

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 14th/June 15th 2025: Holy Trinity



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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 Julius Lee, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from from June 15th to June 21st. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Alexander Salillas from June 22nd until June 28th.

THIRD SUNDAY: This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: For the Latin Mass, the Feast of Corpus Christi occurs on Thursday, June 19th. For English, it occurs on Sunday, June 22nd. Since the English Mass has been transferred to the following Sunday, Corpus Christi is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Nevertheless, we will have a Latin High Mass on Thursday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, June 21st. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

CATHOLIC NURSE CONFERENCE: The National Association of Catholic Nurses will host a conference for Catholic nurses, July 11-13th at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. The theme for the conference is ‘Catholic Nurses: Leading With Faith and Transforming Healthcare.’ Registration ends: June 20th, after which registration is on a space available basis. Info at: www.nacn-usa.org

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Patrick DePew, 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.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6236 and \$675 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, Jun 14:	4:00 p.m.	† Bill Dinan (by Bryant Family)
Sun, Jun 15:	7:30 a.m.	† Brad Foreman (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for the Botta Family (by the Hahn Family)
Mon, Jun 16	*8:30 a.m.	† Joy Martin (by the Donellan Family)
Tues, Jun 17:	*8:30 a.m.	† Johnny Cooper (by the Donellan Family)
Wed, Jun 18:	*8:30 a.m.	† Mamie Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Thur, Jun 19:	8:30 a.m.	Special intention for John Anthony Jimenez (by the Donellan Family)
	6:30 p.m.	Special intention for Zachary Archer (by the Donellan Family)
Fri, Jun 20:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Cameron & Melanie Masucci (by the Donellan Family)
Sat, Jun 21:	9:15 a.m.	Special intention for the Jacob Gagnon Family (by the Donellan Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Dan & Stephanie Burke (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Jun 22:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Linda Cooper (by the Donellan Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Don Williamson (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Katherine Dunham, Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, 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, 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.	Corpus Christi	Gen 14:18-20, 1Cor 11:23-26, Lk 9:11-17
7:30 a.m.	2 nd Sunday After Pentecost	1Jn 3:13-18, Lk 14:16-24
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A Language Ever Ancient, Ever New

What governs human behavior? Today it boils down to whether or not something is pleasurable, beneficial, legal, socially acceptable, or acceptable to our peers. But what happens when these influences clash with one another? What if we believe something to be beneficial or pleasurable that also happens to be illegal? What if we were encouraged to do something because of our upbringing that is now looked upon as unacceptable? Which moral influence is authoritative? Modern man struggles with such questions. Should marijuana be legal? If so, what about heroin or cocaine? If abortion is legal, why not infant euthanasia? If fornication is legal, what makes prostitution illegal? Society struggles with such dilemmas because society by itself has no competency to answer these issues. Democracy, socialism, totalitarianism, etc. cannot answer these questions. Only God has the competency to provide true, lasting, and beneficial guidance on how we ought to behave.

After all, if a society or a government were the ultimate moral authority, then how could we condemn North Korea or any other abusive regime? The truth is, we have no moral standing to approve or condemn of any other country or society – past, present, or future – unless God is the ultimate and timeless source of what is right and what is wrong. And even if we are truly on God's side, that does not mean that other societies or nations will listen to us. Moralizing with the Nazis was futile because the state was their ultimate authority. The state expresses its moral code in the legal system, and under the Nazis, it was legal to exterminate the Jews. Likewise, stopping honor killings of women, persecution of minorities, human trafficking, child labor, etc. will not happen because of our personal or national opposition. Again, we ourselves have no moral authority, only God does.

Indeed, we will not rid our world of social and personal injustice until God is seen as the supreme Moral Authority. Yet, some do recognize a deity as their moral authority and yet commit great atrocities. We need only consider the American South before the end of slavery and segregation or what happens in many islamic countries. Were the people of the antebellum South God-fearing? Do the muslims fear allah? They would say yes.

So how do such societies commit atrocities when they have deities as their moral compass? It is because they get God wrong. John Calvin, for example, taught that the most essential quality of God is His sovereignty. Yes, God is totally sovereign, able to do all that He wills. The muslims would likewise claim that allah is totally sovereign. For both the calvinist and the muslim, the moral law is simply a matter divine decree. Over-emphasis on God's ultimate sovereignty has led and still leads to a tolerance of evils. So, for God to be our true moral compass, we need to get Him right. Getting God right is not just a matter for clergy and theologians since it affects our everyday lives. Why can't I take revenge on my boss or why can't an unmarried man and woman live together? Is it only because God says so? Parents, do you have rules for your kids to follow just because you say so?

Of course not. Parents have rules for the same reason why God has given us the moral law, and that reason is love. Parents naturally love their children because of who they are. For God it is not just that He loves us as parents love their children. No, God loves because of Who He is. God is love. To say God is sovereign is to proclaim one of His attributes. To say God is love is different than saying that God is loving. Loving is an attribute, but love is the very essence of God.

So God has been revealed to us as a Trinity of Divine Persons. A deity who is first and foremost sovereign may or may not be loving, he cannot be love, and he need not be triune. But if God is love, if He existed before anything was created, then God must be an eternal community of Persons. Since God is love, then God must have an eternal uncreated Person to be the object of His love. Any Person Who is eternal and uncreated must also be divine. Thus, to say that God is love is to say that there must be multiple divine Persons in the one and only God.

The Trinity is a community of divine Persons, a community that is not simply based on love but is Itself love. So if we ask what should guide our actions in this world, the Trinity gives us the answer: to live as a community of love and to love in a community of life.

- Fr Booth