

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 21st/July 22nd 2018: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (English)
Ninth 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 Beverly Grisham, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from July 22nd to July 28th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Beverly Grisham from July 29th until August 4th.

FATHER JAMES E. COYLE MEMORIAL MASS: Let us remember a holy priest killed in the line of duty. A memorial Mass will be offered on Friday, August 10th at 12:10 p.m. at St Paul's. Mass will be followed by a reception and a reflection upon the life of Fr Coyle.

HOMESCHOOL MASS: All Catholic Homeschoolers from the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to a Beginning of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St Paul. Mark your calendars for the Mass to be celebrated on Thursday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow; please bring a dish to share. Come join other Catholic homeschoolers to begin the school year in prayer and fellowship. For more information, please contact Susan Fay at staabhm@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Baker will offer the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:45 a.m. High Mass on Sunday, December 16th. If you have a child to be confirmed, please provide a copy of their baptismal certificate to Fr Booth. If you are not members of Blessed Sacrament, you must obtain the permission of your pastor for your child to receive confirmation here.

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: 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, Confirmation), 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: 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. Job requirements can be found at www.ewtn.com.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$4548 and \$440 was collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, July 21: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Charles & Allison Rumore (by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Joey Piroch (by the Botta Family)

Sun, July 22: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Massimo Botta, FSSP (by the Botta Family)

Mon, July 23 *8:30 a.m. † Annie Diergo

Tues, July 24: *8:30 a.m. † Bill McAleer (by the Rumore Family)

Wed, July 25: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Christy Campbell (by the Pohorelsky Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Robert & Susie Brandley (by Helen Brandley)

Thur, July 26: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mike & Mary Donellan (by Mary Donellan)

Fri, July 27: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Cathy Thompson (by the Pohorelsky Family)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Beau Flavin (by the Pohorelsky Family)

Sat, July 28: 4:00 p.m. † Thellis Williamson (by the Donellan Family)

Sun, July 29: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Kara Pepe (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Virginia Files, Gerry McCahan, 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. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2Kings 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, Jn 6:1-15
9:00 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2Kings 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, Jn 6:1-15
10:45 a.m. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 12:2-11, Lk 18:9-14

God, The Unmoved Mover

Last week we considered the reality that where there is an effect (that something happens) there is an underlying cause (the thing that made it happen). When it comes to the world, there must have been something outside of the world and independent of the world that brought it into existence. The modern godless explanation that the world just sort of happened and that life just sort of came into being all by itself is satisfying only if it is not given much thought, or unless one has to cling irrationally to such a flawed explanation. St Thomas Aquinas would still be laughing at the modern explanation of causeless effects. That there must be an uncaused causer points to, but does not scientifically prove, the existence of God.

In any case, a second way St Thomas argued that the existence of God could be deduced from nature is that the world is in motion. This is a similar but more specific argument than the one that flows from causation. Here motion can be seen as something moving from one place to another, which we might call a change of location. But this idea also encompasses all forms of change, such as the rotting of a tomato or the rusting of steel. Neither a tomato nor steel changes from one form to another spontaneously or by their very nature. No, in the case of the tomato, it rots through oxidation and through the effects of various bacteria. Steel rusts because it is prone to corrosion in the presence of oxygen, which might be accelerated by heat, water, salt, or by the action of other chemicals. Free of all microbes and in an environment perfectly free from any oxygen, a tomato does not rot. Isolated from oxygen and other chemicals, steel does not rust. Rusting and rotting are changes that are caused by something other than the steel or the tomato. We could say the same thing with regard to the physical motion of a tomato or a piece of steel: just as something caused the rotting or rusting, something must have set it in motion.

With regard to physical motion, the concept of a mover independent of the thing moved is the very essence of Isaac Newton's First Law of Motion: 'A body at rest will remain at rest, and a body in motion will remain in motion unless it is acted upon by an external force.' In other words, that which is immobile remains so until something moves it and that which moves remains moving in the same way unless something causes a change in its movement. Whether we are talking about chemical change such as rotting or rusting, change of motion, or any other form of change, we can say that change does not just happen without a cause.

So, how does this reflect upon the existence of God? Well, if change happens because there is an agent of change, and that agent of change might act because of another agent of change, that chain of agents causing change cannot be infinite in length. Somewhere there has to be something or someone that sets change in motion but is not changed in the process. Thus, there necessarily needs to be an unmoved mover or an unchanged changer.

For example, we might walk into a room and find a Newton's Cradle (one of those desktop toys that has several steel balls that are arranged in a line and suspended from fishing line) moving were one steel ball bangs into the others causing the ball at the other end to begin moving which swings back to hit the other balls causing the original ball to be set in motion again and so on. Since we see the balls already in motion, we might think that they have always been in motion. But that would be a false conclusion since someone must have set one of the balls in motion before we observed the balls clanging back and forth. Thinking that they move all by themselves would be quite simplistic and naïve.

In any case, if we look at the universe, we have to see that it exists because something caused it to exist. This is the argument of causality. And almost everything that exists is capable of change or motion but that actual change or actual motion is independent of that object's existence. An object exists and therefore is capable of motion, but its existence does not necessitate its motion. In other words, existence and motion or change are not the same thing.

Something must exist in order to be changed or moved and that which changes or moves must have an agent that causes the change or motion. Thus, something must be created, something must cause the thing to exist, and a separate act sets the object in motion. The energy of the Big Bang and gravity seem to satisfy the cause for motion, but that is not exactly the case...

- Fr Booth