

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

January 19th/January 20th 2019: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany (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, 6:30 p.m. on First 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 Tony Melendez, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from January 20th to January 26th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Austin Thomas, Jr. from February 3rd until February 9th.

REST IN PEACE: Rebecca Rice, aunt of Pat Kulovitz, passed away on January 15th and was laid to rest on January 18th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

REST IN PEACE: Neal Talley, husband of Sissy Talley, passed away on January 16th and was laid to rest on January 18th. 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.

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

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2019, arranged alphabetically, are in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2018, arranged alphabetically, are in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

LASAGNA DINNER: Blessed Sacrament will be having our annual Lasagna Dinner following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 23rd. Come one and come all to this homecoming event.

MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE: We will have a dinner dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 2nd 2019 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to dine and dance.

TENTATIVE 2019 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday, February 10th (Fifth Sunday After Epiphany); Sunday, March 31st (Laetare Sunday); Thursday, April 18th (Holy Thursday); Sunday, April 21st (Easter); Sunday, May 26th (1st Communion); Sunday, June 9th (Pentecost); Thursday, June 20th (Corpus Christi); Thursday, August 15th (Assumption of BVM); Sunday, September 8th (Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost); Sunday, October 27th (Christ the King); Sunday, December 8th (Immaculate Conception); Sunday, December 15th (Gaudete Sunday); and Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve).

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Justin Ward, Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Luis Reyes, Matthew Gubenski, and Cristian Padilla. We need to fervently pray for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood.

CONTACTING THE FRANCISCANS: the Franciscans of the Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ, Friar Gabriel, Friar Rafael, and Friar Leticio, 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 \$5223 and \$150 were collected for the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Jan 19:	9:15 a.m.	Private Intention
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Fr Jim Booth (by Marian & Bill Dinan)
Sun, Jan 20:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Harmon Hastings (by the Rumore Family)
Mon, Jan 21	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for David Newman (by Peter & Sharon Gagnon)
Tues, Jan 22:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Thomas Rumore (by the Pohorelsky Family)
Wed, Jan 23:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Blaise Hahn (by Peter & Sharon Gagnon)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Jeff Hahn (by the Pohorelsky Family)
Thur, Jan 24:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Joseph Benedict Anders (by the Sampedro Family)
Fri, Jan 25:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Mary Teresa Fernandes (by Peter & Sharon Gagnon)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Blessed Sacrament Altar Servers (by the Sampedro Family)
Sat, Jan 26:	4:00 p.m.	† Eugene Mason (by Betty and Mary Mason)
Sun, Jan 27:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Special Intention for John Minares, Sr. (by John Minjares, Jr.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Theresa Renna, Daniel Renna, John Minjares, Sr., Christopher Chism, Anthony Timpa, Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Vinita Kelley, Penny Vaughn, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Sylvia McCarrick, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Fr Kevin McGrath, OSB, Johnny Young, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, 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.	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:2-4,5-6,8-10, 1Cor 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21
9:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:2-4,5-6,8-10, 1Cor 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21
10:45 a.m.	3 rd Sunday After Epiphany	Rom 12:16-21, Mt 8:1-13

Four Important Things (Continued)

It is important to know how we will be graded, so to speak, with regard to our lives. Many people are convinced that faith alone is necessary for salvation. As critical and central as faith is, it is not by faith alone that we are saved nor is it by faith alone that we will be judged at the end of our lives. However, some might imagine their judgment being along these lines: ‘Grover, it seems that you lied often, took My Name in vain on a daily basis, engaged in all forms of debauchery, seldom made it to church, cheated on your wife with seven other women, swindled your brother out of a huge amount of money, slandered your boss profoundly, and donated to several abortion clinics. But since you had faith, well done good and faithful servant, come share your Master’s joy.’ We should see the contradiction between the life lived in this example and the imagined sentence passed down to Grover. It is tough to imagine Grover qualifying for the status of a good and faithful servant. That is, unless he repented of all of these sins and lived an exemplary and moral life after changing his ways.

Indeed, if the judgment of our lives excluded what we did and failed to do in life but only considered whether or not we had faith we would expect that the Scriptures would demonstrate the divine judgment exactly in terms of faith and faith alone. We would also see the Scriptures more or less divorcing morality from faith as if our acts mean nothing one way or the other as long as there is faith. Yes, St Paul seems to imply that we are saved by faith and not by works, but the works he is referring to are the works demanded by the Law of Moses. What Paul is teaching is that we cannot earn our salvation by observing the Law of Moses, otherwise, Jesus would not have had to suffer and die for our sins. If it were about faith apart from our works, faith apart from morality, Paul would not have written *“By your stubbornness and impenitent heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself for the day of wrath and revelation of the just judgment of God, who will repay everyone according to his works: eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality through perseverance in good works, but wrath and fury to those who selfishly disobey the truth and obey wickedness”* (Rom 2:5-8).

I have heard some argue that Paul is only talking about the judgment of unbelievers in the passage just cited. But if that were the case, Paul would be saying that the unbeliever could earn his salvation by his works. That would be a contradiction of St Paul’s own teaching and would nullify the Gospel. In his letter to the Romans he goes on to say *“Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God”* (Rom 14:10-12). Elsewhere he writes *“Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil”* (2Cor 5:9-10).

When it comes to Jesus’ own words, I have heard similar arguments, that what Jesus says applies only to the judgment of unbelievers, especially regarding the great judgment scene of Matthew 25:31-46 where He separates the sheep from the goats. Again, there is no hint that these are unbelievers being judged (after all, they refer to Jesus as Lord), but if they were unbelievers, then the sheep would be earning their salvation apart from faith by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc. Earning salvation by works apart from faith would again be a nullification of the Gospel and would contradict our need for a Savior.

The book of Revelation also could not be more clear on how we are judged: *“I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds”* (Rev 20:12-13). What this all means is that the sentence we all want to hear – well done good and faithful servant – truly hinges on being both good and faithful. - Fr Booth