

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

**September 5^h/September 6th 2026: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
15th 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 Pilar Carrillo, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from September 6th to September 12th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Charlie Kirk from September 13th until September 19th.

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 SUNDAY: This 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: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes will continue on Tuesday, September 8th 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.

THE BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL is beginning soon. You should receive a Pledge Card in the mail soon, but you also can enter your annual pledge or recurring gift any time at catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Our pledge goal for this year is \$30,885.

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 \$6569 and \$1910 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 December 7th.

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

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)
Mon, Sep 7:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Jean Darrow (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Tues, Sep 8:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Scott & Lori Donellan (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, Sep 9:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Jeff Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, Sep 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Zachary Archer (by the Donellans)
Fri, Sep 11:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Kim McCain (by the Ferino Family)
Sat, Sep 12:	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Joseph Arsenault
Sun, Sep 13:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Horace Williams (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Aric Pohorelsky (by the Hahn Family)

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.	24 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sir 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35
7:30 a.m.	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Eph 3:13-21, Lk 14:1-11
9:00 a.m.	24 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sir 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35
10:45 a.m.	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Eph 3:13-21, Lk 14:1-11

Well Done, My Good and Faithful Servant

Salvation is a gift that we do not earn. But we must also know that while a man's eternal destiny is either heaven or hell, his reward or his punishment will vary based on his conduct. Last week we noted that Jesus said 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). The servant who knew his Master's will but did not act in accord with God's will shall be assigned to the place of the unfaithful. He was a disciple of the Master, knew His will, and therefore is more culpable than the man who did not know the Master's will. Both are unfaithful but their eternal punishment will be different. We can imagine that an unfaithful priest or bishop will be punished more severely than an unfaithful man who was barely aware of the Gospel. While ignorance is not an excuse, especially today when everyone has access to the Master's teaching, the unfaithfulness of the cleric leads to greater eternal punishment even if the ignorant man's sins were more egregious. After all, *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."*

We see this reflected in the Parable of the Talents. In Matthew 25:14-30, five talents are entrusted to one servant, two talents were entrusted to a second servant, and one talent to a third servant. More talents, more money, are entrusted to the first man, less to the second, and less to the third. Thus, more was expected from the first than from the second than from the third. Both the first servant and the second one double the Master's money by engaging in trade. On the Master's return, they each give the entire amount back to the Master, the man entrusted with five talents gave the Master all ten talents, and the man entrusted with two talents gave all four talents to the Master. They held nothing back for themselves. The third servant buried the money entrusted to him and gave back the full amount to the Master. While he kept nothing for himself, he was an unprofitable servant. The Master says to him *"Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?"* (Mt 25:27). He knew his Master's will but did not even do the least with what he was entrusted with. Jesus says to the first two servants *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy"* (Mt 25:21,23) but regarding the third servant the Master says *"throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth"* (Mt 25:30).

Jesus tells a similar parable in Luke's Gospel (Lk 19:11-27) where ten servants were each entrusted with one gold coin and instructed to engage in trade with the coin. One servant traded with the gold coin and made ten more, another did the same but only earned five more, and a third servant hid the coin and did not put the Master's money to work. Like in the parable from Matthew, this third servant was chastised for not even putting the money in a bank so as to earn interest. The implication is that this third man will suffer eternally for his infidelity because the Master calls him a wicked servant, but this is not explicitly stated. To the other two servants, however, the Master says *"Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities"* (Lk 19:17) and *"You, take charge of five cities"* (Lk 19:19). They were entrusted with the same gifts but obtained different rewards. This tells us that there are degrees of blessedness in heaven as there are degrees of punishment in hell.

One feature of the parable from Luke's Gospel that is easily overlooked is the fact that ten servants were entrusted with ten coins, but only three come forward when the Master returns. The other seven are not spoken of at all. The silence suggests that these men took the money for themselves and deserve eternal punishment. Worse than the third man's punishment? Maybe, maybe not. - Fr Booth