

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

February 9th/February 10th 2019: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
5th 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 Gary Wolter, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from February 10th to February 16th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Edward Von Hagel, Jr. from February 17th until February 23rd.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, February 16th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and ending 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.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: Those men aged 18 to 40 years who are discerning priestly vocation are invited to attend a weekend retreat given by Fr Brett Brannen, author of "To Save a Thousand Souls." It will be held at Camp Tekakwitha from Friday February 22nd through Sunday the 24th. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Please contact the Office of Vocations with questions or to register at (205) 838-8318 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org

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 PARTY: Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Adamsville will host their annual Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 23rd from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be musical entertainment and dancing. St. Patrick's: 301 Shamrock Trail, Adamsville, (205) 798-5326. \$25.00 per person, restricted to adults only. Hosted by and benefitting St. Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Conference. For tickets, please contact Pat Roden at patroden@yahoo.com

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.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE: There will be an informational meeting for the John Carroll Cavalier Flag Football League on Wednesday, February 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the John Carroll Gym. The league is open to all interested children grades 1st - 4th (co-ed) and 5th - 6th (boys only). Contact lcolafrancesco@jcchs.org with any questions.

GOLF FORE LIFE: The Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center annual golf tournament – a scramble format – will be played on Friday, April 5th at Highland Park Golf Course. Highland Golf Course is a great course and fun for golfers of all skill levels. Please come play golf and help raise money for Her Choice, a pro-life pregnancy resource center. Lunch will be provided beginning at 12:00 p.m. and tee-off will be at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$250 (\$125 of which is tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. Questions can be directed to Jim Pinto at (205) 447-8796 or Her Choice at (205) 447-8796. Please register at <http://www.herchoicebirmingham.org>

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).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$5513, \$9855 were collected for the Preservation Fund, and \$695 were collected for Latin America. Thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Feb 9: 4:00 p.m. † Deacon Al Germann (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, Feb 10: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Robert Trussell (by the Rumore Family)
Mon, Feb 11 *8:30 a.m. † Rebecca Rice (by Helen Brandley)
Tues, Feb 12: *8:30 a.m. † Mildred Stephens (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, Feb 13: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Fernandes Family (by the Hahn Family)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Kay Dorion (by Ann Noblitt & Ginny Daniel)
Thur, Feb 14: *8:30 a.m. † Charles Anthony Accardo (by the Juneau Family)
Fri, Feb 15: *7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr Alan Mackey (Hahn Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Frank D'Argo (by Teneda Latham)
Sat, Feb 16: *9:10a.m. Special Intention for Frances Thompson (by the Pohorelsky Family)
4:00 p.m. † Rebecca Rice (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, Feb 17: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Cy Hahn (by the Pohorelsky Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Kenneth Levesque, Kathryn Ransom Mahon, Levi Ray, 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. 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 17:5-8, 1Cor 15:12,16-20, Lk 6:17,20-26
9:00 a.m. 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 17:5-8, 1Cor 15:12,16-20, Lk 6:17,20-26
10:45 a.m. Septuagesima Sunday	1Cor 9:24-10:5, Mt 20:1-16

Three Parts of the Church

Having spent a good deal of time discussing the Four Last Things (death, judgment, heaven, and hell), it is a natural extension to consider the three portions or three parts of the Church. In this instance, the three parts of the Church does not mean Catholic, Orthodox, and protestant. No, the three parts of the Church refer to the Church Militant, the Church Suffering, and the Church Triumphant. The three parts are not so much distinguished by locality but by the nature of life and the passage of time in each part.

The Church Militant is where we are now, the Church as it exists in time here on this earth. We are referred to as the Church Militant because we are in the ongoing struggle, the ongoing battle for our souls and the souls of others. We are each in a battle for our souls, a battle against the fallen nature we each possess that tends to incline us toward sin and in a battle against the forces of darkness that actively seek to lead us to hell. Thus, we wage war, or more precisely, war is waged against us from within and from without. It is in this life and this life only that our eternal fate ultimately will be determined. If we die in a state of grace, we will have won the battle for our souls, a victory that really belongs to Jesus who has vanquished the forces of evil. We win only if we accept and cooperate with the graces He offers us, especially the graces that flow from the sacraments.

If we die outside of a state of grace, then we die outside of the Church. This happens when people reject the Gospel outright or die unrepentant with mortal sin on their souls. Having departed from time at the moment of death, repentance is no longer possible. In their judgment God will respect their choice, implicit or explicit, of being outside of the Church and that separation from God and the Church will persist forever in hell. That alienation from the Church makes it impossible for the Church to have any insight into who gets sentenced to or languishes in hell.

The Church does have some limited insight into who resides in heaven. Heaven is the Church Triumphant where there is no struggle against evil, from within or without, and there is a total fulfillment that was only hinted at in earthly life but always remained elusive. Just as there is no evil to resist there is no passage of time either. Heaven is a permanent state of unimaginable bliss that comes from being in the unveiled and unmediated presence of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In very limited cases, the Church Militant can know with certainty who is in heaven. If someone lived an exemplary life as a member of the Church Militant and died in a state of grace, God may allow miracles to occur through the intercession of that member of the Church Triumphant. For example, that undeniable miracles occurred through the intercession of John Paul II allowed the Church to canonize him, to proclaim him to be St John Paul II. The postmortem miracles are necessary evidence of having attained heaven because the judgment of a soul belongs to God alone. Without evidence we have no way of knowing if a certain individual resides in heaven because we cannot know two things: whether they died in a state of grace and whether or not they needed to be purged of their attachments to worldly things.

The purging of our attachment to things unworthy of heaven brings us to the Church Suffering. The Church Suffering is populated by people who died in a state of grace, and thus are infallibly bound for heaven, but who were still attached to their sins or to worldly things. The suffering of these souls is not the same as the suffering of hell. Both kinds of suffering stem from separation from God, but the sufferings in purgatory cleanse the soul to make union with God possible while the sufferings of hell have no power to cleanse but only to punish. While hell is permanent, purgatory is quite temporary. Our prayers and sacrifices here on earth have the power to accelerate their purgation. This is one reason why it is hardly an act of charity for anyone, even a priest, to declare that someone is undoubtedly in heaven. To do so would potentially rob them of the benefits of our prayers and sacrifices, to do so could delay their passage from the Church Suffering into the Church Triumphant. Indeed, we can hope that a loved one enjoys the bliss of being in the Church Triumphant, but we must also recognize that praying for them and having Masses offered for them is an act of charity that no one should be denied.

- Fr Booth