

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*Oct 5th/Oct 6th 2019: Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Seventeenth 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, 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 Anna Mahan, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from October 6th to October 12th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Edward Von Hagel, Sr. from October 13th until October 19th.

FIRST SUNDAY: This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

ROSARY FOR LIFE & VOCATIONS: Bishop Baker will lead the annual Diocesan Rosary for Life and Vocations at the Lourdes Grotto on the grounds of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville on Sunday, October 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Joyful Mysteries will be prayed for the cause of life, and the Luminous Mysteries will be prayed for vocations. The event will close with Benediction. Bring the family and enjoy this beautiful setting while joining the bishop in prayer for these critical intentions.

RED MASS: The Diocese of Birmingham and the Catholic Lawyers of the St Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal related professionals, and the public they serve to the annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 24th at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center.

SCAM ALERT: People in our diocese are getting emails or texts from someone posing as one of our priests asking them to buy gift cards for the needy. This is a scam and all such texts or emails should be ignored and deleted.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: You should have received a Catholic Charities letter and a pledge card from the diocese. Our pledge goal this year is \$16,000. All money raised through this annual appeal remains within the diocese.

2019 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: 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: Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Luis Reyes, Matthew Gubenski, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, and John Gardiner.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Combine your faith and career at EWTN. They are searching to fill the following positions: Groundskeeper, IT support technician, viewer services representative, customer service representative. Information on job requirements can be found at www.ewtn.com. Please email cover letter, salary requirements & resume to humanresources@ewtn.com

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$5618 and \$750 were collected for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Oct 5:	8:30 a.m.	† Floyd Steiner (by Allan Bull)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Lee Dinan (by Bill & Marian Dinan)
Sun, Oct 6:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Nicole Hernandez (by Sarah Catherine Rumore)
Mon, Oct 7	*8:30 a.m.	† Walter Swift (by Teneda Latham)
Tues, Oct 8:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Fr George Kuforiji
Wed, Oct 9:	*7:00 a.m.	† Michael Shumate (by Allan Bull)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Marvin Patridge
Thur, Oct 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for the Matthews Family (by Richard and Barbara Juneau)
Fri, Oct 11:	*7:00 a.m.	† Gary Babbs (by Allan Bull)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
Sat, Oct 12:	4:00 p.m.	† Ryan Karamichael (by Mina Keasler)
Sun, Oct 13:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Thomas Rohling Family (by Danny & Judy Rohling)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Fr Frank Milienewicz, Jerry Joiner, Natalie Karen Caraccilo, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Laura Minjares, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Mina Keasler, Isabella Auer, Levi Ray, John Minjares, Sr., Christopher Chism, Anthony Timpa, Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Vinita Kelley, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Sylvia McCarrick, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Fr Kevin McGrath, OSB, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Anna Marie Madison, Kathleen Strawmeyer, Cindy Little, Stan Trawick, David Henning, Loretta Mara, Lillie Rumore, Jennie Sciro, Stephanie Perry, and Marcus Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m.	28 th Sunday of Ordinary. Time	2Kings 5:14-17, 2Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19
9:00 a.m.	28 th Sunday of Ordinary. Time	2Kings 5:14-17, 2Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19
10:45 a.m.	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 1:4-8, Mt 9:1-8

God: True Source of Goodness, Truth, and Beauty

Having discussed first truth and then beauty, it should not be a huge surprise that truth and beauty are somehow related. If we properly understand sin to be something ugly that besmirches and greatly disfigures the beauty of the human soul, sin which is ugly in and of itself, it therefore makes sense that a lie is ugly but the truth is beautiful. If we can see that a lie is evil no matter how useful it might be and no matter how good the outcome of the lie might seem, we can say with certainty that the truth is obviously good. If we can see that beauty is pleasant while ugliness is unpleasant, then there is a case to be made that beauty is also good. Thus, truth, beauty, and goodness are related to one another. This fact is reflected in the teaching of the Catechism: ‘All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures – their truth, their goodness, their beauty – all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently, we can name God by taking his creatures’ perfections as our starting point, for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator’ (CCC Paragraph 41).

It should not be too surprising that the truth, goodness, and beauty of any creature or thing derived those qualities from its Creator. Thus, when we are good, we reflect the goodness of God. When we do something beautiful and do that which is true the same thing can be said. We can also say that when we are drawn to something beautiful, we can be drawn to its source of beauty. When we are drawn to the goodness of something, we can be drawn to the source of its goodness. When we are drawn to the truth, we can be drawn to its source. This is not happenstance in any way. God has sewn in our hearts a desire for Him, a desire that manifests itself in being drawn to Him through the truth, goodness, and beauty of the things He created.

This desire for truth, goodness, and beauty is not often understood explicitly as a desire for God Himself. This might have been the case had we maintained the original innocence that Adam and Eve enjoyed prior to their fall from grace. Adam and Eve would have known that the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Garden of Eden came from God, that it was God who made it what it is. To the unfallen intellect the unfallen world would have unmistakably reflected the qualities of its Creator. It would likewise manifest His love for mankind for whom the material world was created. However, to our fallen intellect, the goodness, beauty, and truth of the world around us seems more random than purposeful. Or if we see a purpose to the qualities of the created world, it can result in a form of idolatry. Seeing that which is created we can lose sight of the Creator. St Paul speaks of this tendency toward idolatry in his letter to the Romans: *“For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes”* (Rom 1:19-23).

While the classic idolatry of animals or man-made images still exists, the more common form of idolatry today stems from seeing the truth, beauty, and goodness of nature itself but failing to see its Creator. Failing to see that nature was meant by God to serve us, some have chosen to serve nature. Extremists, whose views are sadly becoming more and more mainstream, even see abortion as a means of serving nature or they see the elimination of most of the human population as necessary for the sake of nature. With darkened minds and failing to see the Creator in what He has created, they endorse what amounts to human sacrifice. Failing to discern the true source of goodness they embrace evil. Failing to see the true source of beauty they promote true ugliness. Failing to acknowledge the true source of truth they hold fast to lies. Oddly, drawn into ugliness, falsehood, and evil they see themselves as wise and enlightened but see those who worship the Creator as being unsophisticated rubes. - Fr Booth