

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*Oct 19th/Oct 20th 2019: Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Nineteenth 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 Dennis G. Woods, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from October 20th to October 26th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Sam and Jennifer Buchanan from October 27th until November 2nd.

REST IN PEACE: Jeremy Noblitt, son of Kenneth and Ann Noblitt, passed away on October 16th. 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: There will be a second collection this weekend for the World Mission Sunday, supporting mission churches throughout the world.

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.

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.

HER CHOICE FUNDRAISING BANQUET: The annual Her Choice Banquet will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. at The Club (1 Robert S. Smith Drive). The special guest speaker will be Abby Johnson, who once worked for Planned Parenthood and whose conversion is chronicled in the recent movie *Unplanned*. Make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight or make a life-saving donation. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post abortion recovery services. To confirm your participation, 205-447-8796 or hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org

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: custodian, groundskeeper, IT support technician, gift shop sales associate (temporary, part-time), fulfillment center associate (temporary), on-air graphic designer, viewer services representative (bilingual), 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 \$3276 and \$50 were collected for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, Oct 19:	9:15 a.m.	Special intention for Marc Ayers, Jr. (by the Hahn Family)
	4:00 p.m.	† Brandon Wright (by Susan Banks)
Sun, Oct 20:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for the Clemens Family (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Mon, Oct 21	*8:30 a.m.	† Antoinette Berry (by the Noblitt Family)
Tues, Oct 22:	*8:30 a.m.	† Martha Jusi (by George & Madeline Sampedro)
Wed, Oct 23:	*7:00 a.m.	† Johnny Cooper (by the Donellan Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Patsy Shilleci Grubbs (by James & Nida Hammond)
Thur, Oct 24:	*8:30 a.m.	† Bill Caradine (by James & Nida Hammond)
Fri, Oct 25:	*7:00 a.m.	† Mamie Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Fr Lambert Greenan, OP
Sat, Oct 26:	4:00 p.m.	† Tilly Cross (by James & Nida Hammond)
Sun, Oct 27:	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Anthony Stanley (by the Donellan Family)

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, 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.	30 th Sunday of Ordinary. Time	Sir 35:12-14,16-18, 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18, Lk 18:9-14
9:00 a.m.	30 th Sunday of Ordinary. Time	Sir 35:12-14,16-18, 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18, Lk 18:9-14
10:45 a.m.	Christ the King	Col 1:12-20, Jn 18:33-37

Problematic Progress

Of recent, the topics of truth, goodness, and beauty have been discussed to a certain degree. These three concepts are related to one another by virtue of the fact that they all, in their purest form, stem from, and therefore lead to God Himself. Our fallen nature, however, often inhibits our ability to recognize truth, goodness, and beauty. We easily fall for embracing the seemingly true, the apparently good, and the deceptively beautiful. When we sin we are usually seeking a perceived form of goodness even though we often know that what we are seeking is wrong. It seems good at the time, or the circumstances make things seem more licit than they really are, we just aren't thinking about what we are doing, or in some cases we simply do not care. Very few people freely, deliberately, and knowingly embrace evil simply because it is evil or because they actually desire evil itself: those who choose evil in and of itself are profoundly depraved, mentally ill, or even both.

The case of Ted Bundy provides an example of someone profoundly depraved and mentally ill. Bundy was a serial murderer and rapist responsible for the death of at least three dozen women. He was most likely a psychopath but he grew in his depravity as his behavior became more debauched. Details from accounts of crimes against women led to pornography which led to being a peeping tom which ultimately led to rape. While he never spoke in detail of how his violent behavior began or progressed, it is most likely that it worked up from being cruel to animals to causing relatively minor injuries on humans to assault and then murder. Thus, for Bundy depravity bred depravity with mental illness preventing conscience, remorse, or social norms from impeding or limiting that progression.

The same progression of depravity can still happen in those with no mental illness, but it must be said that mental illness in general certainly does not automatically lead to immoral behavior. In Bundy's specific case, his being a psychopath certainly led to a faster, deeper, and more profound plunge into the depths of evil. But how would someone who is normal go down that same path? The answer, again, is progressively. Everyone has the capacity to grow in their sinfulness.

In some instances, one sin begets a different type of sin. King David is a great example. Failing to observe custody of his eyes resulted in lust that begat rape or adultery which brought deception and ultimately murder. David found himself in a quandary and used immoral behavior in an attempt to extricate himself. In his case, the hole he dug only got deeper and deeper. While we might not have gone so far as murder or adultery, we have the same capacity. Or one sin can bring forth more sins of the same genre. One lie, for example, frequently begets another lie. Lies can multiply so rapidly that one lie will eventually contradict another. Even when confronted with the contradiction, it is more likely that yet more lies will be used to explain it away. The web of lies that some people weave can even begin to fool the liar himself: he might actually begin to believe his own lies and deceive himself more thoroughly than those he intended to deceive in the first place.

Thus, sin can progress in number, type, and frequency but they can also progress in severity. Telling white lies sets us up for lying about more important and serious matters. Someone willing to perjure himself in an affidavit or in court is likely well versed in deceit. Lies become a way of life for some people. A Victoria's Secret catalog could lead a man to more explicit pictures to videos to progressively extreme and perverted material. Gossip can lead to disparagement then to detraction then to calumny and then to outright vicious slander. Theft almost always starts small, such as small change or a piece of candy. It is very unlikely that a bank robber or an embezzler began with these major crimes. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns us that hate is more serious than we might think (Mt 5:21-26) because it leads to murder and the same thing can be said of lust and adultery (Mt 5:27-30).

Thus, we should never be complacent about our sins. We should never try to deceive ourselves into thinking that we can achieve good through the power of evil. We certainly cannot take solace in the fact that our sins are common or widespread. We should detest and fight against every one of our sins lest we begin to progress in immorality.

- Fr Booth