

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 7<sup>th</sup>/July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (English)

Seventh 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 Kathryn Mabee, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Marian Miranda from July 15<sup>th</sup> until July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**KOC MEETING:** Our Knight of Columbus will have their regular monthly meeting this coming Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**MOTHER'S MORNING WITH MARY:** Beginning this July, there will be a monthly opportunity for mothers to come for adoration, confession, benediction, and Mass every third Saturday. Thus, on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

**AVILA SUMMIT:** The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Avila Summit will be held July 13-15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> (Seventh Sunday After Pentecost), Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (Assumption, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.), Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost), Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King), Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> (Gaudete Sunday), Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (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.

**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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Combine your faith and career at EWTN. They are seeking to fill the following positions: Live Show Operator (part-time), Application Analyst (Religious Catalogue), Customer Service Representative (Religious Catalogue), On-Air Promotions Producer/Editor, Marketing Specialist, Assistant News Editor (NCR), Web Developer, Viewer Services Representative. Information on job requirements can be found at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com).

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$5162 and \$680 was collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, July 7:	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Joe Piroch, Jr. (by the Sampedro Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Friar Leticio, pjc
Sun, July 8:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Nathan Gagnon (by Grace Gagnon)
Mon, July 9	*8:30 a.m.	† Dale Richards (by Mary Melendez)
Tues, July 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Bill Donellan (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
Wed, July 11:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Judy Donellan (by Scott & Lori Donellan)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Annie Diergo
Thur, July 12:	*8:30 a.m.	† Annie Diergo
Fri, July 13:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for John Minjares, Sr. (by John Minjares, Jr.)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Charlotte Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Sat, July 14:	4:00 p.m.	† Patricia Smith (by Catherine & Patrick Runge)
Sun, July 15:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Ginny Neese (by Catherine & Patrick Runge)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Danny Rohling, 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, 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, Kay Junk, Liz Pate, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, 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. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mk 6:7-13
9:00 a.m. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mk 6:7-13
10:45 a.m. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9

## ***God, by Faith and Reason***

As was discussed previously, rationalism – the belief that reason is the only source of knowledge – naturally leads to either agnosticism or atheism. Again, agnosticism is the belief that some form of higher power might exist possibly along with other preternatural beings such as angels. Or not. If such beings exist, the agnostic would say that they are utterly unknowable, and if they don't exist, that fact also would be equally unknowable. Atheism, however, is much more bold in saying that there cannot possibly be any form of supreme being or purely spiritual creatures. The atheist tolerates no uncertainty regarding the existence of God.

Either way, for someone who believes in rationalism having faith in the existence of God would be considered irrational. The agnostic would say that the existence of such a Being could neither be proved nor disproved making faith superfluous while the atheist would insist that the nonexistence of God is an established fact making faith preposterous. In reaction to agnosticism and atheism many Christians have abandoned the notion that belief in God is rational preferring blind faith instead. They insist that the Bible proves God's existence and that God can only be known through the Bible.

This sets up the conflict between faith and reason. Those who are rationalists would say that the Bible is unreliable and of limited value while the one who insists that the Bible is the only source of truth will tend to see human reasoning and scientific evidence as being unreliable, especially when they seem to contradict their faith or what is said in the Bible. In other words, both sides in the conflict between faith and reason tend towards fundamentalism. This fundamentalism on both sides of the faith versus reason conflict will tend to encourage or even force people, especially the young, to choose faith over reason or reason over faith. This is one reason why scientists tend to have little or no faith or they are forced to hide their faith lest they be ridiculed or even persecuted by their rationalistic peers.

So how does the war between faith and reason get resolved? Those who have taken sides will seek to resolve the conflict in the same way that any fundamentalist will seek victory: by the elimination of the opposition. This is why there is a war on faith today. The rationalist will not be content that there are people of faith in the world in the same way that communists could not be content until total world domination was achieved. Coexistence or dissent is totally unacceptable. While the Christian fundamentalist will be restrained by the teachings of Jesus and by the limits of morality, non-Christian religious fundamentalism can be even more draconian and brutally inhumane than the fundamentalism of the rationalist.

But asking the question of how the war between faith and reason might be won is in itself as erroneous as secular and religious fundamentalism. Rightly understood, faith and reason are hardly at odds with one another. The Christian should recognize this in the very fact that Jesus is the Truth, the truth in the all-encompassing sense of the word. He is to be found in religious as well as worldly truth, which would be irrational to deny.

For example, it is irrational to insist that God cannot be known at all except through the Bible. The Bible's testimony clearly contradicts this claim. Psalm 19 begins "*The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge. There is no speech, no words; their voice is not heard; A report goes forth through all the earth, their messages, to the ends of the world.*" Likewise, St Paul declares "*For what can be known about God is evident to [the gentiles], because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made*" (Rom 1:19-20).

Likewise, it is irrational for the rationalist to say that God cannot exist or might not exist. In order to ignore the evidence they replace the Creator with the Big Bang, they insist that life came about by accident, the order they see in nature must be a product of chance, and so forth. Indeed, it takes intellectual gymnastics to ignore the evidence of a Creator evident from His creation, and it can hardly be a rational act to insist that irrational forces brought about a world filled with beauty that behaves in an ordered and consistent manner.

- Fr Booth