

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 28th/June 29th 2025: Saints Peter & Paul



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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 Omer & Ida Hull, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from June 29th to July 5th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of James E. Mickel from July 6th until July 12th.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. This collection brings much needed help to specific dioceses and ministries in Mexico, India, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Nicaragua.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on July 4th at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory followed with Adoration and Benediction. However, given the widespread celebratory gunfire typically occurring on July 4th, **we will not have an evening First Friday Mass.**

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on July 5th. There will be no altar server training nor will there be Martha and Mary Altar Sodality following Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY IN JULY: Next Sunday is the first Sunday. Since the first Sunday in July falls within the 4th of July holiday weekend, we will not have our usual gathering for coffee and donuts following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

FATHER JAMES E. COYLE MEMORIAL MASS: Let us remember a holy priest killed in the line of duty. A memorial Mass will be offered on Monday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m. at St Paul's. Mass will be followed by a reception and a reflection upon the life of Fr Coyle.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon John Paul Stepnowski, Deacon Andrew Vickery, John Gardiner, Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, 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, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, and Friar Apollo.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5152 and \$80 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 28:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Mrs. Natalie Johnson (by the Hahn Family)
Sun, Jun 29:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Sr Janet Marie Flemming, OSB (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Mrs. Charlotte Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Mon, Jun 30	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Dr. & Mrs. Del Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
Tues, Jul 1:	*8:30 a.m.	† Joseph Grant Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
Wed, Jul 2:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Will DiPiazza (by the DiPiazza Family)
Thur, Jul 3:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Allison Rumore (by the DiPiazza Family)
Fri, Jul 4:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Joan Marie Hill (by David & Ryan Hill)
	6:30 p.m.	<i>No Mass this Month</i>
Sat, Jul 5:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for the Kelly Family (by the Hahn Family)
Sun, Jul 6:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Alex Sabri (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Sharon Gagnon (by the Hahn Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially 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.	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isa 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
7:30 a.m.	4 th Sunday After Pentecost	Rom 8:18-23, Lk 5:1-11
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Cleansing

As Christians, we have core beliefs that cannot be denied without denying the faith, such as the Trinity, the divinity of Christ, the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the absolute importance of faith, hope, and love, as well as the key beliefs of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus' death and resurrection vanquish sin and death as Paul teaches at the end of the fourth chapter in Romans: Jesus "*was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification*" (Rom 4:25). In other words, atonement for our sins was wrought on the cross and our justification flows from the Resurrection. We also confess that every human being will be raised from the dead on the Last Day, the Day of Judgment, whether we are destined for heaven or we have chosen hell. Jesus Himself teaches "*...the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear [My] voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation*" (Jn 5:28-29).

We will all get new immortal bodies so that our eternal existence in heaven or hell will be a bodily existence, an existence that we scarcely comprehend because we now live in mortal, corruptible bodies. However, we retain our souls from conception into eternity. But we must understand that nothing unclean can enter or exist in heaven, and once our souls reach heaven they are there for ever. This tells us that we will not sin in heaven. Yet since we will eternally love, worship, and adore God in heaven, which depend upon freewill, but so does sin. Love, adoration, worship, and sin are all acts of the will, all acts of the human soul. So something must happen to our souls from the time they depart our dying bodies until they enter heaven, something that cures us from our sinfulness.

This something, this process by which our sinful souls are cleansed of their sinful inclinations is what we call Purgatory. My protestant friends argue that Purgatory is unnecessary. But I have never gotten a good answer as to how they think our souls become able to always choose the good and avoid evil.

Think about it. We will have freewill in heaven yet we will always make the moral choice for all eternity. Right now, most of us can't avoid committing the slightest sin for one day or maybe even one hour, but we will have to learn to act sinlessly before we enter into heaven. The best protestant argument I have heard for how we go from our sinful selves to being infallibly able to avoid sinning is that our mortal bodies are the root cause of our sins. No doubt, there are sins of the flesh such as gluttony that would not be possible without a body. But we do not need a body to be prideful or envious. We do not need a body to hate. Satan and all of the fallen angels certainly did not need bodies to sin. So we can't blame our bodies.

To the protestant way of thinking, Purgatory somehow detracts from the centrality of faith and grace. Hardly. It is also argued that Purgatory adds to the atonement wrought by Jesus on the cross. Again, hardly. The purgation of our souls, the cleansing of our sinful tendencies, is a healing much like the healings Jesus performed during His earthly ministry, healings that were gracious gifts that required faith. Likewise, Purgatory does not add to the cross, but applies the merits of the cross to our souls for the sake of our salvation. Our salvation depends upon our ability to love God, our neighbors, and even our enemies. How many people have we met who have mastered the ability to love God, neighbor, or enemy perfectly? In the same way, our salvation requires that we forgive from the heart. Again, most of us fall short in this regard, but we will need to forgive unconditionally and to love as God loves before we enter heaven.

Martin Luther ultimately revolted from the Church over the teaching on Purgatory and indulgences. Yet he was never able to come up with a good explanation of how our souls are cleansed so as to enter into heaven. His argument was that we remain dung heaps and God merely covers us over with a blanket of snow. This hardly sounds like a place I care to spend eternity nor does this even remotely sound like heaven to me.

- Fr Booth

