

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 9th/June 10th 2018: Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

Third 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: 10:45 a.m.

English Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday

Latin Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday and Friday

First Saturday Latin Mass: 8:30 a.m. with confessions beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass: As Announced

Confessions: Thirty minutes before Saturday and Sunday Masses and by request

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.

WELCOME to all of our visitors: We are glad you have attended Mass with us. If you wish to join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form at the Religious Goods Counter located in the vestibule of the front entrance.

IN MEMORIAM: In memory of Mattie L. Thomas, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from June 10th to June 16th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julia V. Woods from June 17th until June 23rd.

PLEASE NOTE: Please make all checks out to Blessed Sacrament, Blessed Sacrament Church, or words to that effect. This applies to second collections, Mass cards, religious goods, etc.

KOC MEETING: Our Knight of Columbus will have their regular monthly meeting this coming Tuesday, June 12th in the parish hall. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

AVILA SUMMIT: The 1st annual Avila Summit will be held July 13-15th at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville and will feature keynote presentations by Cardinal Francis Arinze and Fr. Cassian Folsom. Other speakers include Dan Burke, Anthony Lilles, Pia de Solenni, and Christopher Carstens. This conference will focus on the saving power of liturgy and the interior life in our mission to restore, transform, and animate the culture. Receive 50% of your ticket price using code AL2018. Space limited to just 250 attendees. Register now or get more information at SpiritualDirection.com/Summit2018.

FACEBOOK: ‘Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Birmingham, AL’ is the parish official Facebook page. If you have not joined, please do so that you can keep up with what is happening in the parish. It’s a wonderful way to communicate with other parishioners. It is a closed group so the privacy is secure.

2018 HIGH MASS DATES: Sunday, July 8th (Seventh Sunday After Pentecost), Wednesday, August 15th (Assumption, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.), Sunday, September 2nd (Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost), Sunday, October 28th (Christ the King), Sunday, December 16th (Gaudete Sunday), Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m.).

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Justin Ward, Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, and Luis Reyes. We need to fervently pray for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood. We will need 12-15 men to enter seminary by 2020 or we face the closing or consolidation of parishes.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Combine your faith and career at EWTN. They are seeking to fill the following positions: On-Air Promotions Producer/Editor, Customer Service Representative, Broadcast Traffic Assistant, Broadcast Technician, IT Support Technician, Viewer Services Representative. Information on job requirements can be found at www.ewtn.com.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$3955 and \$340 was collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Mass in Rectory Chapel)

Sat, June 9:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Mary Margaret Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Sun, June 10:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Linda Griebel (by Alan and Pam Olson)
Mon, June 11	*8:30 a.m.	† Special Intention for John Minjares, Sr. (by John Minjares)
Tues, June 12:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Terry Rumore, Jr. (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, June 13:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Edie Irwin (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Vocations
Thur, June 14:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Ayers Family (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, June 15:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Danny Rohling (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Lisa Fuchs (by the Rumore Family)
Sat, June 16:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Vocations
Sun, June 17:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Joyce Clark (by the Rumore Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Fr Gerald Holloway, Friar Leticio pjc, Vinita Kelly, Penny Vaughn, Patricia Durward, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Pete Searcy, Sylvia McCarrick, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Fr Kevin McGrath, OSB, Johnny Young, Sharon Collier, Richard Collier, Paul Pac, Jacob Baker, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Darleen Schultz, Joseph Edwards, Fr Joseph Underwood, George Dunham, Rebecca Rice, Mike Hale, Kay Junk, Liz Pate, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Mary Thornton, Liz Bailey, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Anna Marie Madison, Kathleen Strawmeyer, Cindy Little, Stan Trawick, David Henning, Bill Bankson, Loretta Mara, Don Broseman, Lillie Rumore, Jennie Sciro, Stephanie Perry, Marcus Perry, Cynthia Daniel, and Jackie Modica.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m. Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
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10:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Eze 17:22-24, 2Cor 5:6-10, Mk 4:26-34
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Rom 8:18-23, Lk 5:1-11

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The First Vatican Council, held from 1869 to 1870, was convened to address many issues that had begun to surface in Christian circles. The most famous topic handled by this council was that of papal infallibility. This doctrine does not mean that the pope is always right in all subjects, but that he cannot err when formally teaching on faith or morals in a way that invokes his authority as the successor to St Peter. Thus, off-the-cuff comments and opinions of the pope are not infallible.

Another topic that had to be addressed was materialism. In this sense, materialism does not mean greed or desire for possessions as the word is commonly understood today, but materialism is the belief that the world exists only in terms of what can be seen, touched, measured, or sensed. Believing that the world consists of only measurable or sensible material elements was becoming a common view due in large part to the growing influence of science. It is commonly misunderstood that the Church was attacking science when it spoke against materialism, but the Church was affirming that the world consists of sensible and measurable elements that can be and should be studied by science as well as things that are beyond our senses or the ability of anything to measure, thus being immune from scientific investigation.

One example of something that exists but is not a material reality is truth. One truth is that New Jersey exists. One truth that was once deemed a myth but is a historical fact is the existence of Troy, the city of Trojan War fame, which was only rediscovered about 150 years ago. Another example is Xanadu, the capital of Kubla Khan's empire, also recently rediscovered. Under the idea of materialism, both Troy and Xanadu were mythical until they were proven to exist. The truth is that both cities existed independent of our finding archeological evidence. The materialistic understanding of the truth is that the truth must be proven or demonstrated. The proper understanding of the truth is that the truth exists in and of itself and does not depend on our ability to sense, measure, demonstrate, or prove.

Another area where materialism fails is in distinguishing living beings from inanimate objects. The Church affirms that all living beings have a spiritual soul that animates a material body. The soul, not being made of material things, cannot be measured so someone who believes in materialism would deny its existence. Instead, materialism would say that certain observable traits or signs (respiration, nutrition, reproduction, etc.) are evidence of life. The Church would insist that the material signs of life are evidence of the existence of a spiritual soul, but to materialism, the signs of life just point to the chemical reactions we associate with life.

Another obvious problem with materialism is the existence of God, Who – like the human soul – cannot be seen, measured, or sensed. For someone who insists that the known world is limited to the things we can see, measure or sense, God could not possibly exist. Therefore the Church had to reiterate a truth that was hardly new in order to respond to the false belief of materialism. Specifically, Vatican I taught ‘The Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church believes and acknowledges that there is one true and living God, creator and Lord of heaven and earth, almighty, eternal, immeasurable, incomprehensible, infinite in understanding, will and every perfection. Since He is a one unique, completely simple and unchangeable spiritual substance, He must be declared to be, in reality and in essence, distinct from the world, supremely happy in and from Himself, and inexpressibly loftier than anything else which exists or can be imagined.’

In no way can these truths be proven or disproven by science. First, God is eternal, so there is no way to detect His beginning or end. God is immeasurable, which makes Him impossible to investigate scientifically. He is incomprehensible such that many, many scientists of great intellect could not possibly understand Him. He is completely simple (lacking any structure suggesting that here is one part of God and there is another) and unchanging (lacking the observable signs of life such as respiration and nutrition which all entail some form of change). He is distinct from the world so that we cannot measure where He is or where He isn't, and God exists where the physical universe, therefore our ability to measure, does not. In other words, God exists apart from what He created such that His existence can neither be affirmed nor denied conclusively by science.

- Fr Booth