

August 8, 2021



CHURCH OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE." - JN 6:48

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times: Saturday Anticipatory: 4 pm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Daily, T-F 8:30am

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Holy Eucharist – the Source and Summit of our life.

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”

We continue to reflect on the Eucharistic discourse from John’s gospel chapter six. Jesus makes His statement on the Holy Eucharist more and more firm and clearer. He affirms His statement repeating, “I am the bread that came down from heaven and I am the bread of life.” Being grateful to the Lord for this precious gift of Holy Eucharist, let us continue our reflection on Holy Eucharist.



EUCHARIST AS SACRIFICE

The Mass is both a sacrifice and a meal. How is the Mass a sacrifice? The Mass is a re-presentation of Calvary. The sacrifice of Calvary is now being made present to us in an unbloody manner as Christ, once again, offers to the Father His Body and Blood, not on the cross, but now on the altar.

Every celebration of the Eucharist, then, mirrors what is going on in heaven for all eternity. Every Mass echoes on earth the Divine Liturgy in heaven, which is going on perpetually. (Isaiah 6:1-4 the sending of Isaiah, Revelation 4:1-11 Vision of Heavenly Worship). This is why we begin the Eucharistic prayer with the angelic hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy” for we sing with “all the choirs of angels in heaven above.” Our Amen (“Great Amen”) is our yes to this supreme upward movement in union with Jesus, to offer absolute praise and worship of the Father with absolute obedience and trust.

EUCHARIST AS MEMORIAL AND SACRAMENT OF UNITY

The ancient tradition speaks about the Eucharist as a memorial, certainly calling to mind the words of Jesus at the Last Supper – “Do this in remembrance of me.” We remember what Christ accomplished in His death and resurrection in order that we can offer His Body and Blood as an acceptable sacrifice. Eucharist is a sacrament of unity – that it reflects the unity of the Body of Christ, God’s people and even deepens the bond of that love in the actual moment of communion. The Latin word *communio* means come in union, fellowship, mutual participation, a sharing.

THE MASS

“The Mass” is really the most common and dominant way we speak about the liturgy. What are some of the occasions where we use the word, Mass? “What time is Mass? I don’t want to miss Mass. I have to bring the kids to Mass.” The word Mass comes from the Latin word “Missa” and is the last directive given at the conclusion of the liturgy. “Ite, Missa est.” (In the new translation of the Roman Missal, there are different options for the dismissal, like; Go forth, the Mass is ended/Ite missa est., Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, etc.) At the very core of this word Missa is the idea of being sent out on a mission. Our discipleship in Christ is never a matter of waiting passively for God to make all things new. The silent time that we take after communion is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on how we are going to bring Christ into our world. Having reflected on our upcoming day in light of the One whom we have just received, I can now hear the priest dis-

missing me with these words. “You know what to do – now go out there and do it!” Jesus says, “You are the light of the world.” Once again, He has lit that lamp in you. Go forth and let your light shine brightly!

THE EUCHARIST: A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.” (Mt. 26:29). Jesus gave His disciples a sign of hope; what we consume together, here on earth, we shall someday share more completely in that kingdom of the Father. Through the centuries, what we have come to share through the signs of bread and wine we shall someday share face to face, when the veil of sacramental sign shall be lifted. For each celebration of the Mass is a participation in the one eternal banquet. When I receive Holy Communion, and the priest or minister says, “the Body of Christ,” and I respond saying, “Amen” means, yes I do believe the great truth contained in this simple form of bread and wine. My Amen is equal the amen, fiat, Mary pronounced during annunciation. I am asked to believe that what is here present is the entire Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ our Lord.

THE EUCHARIST: GOD USES WHAT IS ORDINARY

God comes to us as ordinary food. What an extraordinary claim! The heart of the mystery of the Eucharist is not so much how (transubstantiation) bread becomes Jesus; the heart of the mystery is why? In the mystery of God loving us, He wanted to enter our world, through the presence of an ordinary human being, one like

us in all things, and to continue that Presence by entering ordinary bread and wine, food to be consumed by us who are hungry and thirsty here on earth. How much I hunger and thirst for His Body and Blood?



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world” Jesus says.

Fr. Benny Mekkatt, CFIC

WEBSITE UPDATES

Daily Catholic living is in bloom at Blessed Sacrament! Visit our website www.blessedsacramentsp.org. Cruise around and find out what is new this fall like the Homecoming FunFest and Synod Small Group meetings. To start, click on links and tabs such as “UPCOMING,” “SYNOD,” and “Parish Life.”

All groups are encouraged to inform Joy of meetings and activities so they can be promoted on the website and posted on the Google calendar (found by clicking on “UPCOMING.”).

We are Blessed Sacrament!

FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- **Who is the most famous person you know you 'd like to spend an hour with?**

If you said JESUS, then do we have a deal for you! We are looking for both regularly scheduled adorers in our Adoration Chapel, especially now that the hours have been opening up more. We are also desperately looking for prayer partners who schedule themselves with someone else to share an hour in the chapel. This assures that our Lord is never left unattended, and it give you the flexibility to share the hour with someone else. Please prayerfully consider signing up for either your own hour or as a prayer partner to assure all hours we are open are covered. Please contact the Adoration Chapel coordinator or you can call the office.

- **Wednesday AM Young at Heart after Mass**

We have opened up our Wednesday mornings following Mass for anyone here to socialize over a cup of coffee or a glass of water. All are welcome to attend! This is a self-sufficient group of individuals who have taken charge of prepping the coffee before Mass so that it is ready by the end of Mass. FYI: This group will not meet on days where there is a funeral scheduled. During the parish Synod, the Young at Heart group is encouraged to partake in those meetings for the Synod that start in mid-September.

- **55+ over Club starting up**

We are making plans for the 55+ club to start up in September. This group caters in a meal and provides some entertainment. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletins.

Movement and Mediation Classes are set to Resume



The Fall Session is scheduled to start on September 13. This eight week session will last until November 1. Cost for the session is \$72. Classes will be held in the Robertson Room at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings and also via Zoom. To register, please call Carol in the parish office to let her know.

SOCIAL CONCERNS FOR AUGUST

Our August mission supports the Catholic social teaching that education liberates. The Carmen Pampa Fund helps children in marginalized populations in Bolivia to have an affordable opportunity for a college education. Click to read about SOCIAL OUTREACH opportunities at Blessed Sacrament. We will take a second collection at Masses on August 28 and 29 , please mark your checks, "Pampa Fund."

ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS

The Adoration Chapel's Hours are now EXTENDED! Please consider spending an hour with Jesus. In the words of Saint Peter: "Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing. " Come feed your soul in the Adoration Chapel. Contact Kathy at 651-247-5185 or call the parish office.



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S **BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.
A **RECONCILIATION**— Saturday 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment on other days
C **MATRIMONY**- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.
R **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.
A **LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

- Blessed Sacrament Adoration, M-F, Please see signage for hours.
- The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.

P **Sunday, August 8**
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 8:30am Parish Mass
 11am Jonas & Juliana Subaar Family

M **Monday, August 9**
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
 Dt 10:12-22/Mk 17:22-27

A **Tuesday, August 10**
Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
 † Cruz Espenal Ancestors

S **Wednesday, August 11**
Saint Clare, Virgin
 Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
 † Mary Lou Larson

R **Thursday, August 12**
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18::21-19:1
 Wally Burg

E **Friday, August 13**
Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 † Barbara Luna

A **Saturday, August 14**
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15(Morning Readings)
 4pm † Bernhard Drutschmann

D **Sunday, August 15**
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 8:30am † Bernard Bearth
 11am Parish Mass

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

August 8—August 15

Sun, Aug 8:	8:30am Kuettel Baptism at Mass 9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts 9:30am Family Faith Formation
Mon, Aug 9:	10:00-11:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle
Wed, Aug 11:	Young at Heart after Morning Mass
Thurs, Aug 12:	6:30pm Men's Club Meeting
Sun, Aug 15:	9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts
Mon, Aug 16:	<i>Please note* Parish Offices Closed</i>

FINANCE

Gifts of Treasure

July 31/August 1, 2021

Sunday Envelopes & Plate:	\$ 5,075.61
Other:	\$ 60.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 70.00
Additional Operations:	\$ 82.00
Total :	\$ 5,287.61



Help! How do I know what's going on at my church?

Come to Mass! Listen to announcements, see what's new, and pray with your fellow parishioners. During the weekdays, staff is happy to answer your questions, just give us a call. You can also find up-to-date info by visiting our website www.blessedsacramentsp.org. Look for what is new under "SYNOD", "UPCOMING", and "PARISH LIFE".

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

We are pleased to finally be able to say that our Men's Club Meetings are ready to resume! Our first meeting will be on Thursday, August 12 at 6:30pm. Please come and bring a friend. We are anxious to see you all again!

HOMECOMING FUNFEST

Bingo Bottle Booth!

Contributions are needed, anything that comes in a bottle (no liquor please) for this always fun booth. A few suggestions are pop, power/sports drinks, peanut butter, cheese balls, bubbles, liquid soap, maple syrup, shampoo/conditioner, etc. Please bring your donations to church no later than September 5. Thank you,
Homecoming Funfest Committee





2021-2022 Classes begin September 12

Faith Formation classes will meet from 9:45 to 10:45 am most Sundays (off for holidays and school breaks.) Classes include CGS through age 12 and Confirmation prep beginning in 8th grade. Registration is open online or in person. Plan to attend a parent and catechist orientation meeting on Sunday August 22 at approximately 9:45 am or 10:00 am (following Mass and refreshments). Read more on our website and contact Connie with questions.



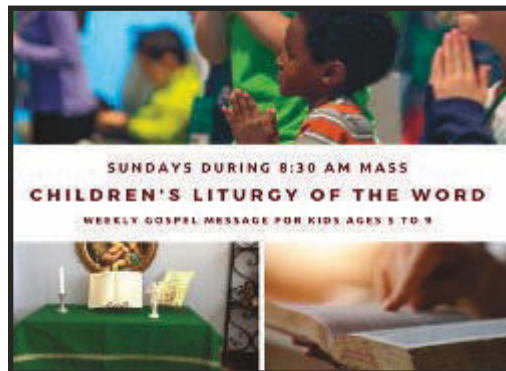
Our Confirmation students need you!

Our students are ready for you to walk with them on a journey of sacrament preparation. Classes are planned for Sunday mornings with a few additional times of service and worship throughout the year. No experience is necessary. VIRTUS E3 credentialing is required (about one hour online). All training is provided. You will give a lot and receive far more! If you or someone you know is living a vibrant Catholic life, connect with Connie about this rewarding ministry.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

CLW begins September 12 and takes place during the 8:30 am Mass. Children hear the Sunday scripture proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. Parents are welcome to

join their children and assist with this ministry.



We are actively recruiting and training CLW leaders and assistants. All

volunteers must be "Essential 3" compliant by completing an online VIRTUS training, a background check, and Code of Conduct. Contact Connie today to express interest.



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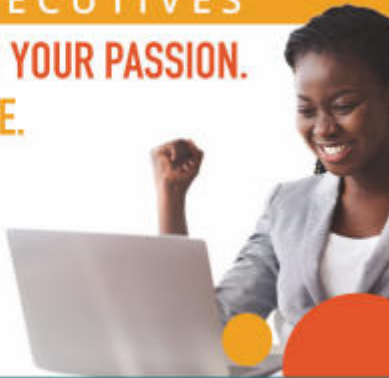
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