

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>/February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
Septuagesima Sunday (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 Edward Von Hagel, Jr., the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from February 17<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Howard Von Hagel from February 24<sup>th</sup> until February 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 next Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 next Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the John Carroll Gym. The league is open to all interested children grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> (co-ed) and 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, March 31<sup>st</sup> (Laetare Sunday); Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Holy Thursday); Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (Easter); Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Communion); Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost); Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (Corpus Christi); Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (Assumption of BVM); Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost); Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King); Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate Conception); Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (Gaudete Sunday); and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve).

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection for last weekend was \$3707 and \$500 were collected for the Preservation Fund. Thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Feb 16: 9:10 a.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)  
Mon, Feb 18 \*8:30 a.m. † Donald Allison (by Nicole Hernandez)  
Tues, Feb 19: \*8:30 a.m. † Rebecca Rice (by St Bernadette's Band)  
Wed, Feb 20: \*7:00 a.m. † Laura Allen (by the Rumore Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Edward Von Hagel, Jr. (by Linda Miller)  
Thur, Feb 21: \*8:30 a.m. † Neal Tallie (by Cathy Schauer)  
Fri, Feb 22: \*7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Frances Thompson (by the Pohorelsky Family)  
\*8:30 a.m. † Rebecca Rice (by Cathy Schauer)  
Sat, Feb 23: 4:00 p.m. † Rebecca Rice (by Bill and Marian Dinan)  
Sun, Feb 24: 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Wendy Donellan (by Mary Donellan)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Kenneth Levesque, Kathryn Ransom Mahon, Levi Ray, 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23, 1Cor 15:45-49, Lk 6:27-38  
9:00 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23, 1Cor 15:45-49, Lk 6:27-38  
10:45 a.m. Sexagesima Sunday 2Cor 11:19-12:9, Lk 8:4-15

## ***Four Marks***

Some might conclude that there really are three Churches: the Church Militant, the Church Suffering, and the Church Triumphant. That is not the case at all any more than the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – are three distinct Gods. No, there is one God in three Persons. There is also one Church consisting of three parts. This is not to say that the three parts of the Church reflect or correspond to the three divine Persons, but there are some general similarities.

First, God is one in three divine Persons. As one translation of the Preface of the Holy Trinity puts it: ‘For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance. For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.’ The Church is also one. The oneness does not come about by being collocated or by being exactly the same. No, the oneness of the Church is an expression of being in communion with one another. Thus, someone in a state of grace in the Church Militant is in communion with the entirety of the Church Suffering and of the Church Triumphant as well as being united to all of the other members of the Church Militant who are also in a state of grace. This union transcends time and space, culture and language, and every other quality that tends to divide us.

Unquestionably, the three Persons of the Holy Trinity are, as their title suggests, holy. The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are uniquely holy in a way that cannot be described nor can it be ascribed to anything or anyone other than the Trinity. The Church is also holy. But the holiness of the Church is not by nature as it is with God but by grace. The holiness of each member of the Church varies such that we can generally say that the members of the Church Suffering are holier than those of the Church Militant while those members of the Church Triumphant have obtained their full capacity for holiness. If we understand holiness to be closeness to God, then it becomes more clear how each part of the Church tends to vary in holiness: in this world we often struggle for holiness and sometimes fall, in Purgatory souls are infallibly and inexorably growing in holiness by shedding worldliness and all other things unworthy of heaven, and the souls in heaven enjoy the fullness of human holiness.

Another aspect of God is His omnipresence. He is everywhere in the created world and He exists outside and apart from what He has created. He is universal. So is the Church. Another word for universal is catholic, which is not a name or a title, but a true description of the Church. The word catholic is derived from the Greek word for universal: *katholikos*. Jesus clearly intended the Church to be universal since He made a point of saying “*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age*” (Mt 28:19-20). The universality of the Church extends to all of the nations, not just some, and until the end of time, not just for a few decades or centuries.

That catholicity, that universality, extends from Jesus Himself until this world ceases to be. From the Great Commission quoted above, it is clear that Jesus intended for the Apostles and their various successors to be the agents of that universality. From the Apostles we have Jesus’ teachings. From the Apostles we have a direct line back to Jesus’ own ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection. We also have from the Apostles the teaching authority entrusted to the Church: “*He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me... Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me*” (Lk 10:16, Jn 13:20). In other words, access to the Father is mediated through the Son by the ministry of the ones Jesus sent, and another word for one who is sent is apostle.

What this all means is that the Church is not only made up of three parts but has four essential and unmistakable marks: it is one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic.

- Fr Booth