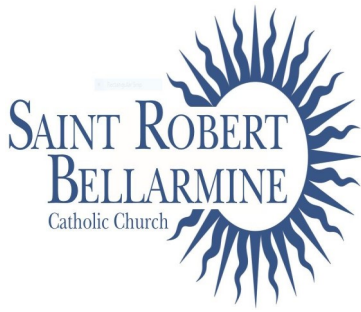




September 21, 2025 - The Feast of St. Robert Bellarmine

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Sept. 23rd	6:00pm	+ Sue White
Sept. 24th	8:00am	+ Celeste Ringuette
Sept. 25th	8:00am	+ Celeste Ringuette
Sept. 26th	8:00am	+ Celeste Ringuette
Sept. 27th	5:00pm	+ Joseph & Mary Kaminski
Sept. 28th	9:00am	Pro Populo
Sept. 28th	11:00am	
Sept. 28th	1:00pm	+ Celeste Ringuette

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office. We are currently scheduling October 2025

Liturgical Minister Schedule:

Saturday, September 27th - 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Bill D'Andrea/ Erik Lindquist

Servers:

Sunday, September 28th

9:00am Mass

Lector: John Wendel

Servers: Patrick & Peter Nesler, Jameson Ummel, Jeb Blankenship

11:00am Latin Mass

Lector:

Servers: Counters: Mary Vogel, Patty Hoagland, Ann Snyder

At the parish this week:

Monday, September 22nd

Rosary 7:00pm

St. Paul Street Evangelization 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 23rd

Adoration 5:00pm

Confessions 5:15pm

Mass 6:00pm

Vespers following Mass

Wednesday, September 24th

Mass 8:00am

Lauds following Mass

Confirmation Prep 6:00

Thursday, September 25th

Mass 8:00am

Lauds following Mass

Friday, September 26th

Mass 8:00am

Lauds following Mass

Saturday, September 27th

Confession 3:30pm- 4:30pm

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, September 28th

Mass 9:00am

Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am

Coffee & Donuts 10:00

Bible Study 10:15

Mass in Latin 11:00am

Confession en Espanol 12:15pm

Mass in Spanish 1:00pm

SAINT ROBERT FEST !

Come celebrate our parish's patron, Saint Robert

We'll have food and family fun

4pm, Sunday, September 21st (TONIGHT)

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!

Building Fund Pledges

Thank you to all who are donating funds for our new rectory and sanctuary. Please remember to make your monthly payment and if you made a yearly pledge you may make that payment at anytime.

If you haven't made a pledge it's not too late. Pledge cards are available on St. Joseph table.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes \$1414.00

Loose \$1322.77

Votive \$36.50

Coffee & donuts \$4.00

Building fund pledges \$1025.00



***\$200.00 every month will go to REACH.
Remember St. Robert's in your will.***

Beloved in the Lord,
Happy Feast of Saint Robert Bellarmine!

Please remember that this evening we will have a Parish Festival at 4pm in the area behind the church. Come together for food and family fun and live music!

On Saint Robert:

Saint Robert Bellarmine was born to a noble family in the town of Montepulciano, Italy. Despite the family's noble lineage, Robert's parents were materially poor.

As a child, Robert was known for his intellect because he would quickly memorize pages of books and poems. At the age of eighteen, he entered the Jesuits in Rome where he excelled. A few years later, when he was asked to teach Greek, which he did not know, he learned it with his students and quickly mastered the language as he taught it. His theological studies immersed him in the theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas. He studied in Padua and then Louvain, where he was ordained a priest in 1570 at the age of twenty-eight.

As a newly ordained priest, Father Bellarmine was assigned to teach at the University of Louvain and then the Roman College. It was there that he became a spiritual director and confessor to the seminarian and future saint, Aloysius Gonzaga.

Father Bellarmine was widely respected for his brilliance and preaching. While in Rome, Father Bellarmine's lectures would be published in a book called *De Controversiis*, a defense of the Catholic faith, in which he addressed seventeen controversies that resulted from the Protestant Revolution. His work became the standard for the theological defense of the faith across all of Europe, including teachings on Scripture and Tradition, Christ, the pope and Church, the Sacraments, sin, grace, free will, and good works. Not only did he present the Catholic faith well, he also addressed the errors of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and others who were sowing confusion. Unquestionably, he was the holy hero that was sorely needed in the Church at that time.

In addition to his writing, teaching, and preaching, Father Bellarmine was called upon by popes for administrative and diplomatic tasks. At the age of fifty and beyond, he held positions like: rector of the Roman College, Cardinal Inquisitor of the Holy Office, and Archbishop of the Diocese of Capua.

In the early 1600's Cardinal Bellarmine was among the cardinal-electors for two separate papal conclaves. He narrowly escaped being elected himself, much to his relief. Cardinal Borghese was chosen instead, taking the name Pope Paul V. Pope Paul V, in keeping with the mandates of the Council of Trent, ordered that the bishops who were living in Rome needed to return to their dioceses to fulfill their duty as shepherds. However, he asked Cardinal Bellarmine to stay, to which he obediently agreed.

Over the next sixteen years, Cardinal Bellarmine became a central figure in the Vatican, helping resolve divisions within the Church, clarifying the Church's position on relevant topics, implementing the use of the Roman Catechism (which he had earlier helped to write), communicating with and even rebuking kings and secular rulers, among other things. In 1616, he was involved in responding to the controversial teachings of Galileo, whom he considered a friend. Though the cardinal did not condemn him, he did deliver the Church's position that, since Galileo's conclusions could not be substantiated scientifically, the traditional understanding of Scripture must hold. He also explained that if science were to prove Galileo's view (that the earth revolved around the sun), then the Church had a duty to interpret the Scripture in light of those new discoveries.

After one more conclave, Cardinal Bellarmine fell ill and retreated into retirement. During these last years of his life, he wrote some beautiful devotional works: *The Mind's Ascent to God by the Ladder of Created Things*, *The Seven Words on the Cross*, and *On the Art of Dying Well*.

Saint Robert Bellarmine was naturally gifted with a brilliant mind. What made him a saint is that he devoted himself and every natural ability to the service and glory of God. God took that offering and did great things through him. As we honor this brilliant and holy saint, ponder the importance of offering to God the gifts and talents you have. Offer yourself to God and commit yourself to becoming a holy instrument for His eternal glory.

Prayer: *Saint Robert Bellarmine, God used you for His glory and praise by placing your mind at his service. God used you to articulate His truth in a systematic and practical way that strengthened and unified the Church. Please pray for us, that we will always place our gifts and talents at His service, that He may use us to fulfill His perfect will.*

Saint Robert Bellarmine, pray for us.

In Domino,

Rev. Daniel Koehl



It is not too late to donate to the Annual Bishop's Appeal

If you have not yet responded to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal, there is still time. To make a gift, donate online, donate in person at your parish, or donate by returning the pledge card included in this year's mailing from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. We hope for 100% participation from our families as we work together to invite those in our diocese to encounter Christ in the church and each other. Learn more, view diocesan expenditures, and donate online: diocesefwsb.org/aba.