

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

September 8th/September 9th 2018: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (English)

16th 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 Eugene Mason., the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from September 9th to September 16th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Ellen Daniel from September 16th until September 23rd.

REST IN PEACE: Sam Pilato, Father of Bernadette Edens, passed away on September 6th. Visitation will be Tuesday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. at St Francis Xavier Church with the funeral Mass following at 11:00 a.m. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend we will have a second collection to help the people of Kerala, India, who have suffered greatly from recent monsoonal flooding.

HIGH MASS AT ST PAUL'S: A High Latin Mass will be offered at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday, September 14th for healing and purification in the Church. Following Mass there will be an all-night adoration vigil concluding with an English Mass on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

MOTHER'S MORNING WITH MARY: Mothers are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, September 15th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.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.

ST GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL: The 37th Annual Saint George Middle Eastern Food Festival will be held September on 27th, 28th, and 29th from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 425 16th Avenue South. Drive through will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Traditional Middle Eastern entrees and desserts will be served. For menu and event details, please see <http://saintgeorgeonline.org/food-festival>

POTLUCK DINNER DANCE: We will have a covered dish dinner dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 29th following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to dine and dance.

VOCATION RETREAT: The cloistered Dominican nuns of the Monastery of St Jude in Marbury, Alabama are inviting single Catholic women, high school juniors through age 27, who are interested in the contemplative life to a discernment retreat from October 19th to the 21st. Is Jesus drawing you to give yourself to Him through a common life of liturgical and personal prayer, study and daily work, pondering the Word in your heart in union with Mary so that it may bear fruit for God and souls? Learn more at MarburyDominicanNuns.org

2018 HIGH MASS DATES: Sunday, October 28th (Christ the King), Sunday, December 16th (Gaudete Sunday, Confirmation), Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m.).

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.

COAT DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Coat Drive for the Catholic Center of Concern through Sunday September 30th. The collection point is at the rear of the Church by the stairs.

CONTACTING THE FRANCISCANS: the Franciscans of the Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ can be contacted at (205) 578-2988, on facepage @poorofjesuschristalabama, and via e-mail at franciscanspjcalabama@gmail.com

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$5001 and \$305 was collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Sept 8: 4:00 p.m. † Laura Von Hagel (by Linda Miller)
Sun, Sept 9: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Gerry Ann McCahan (by the Juneau Family)
Mon, Sept 10 *8:30 a.m. † Jeff Bearden (by the Sampedros)
Tues, Sept 11: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Jack Williams (by the Sampedros)
Wed, Sept 12: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. Private Intention
Thur, Sept 13: *8:30 a.m. Private Intention
Fri, Sept 14: *7:00 a.m. † Johnny Cooper (by the Donellan Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Annie Diergo
Sat, Sept 15: 9:15 a.m. Private Intention
4:00 p.m. † Annie Diergo
Sun, Sept 16: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Paul Beason (by the Duryea Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Dee Joseph, David Bull, Christopher Chism, Anthony Timpa, Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, 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, 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. Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mk 8:27-35
9:00 a.m. Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mk 8:27-35
10:45 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eph 4:1-6, Mt 22:34-46

A Letter from the Bishop



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Office of the Bishop

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Helping Hands to the flood victims of Kerala, India ~ Special Collection September 18-19, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the past few weeks many prayers have been said following the terrible flooding in the state of Kerala, India.

Out of 34 million people in Kerala, about 70% have been affected by the heavy rain that lasted about two weeks. The flood has affected the entire state to the extent of changing the very geographical configuration of the region. The rivers are overflowing and some of them have even changed their direction. For the first time in the history of the state, all the 33 reservoirs had to be opened. This caused 40 main rivers to overflow resulting in widespread flooding. In some places the water has risen up to 18 feet.

As a result of all the rain, several landslides washed away entire families with their houses. The official death toll is about 400, but many are still missing. As can be expected, the hospitals are not functioning properly due to the widespread electricity failure. Communication facilities have been affected as well. The airport is closed and the widespread nature of the disaster has made travel almost impossible. The many small bridges throughout the area are near collapse. Many houses, stores, buildings and churches are submerged in water.

Relief centers have been opened in almost all churches and institutions. Priests, seminarians, religious and lay volunteers are actively involved in the rescue mission even risking their life.

Post-flood restoration and rehabilitation is the most strenuous and challenging endeavor. Unfortunately, most of those affected do not have any type of insurance. Once the flood waters recede, these people are left with mounds of mud and debris in their homes and surroundings. Many people are also bitten by venomous snakes as they return to clean their houses.

Reconstruction and renovation of damaged houses, roads, bridges, hospitals, and churches have to be immediately undertaken in a collaborated effort. Many volunteer agencies and government institutions are trying their best to lend their hands for those who are affected.

Pope Francis himself has requested prayer and support for the people of Kerala. Similarly, I ask the faithful of the Diocese of Birmingham to reach out to our brothers and sisters affected by the heart-breaking devastation by way of prayer and financial assistance. The late Bishop David E. Foley and I had the opportunity to visit the Diocese of Irinjalakuda and were warmly welcomed. Since 1998, the Diocese of Birmingham has benefited from the service of priests from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, which was badly affected. Currently, we have 10 priests from Kerala serving in our diocese.

Again, I humbly ask the faithful to exemplify Christian charity to those affected. May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama