

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 11th/July 12th 2020: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

6th 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: 7:30 a.m. and 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: [See Below](#)

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.

COVID-19 RESPONSE, MASS & DEVOTIONS: We have returned to an approximation of our normal weekend schedule with Mass inside the Church. We will have a 4:00 p.m. Saturday English Mass, a 9:00 a.m. Sunday English Mass, a 10:45 a.m. Sunday Latin Mass, and an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30 a.m. The additional Latin Mass is intended to aid in the social distancing, **which is the responsibility of those attending Mass.** Please be considerate. This additional Mass will continue as long as social distancing is necessary.

COVID-19 RESPONSE, CONFESSIONS: Until further notice, confessions will be done in the Church parking lot with Fr Booth in his car. Those wishing to confess can walk up individually maintaining a six-foot distance. Confessions will be offered at 3:30-3:55 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday at 7:00-7:25 a.m., 8:30-8:55 a.m., and 10:15-10:40 a.m.

REVISED DISPENSATION FOR SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: Per Bishop Raica, all Roman Catholics who reside in the diocese are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation through September 6th. No one, especially the vulnerable, should feel obliged to attend Mass.

A REMINDER FROM BISHOP RAICA: Those individuals who have a fever, feel sick, are in a high-risk group (e.g., immuno-compromised or having another serious underlying health condition), are of a more advanced age, or who live with someone in one of these categories, are urged to avail themselves of the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass that I recently renewed for all Roman Catholics living in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.

REMINDER FROM FR BOOTH: If you have covid symptoms, *DO NOT COME TO MASS!* Just don't.

SINCE FR BOOTH WAS EXPOSED to Covid last Sunday, we will have no public daily Masses and Mass will be offered this Sunday but there will be no Communion

CHANGES TO THE MASS: We will forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood, reception of which is ordinarily optional, and the sign of peace, the omission of which is also optional.

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 Marian and Saverio Miranda, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from July 12th to July 18th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Beverly Grisham from July 19th until July 25th.

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY LAMP SIGN-UP SHEETS for 2021, 2022, and 2023 are at the religious goods counter in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

MORNING WITH MARY: Because Fr Booth will continue to be quarantining, there will be no Morning with Mary this month.

THIRD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers following the 10:45 a.m. Mass but no potluck.

2020 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: ~~July 12th (6th Sunday after Pentecost); July 19th (7th Sunday after Pentecost);~~ August 9th (10th Sunday after Pentecost); August 30th (13th Sunday after

Pentecost); September 13th (15th Sunday after Pentecost); September 27th (17th Sunday after Pentecost); October 4th (18th Sunday after Pentecost); October 11th (19th Sunday after Pentecost); October 25th (Christ the King); Sunday, November 1st (All Saints); November 29th (1st Sunday of Advent); Tuesday, Tuesday, December 8th (Immaculate Conception); December 13th (3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday); Christmas.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Daniel Sessions, Charles Deering, Doug Hess, Matthew Gubenski, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, John Gardiner, Andrew Vickery, John Paul Stepnowski, and Collins Hess. Please pray for more good men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$5777 and \$550 was offered for the Preservation Fund. Please feel free to mail your contributions in or save them up for when things return to normal.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Daily Masses are Private this Week)

Sat, Jul 11:	4:00 p.m.	† Earl Norman (by Helen Brandley)
Sun, Jul 12:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for John Paul Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Tom Flemming, Sr. (by Hahn Family)
Mon, Jul 13:	*****	Special Intention for Fred Fullerton (by Susan Sertell)
Tues, Jul 14:	*****	† Martin Sertell (by Susan Sertell)
Wed, Jul 15:	*****	† Carolyn Sertell (by Susan Sertell)
Thur, Jul 16:	*****	Special Intention for Jessica Headrick (by Jillian Wernke)
Fri, Jul 17:	*****	Special Intention for Samantha Headrick (by Jillian Wernke)
Sat, Jul 18:	4:00 p.m.	† Susan Lavery (by Matthew Leonard)
Sun, Jul 19:	7:30 a.m.	† Susan Lavery (by Matthew Leonard)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Neal Hendricks (by Hahn Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Eddie Hunter, John Minjares, Jr., Julia Bryant, Mark Corley, Lee Gaissert, Lawrence Brandley, Don Williams, Roseanne Timpa, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Natalie Caraccilo, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Laura Minjares, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Mina Keasler, Levi Ray, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Files, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Paul Herrmann, Debbie Zeller, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, Cindy Little, Stan Trawick, David Henning, Loretta Mara, Lillie Rumore, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m.	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wis 12:13,16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43
7:30 a.m.	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 6:19-23, Mt 7:15-21
9:00 a.m.	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wis 12:13,16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43
10:45 a.m.	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 6:19-23, Mt 7:15-21

Reception of Holy Communion

Perhaps it is a good time to consider not just our worthiness and our spiritual and emotional disposition, but also the mechanics of receiving Communion. The primary, normal way (in fact the only way at a Latin Mass) of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is on the tongue. This is the norm worldwide and the faithful have a right to receive on the tongue. No bishop has the authority to command otherwise. Yes, a bishop can recommend or suggest people not receive on the tongue, but he cannot ban it. Nor can a priest refuse to administer the Host on the tongue. There has been a spate of bishops and priests, however, who have overstepped their authority and unjustly banned reception on the tongue supposedly for reasons of disease prevention. Truth be told, there is hardly a consensus on which mode of receiving Communion constitutes a greater risk. One thing is certain, however. The greater risk lies in someone coming to Mass with Covid symptoms. Please do not come to Mass if you have symptoms of a coronavirus infection.

In some countries, including America, the Vatican has allowed for reception of the Eucharist in the hand of the faithful. Although this practice is widespread, it is not the norm of the Church but an exception, an accommodation. It must be said that reception on the hand can be as problematic or even more so than receiving on the tongue when it comes to the transmission of diseases. Probably the two greatest means of generally spreading disease at Mass – the sign of peace in the form of a handshake and the use of a common holy water font – involve the hands. Indeed, uninfected people can easily spread disease by picking up whatever might be lurking in the holy water font and passing it to others or by shaking hands. If someone who is infected uses holy water or shakes hands with others while at Mass, they can easily spread the virus to others. Although there has been and continues to be debate on the effectiveness of face masks, one measure that has never been brought into question regarding the spread of Covid is the importance of thorough and frequent hand washing. In any case, under no circumstances should anyone come to Mass if they have any symptom of a Covid infection.

So, if someone chooses to receive on the tongue, it is important to minimize the risk of your tongue or your lips contacting the fingers of the priest. One should stand still, stick out their tongue, and wait for the priest to place the Host on your tongue. Once the Host is on your tongue, wait for the priest to withdraw his fingers before retracting your tongue or closing your mouth. Under no circumstances should anyone lunge for the Eucharist. Hold still, do not lunge forward. Under no circumstances should someone try to kiss the fingers of the priest. Under no circumstances should someone purse their lips instead of extending their tongue. And certainly under no circumstances should anyone approach the priest for Communion if they have any symptoms of Covid. Instead, stay home.

If someone chooses to receive on the hand, the same principle applies: contact with the priest's fingers should be avoided. First of all, hold your hands still. Do not raise your hands up or move them toward the priest. Likewise, hold your hands flat and level with the ground, not sloping your hands toward or away from the priest. Do not cup your hands as if you were receiving a handful of marbles: if you hold your hands flat and keep them still, the Host won't fall off. Do not grab the host from the priest either with your fingers or in your palm. If you use your thumb to press the host against your palm, wait for the priest's fingers to move away before moving your thumb. Lastly, if you have a cough, if you are running a fever or have chills, if you have lost your sense of taste, if you have lost your sense of smell, if you have body aches, if you have chest congestion, if you have a runny nose, if you have nausea, if you have gastrointestinal issues, if you have unexplained fatigue, if you have been tested for Covid and are awaiting results, or if you have tested positive, please stay home.

One final point. Since someone who was suffering from Covid symptoms and was awaiting test results came to Mass last week and tested positive, and who interacted with me within six feet, I have had to quarantine all last week and will have to do so this week. So at the risk of being too subtle, if you have Covid symptoms, STAY HOME.

- Fr Booth