

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

August 8th/August 9th 2020: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

10th 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.

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, 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 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!*

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 Beverly Grisham, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from August 9th to August 15th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Helen Von Hagel from August 16th until August 22nd.

REST IN PEACE: Robert Brandley, brother of Helen Brandley, passed away on August 2nd. Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 11th from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 12th at 10:00 a.m. Both events will be at the Davenport-Harris Funeral Home. 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.

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: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, August 15th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since this Feast falls on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

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.

HOMESCHOOL MASS: All Catholic Homeschoolers are invited to a Beginning of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St Paul on Thursday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Susan Fay esfay11@gmail.com

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for last weekend was \$6137 and \$900 was offered for the Preservation Fund. Please feel free to mail your contributions in or save them up for when things return to normal.

2020 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: 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, December 8th (Immaculate Conception); December 13th (3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday); Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Masses in the Rectory Chapel)

Sat, Aug 8:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Clement Muck, Sr. (by the Duvall Family)
Sun, Aug 9:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Susan Muck (by the Duvall Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Michael Renna (by the Duvall Family)
Mon, Aug 10:	*8:30 a.m.	† Ross Rumore (by the Rumore Family)
Tues, Aug 11:	*8:30 a.m.	† Rita Flemming (by the Rumore Family)
Wed, Aug 12:	*7:00 a.m.	† Tom Flemming (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Luke Gagnon (by the Rumore Family)
Thur, Aug 13:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Anna Rumore (by the Rumore Family)
Fri, Aug 14:	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Margaret Ann Allen (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Lily Rohling (by the Rumore Family)
Sat, Aug 15:	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Allison Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Andrew Tate (by the Rumore Family)
Sun, Aug 16:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Miriam Newman (by the Rumore Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Mary Claire Clemens (by the Rumore Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, 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.	20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 56:1,6-7, Rom 11:13-15,29-32, Mt 15:21-28
7:30 a.m.	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 15:1-10, Mk 7:31-37
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A New Morality?

It seems that a new ‘morality’ is emerging in our culture. Was the old morality perfect? Hardly. Whenever human beings, human thought, human stupidity, human prejudice, human sensibilities, and human emotions are involved there will be varying degrees of moral imperfection. At no time since the fall of Adam and Eve has mankind possessed a perfect or even a nearly perfect cultural moral compass. True justice has been diminished by the coexistence of moral and immoral laws, moral and immoral public opinions, as well as moral and immoral cultural norms. It often seems as if progress is made on one front while morality retreats elsewhere. For example, the 1950s were a time of social conformity and law and order, but racism was still a major problem in both the hearts of many people and under the laws of many states and municipalities. Given the progress made combating legalized racism, can we say that the cultural morality of twenty years ago vastly exceeded the moral norms of the 1950s? Such an argument would be impossible, for example, given that over 1 million babies have been legally murdered in the womb annually because of the supremely faulty Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*. Morally speaking, can we say that the elimination of legalized racism outweighs the advent of legalized murder of the unborn? Hardly. Not that these two issues – racism and the life of the unborn – are linked in such a way that advancement on one front directly caused retreat on the other moral front, but they illustrate that we can progress in some areas while regressing in others. Nor can we say that abolition of abortion at the expense of the reinstatement of racist laws and attitudes would be acceptable or even preferable. Given that both racism and abortion are intrinsically evil, that they are serious sins that are never justified no matter the circumstances or intentions, they have no place in a moral and just society. Both of these sins, along with a long list of others, need to be rooted out for true social progress.

The new morality taking shape of recent can hardly be seen as an advancement either. Blanket statements based on mere race, ethnicity, or skin color have no place whatsoever in a just and moral society. Just because one race tended to victimize another, this does not justify the victimized race turning on those that once persecuted them. Likewise, the sins of the father, grandfather, great grandfather, etc. have no moral bearing on the son and vice versa: *“Only the one who sins shall die. The son shall not be charged with the guilt of his father, nor shall the father be charged with the guilt of his son. Justice belongs to the just, and wickedness to the wicked”* (Ez 18:20). The morality forming at the moment, however, can easily be imagined to punish the innocent in the name of justice as if injustice fosters or begets justice. Sadly, we seem to be on the trajectory of punishing not just the criminal or the perceived criminal but punishment extending toward the family or even friends and associates of the offender. Such is the behavior of reprehensible totalitarian regimes.

Even more worrisome is the growing animosity toward thoughts and ideas at odds with the new emerging morality. An open and free society must respect differing viewpoints. Political correctness, a concept born of the Soviet Union where loyalty to the communist party and its beliefs was strictly enforced, will bring about great injustices if allowed to take deeper root in our society. Under the pretext of political correctness the Soviets imprisoned and enslaved dissidents and their families, or simply shot them, in order to foster a better culture free of political incorrectness. Such cannot be called a form of morality. No, it is pure and simple terrorism.

What is missing from the new morality is the same ingredient that is absent whenever injustice or immorality exists. The missing element is God. He is the only one who can definitively specify what is and what is not moral. Indeed, one culture that murders millions of babies in the womb cannot pass judgment on the likes of Nazi Germany, Cambodia under the rule of Pol Pot, or North Korea. To the degree that God is absent from the new morality we will see injustice blossom forth. Those who loot, vandalize, and disrupt saying ‘no justice, no peace’ are quite wrong. It should be ‘No God, no morality, no justice, and no peace.’

- Fr Booth