

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

February 22nd/February 23rd 2025: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Sexagesima 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 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: Howard Von Hagel, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from February 23rd to March 1st. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Robert Bryant from March 2nd until March 8th.

REST IN PEACE: Fr Michael Klauck passed away on February 19th. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on March 1st. Altar server training 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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2025: Contribution envelopes are located in the back vestibule. If yours are not there, let Fr Booth know.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2024 have been mailed out. If you have not received your statement, let Fr Booth know.

FIRST COMMUNION: We have scheduled our First Communion on March 30th, Gaudete Sunday, at the 10:45 Mass. Opportunities for first confession will be announced.

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, Ross Gilliland, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, and Friar Apollo.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Bishop's Annual Appeal continues. You can return your pledge card or pledge via catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Our goal for this year is \$28,000. So far, Blessed Sacrament has pledged \$28,035 and thus exceeding our goal.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$3626 and \$70 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about an 8-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, Feb 22:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Mike & Wendy Donellan (by Mary Jimenez)
Sun, Feb 23:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Nancy Worley (by Brian Burgess)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Hannah Ferino (by the Ferino Family)
Mon, Feb 24	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Kaitlyn Ferino (by the Ferino Family)
Tues, Feb 25:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Chuck Ferino (by the Ferino Family)
Wed, Feb 26:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Scarlett Ferino (by the Ferino Family)
Thur, Feb 27:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Monica Duvall (by the Ferino Family)
Fri, Feb 28:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Catherine Hahn (by the Ferino Family)
Sat, Mar 1:	8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Elizabeth Cole (by the Ferino Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Fr Michael Adams (by the Ferino Family)
Sun, Mar 2:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Cindy Brown (by the Ferino Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Bonnie Bell (by the Duvall Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Grace Hill, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, Phillip McCarty, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Diane Norton, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Deb Rankin, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Jeff Brown, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, 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.	8 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sir 27:4-7, 1Cor 15:54-58, Lk 6:39-45
7:30 a.m.	Quinquagesima Sunday	1Cor 13:1-13, Lk 18:31-43
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The Truth is Stronger than Secrecy

The truth does not seem to matter to some people, or they embrace a subjective ‘truth’ that does not correspond fully or even slightly with objective reality. The flat-earthers, those who really believe the earth is truly flat and not an orb, are an example. Yes, some flat-earthers are more tongue-in-cheek believers in the idea, but there are those who actually believe that the earth is flat as a pancake despite all of the extensive and irrefutable evidence to the contrary. Facts do not seem to matter to them at all. Imagine how vast the conspiracy must be to hide and distort the earth’s flatness from the people. Everyone seeing the curvature of the earth from an airliner must be fooled by special windows such that everything on the ground looks normal but the earth looks curved at high altitudes. Every image from a weather satellite, or from the space shuttle, or from one of several space stations, or taken from the moon gets doctored to hide the fact that the earth is flat. Right.

Some facts are deliberately ignored or denied. I’m not sure what it matters to believe that the earth is actually flat but is only round by deception. Who benefits from hiding the flatness of the earth, who is lining their pockets by making people believe that the earth is round? But all too often, ignored or denied facts do have benefactors. It is understood that any massive database of information is prone to have errors and omissions, but why do voter rolls and the number of people with active social security numbers often exceed the number of those eligible to vote or receive social security? These issues ought matter to everyone. Everyone ought to want there to be fair elections. Everyone ought to want to keep social security solvent. However, the moment someone proposes or tries to clean up the voter rolls, there are people and groups of people who object vociferously. They make claims of voter suppression. Likewise, recent efforts to look into social security fraud, where there are about 40 million more people enrolled than are alive today, has caused some people to lose their minds. In both cases, the integrity of secret or confidential information is cited as the reason to oppose having true voter rolls and accurate eligibility for social security.

Election and social security integrity ought to be ensured. How is it a violation of privacy to remove nonexistent voters? Do stealth people have civil rights? How can the privacy rights of people long dead or who never existed be violated? Do dead people have a right to privacy? Does a right to privacy, for real or imaginary people, take precedence over the truth when privacy ends up concealing wrongdoing?

Personal wrongdoing legitimately can remain secret in certain circumstances. Such secrets can be protected by the attorney-client privilege or by the seal of confession. Attorney-client privilege only applies to legal defense against acts committed in the past. A man who might have robbed a bank finds out that he is under investigation for the robbery can count on secrecy from his lawyer. This privilege does not extend to a lawyer that does not represent the robber. Likewise, if a man informs his lawyer that he robbed the First Mudville National Bank and he intends to rob the Commercial Bank of Mudville, the attorney must keep the client’s involvement in the past robbery a secret but would normally be duty bound to reveal the client’s intent on robbing the second bank. If the same information is provided to a priest in confession, he would be bound by the seal of confession but he would be duty bound to discourage the future sin and could not absolve that sin before it is committed.

An employee that knows of corporate or government malfeasance cannot regard that information as a natural secret, or as a committed secret, or as a professional secret (unless attorney-client privilege applies). If a boss confides a secret to an employee on the condition of confidentiality, if that secret pertains to criminal wrongdoing, the employee is not bound to secrecy. Secrecy cannot be a general principal to hide or obscure malfeasance.

Yes, secrets are to be kept secret in general, but not to the point that justice is thwarted. Part of the idea of maintaining secrets is for the sake of justice. Benefactors of injustice, however, will vociferously hide behind secrecy to prevent injustice coming to light.

-Fr Booth