depositor limit.

The whole point of FDIC deposit insurance is to instill confidence in the banking system. It also made for oversight of banks to minimize bank failures. One must wonder how, with government oversight, that any bank gets in trouble in the first place. Was somebody asleep at the wheel? Having two banks fail in short order is hardly confidence building at work. Then again, one might hope that other banks are being scrutinized to prevent more failures and more bailouts. One might hope.

Hope, at least when it comes to human institutions, especially government institutions, is becoming less and less of a reality. Deservedly so. Mankind is pretty adept at hubris and we do well to remember this. Tinkering with the genetics of viruses: what could go wrong with that? Forcing people to take rapidly developed, largely untested, and utterly novel vaccines: what could go wrong with that? Forcing banks to loan money to unqualified borrowers: what could go wrong with that? Boasting that a cruise liner to be unsinkable: what could go wrong with that? Given how close both the Americans and Russians have come to launching nuclear strikes against one another (in 1956, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1973, 1980, 1983, 1995, and perhaps at other times) and how it is often that a single cool-headed and perceptive Russian or American air force or navy officer stopped armageddon on their own initiative, we need to ponder how much trust we place in our fellow human beings and human institutions.

As a human institution the Church has certainly failed on multiple occasions. Nevertheless, the Church has not ceased to be. The human element is weak, corrupt, fallible, and at times perverse, but the divine element of the Church preserves it despite the failings of popes, bishops, and priests. Napoleon once boasted to the cardinal of Paris, 'Your eminence, are you not aware that I have the power to destroy the Catholic Church?' The cardinal responded 'Your majesty, we, the Catholic clergy, have done our best to destroy the church for the last 1,800 years. We have not succeeded, and neither will you.' A better response might have been to cite Matthew 16:18 where Jesus tells Simon Peter "*And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*"

Thus, we can place our trust in the Church and perhaps not so much in its members, clergy or laity alike. In trusting the Church we are ultimately trusting God, not our fellow man. Psalm 118 puts it this way: "*With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.*" (Ps 118:6-9).

To some degree we have to place trust in our fellow man and in human institutions or else everyday life would prove to be more or less impossible, but we need to be prepared for the human element to fail us. Ultimately, only God is worthy of our trust, worthy of our hope. Indeed, the virtue of hope has taken a beating over the last few decades at the hands of stupid, depraved, corrupt, and self-serving men and human institutions. But God's promises, especially those of our Lord Jesus Christ, are fully and completely worthy of our trust. Indeed, "*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth*" (Ps 124:8), not in banks, governments, or any other human endeavor. - Fr Booth