

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

*February 6<sup>th</sup>/ February 7<sup>th</sup>: 2021: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)  
Sexagesima 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: 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 March 14<sup>th</sup>**. No one, especially the vulnerable, should feel obliged to attend Mass. This is almost certainly the last extension for the Covid dispensation. Those who are not at risk are encouraged to return to Mass.

**A REMINDER FROM BISHOP RAICA:** Those who have a fever, have any Covid symptom, 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.

**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 Alexander Salillis, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from February 7<sup>th</sup> to until February 13<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Mary & Bill Dinan from February 14<sup>th</sup> until February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**REST IN PEACE:** John Patrick Ryan, Jr., brother of Sissy Talley, passed away on February 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY:** This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will not be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATE:** First Communion will be on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Opportunities for first confession will be provided on several occasions prior to First Communion.

**CONFIRMATION DATE:** Confirmation will be on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last weekend was \$4913 and \$275 was donated to the Preservation Fund.

**2021 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE:** The High Mass schedule for the 10:45 a.m. Mass will be as follows: Every second, third, and fourth Sunday of the month excluding Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) and December 26<sup>th</sup> with the addition of the Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>), Holy Thursday (April 1<sup>st</sup>), Easter Sunday (April 4<sup>th</sup>), Corpus Christi (June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Confirmation), All Saints (November 1<sup>st</sup>), All Souls (November 2<sup>nd</sup>), Immaculate Conception (December 8<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas (December 25<sup>th</sup>).

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

Sat, Feb 6:	8:30 a.m.	† Robin Melendez (by James & Nida Hammond)
	4:00 p.m.	† Sharon Marta (by James & Nida Hammond)
Sun, Feb 7:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Alyssa Tyler (by Mary Claire Mathews)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Charlie Mathews (by Mary Claire Mathews)
Mon, Feb 8:	*8:30 a.m.	Private Intention
Tues, Feb 9:	*8:30 a.m.	† Frederick O. Adams (by the Rickerts)
Wed, Feb 10:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Dr. & Mrs. Michael Irwin (by the Hahns )
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Sharon Gagnon (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, Feb 11:	*8:30 p.m.	Special Intention for Rita Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, Feb 12:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Danny & Judy Rohling (by the Hahns)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Anna Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Sat, Feb 13:	4:00 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun, Feb 14:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Cynthia & Lee Harrison (by the Rumores)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Louis B. Roth (by the Donellan Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Sr Miracles, Bob Wiseman, Bernita Hicks, Jerry Bryant, Eve Moore, Nida Hammond, Aaron Minjares, Hamp Schauer, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Mark Corley, Lee Gaissert, Lawrence Brandley, Don Williams, Roseanne Timpa, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Laura Minjares, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Levi Ray, John Minjares, Sr., Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Paul Herrmann, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, George Dunham, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

4:00 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lev 13:1-2,44-46, 1Cor 10:31-11:1, Mk 1:40-45
7:30 a.m.	Quinquagesima Sunday	1Cor 13:1-13, Lk 18:31-43
9:00 a.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lev 13:1-2,44-46, 1Cor 10:31-11:1, Mk 1:40-45
10:45 a.m.	Quinquagesima Sunday	1Cor 13:1-13, Lk 18:31-43

## *Hypocrisy*

It is clear that there is a great deal of hypocrisy in the world at the moment. There is much in the way of virtue signaling but precious little actual virtue. There is much character assassination but precious little actual character. There are many calls for others to reform their ways but precious little actual self-reformation. There are many calls for unity coming especially from those who have sown and continue to sow little but discord. Those who demonize, denigrate, and defame others falsely cry foul when their own ugly truths are exposed. In a frenzied quest to establish a sense of equality great inequalities and inequities are created in the process. Hypocrisy.

For example, in the name of equality and fairness confused boys and confused men are now being allowed to compete as girls and women in female sports. Those who reject their natural and God-given gender are being pandered to ultimately at the expense of women. Boys and men will soon crowd-out girls and women from almost all sports in the name of equality. Only the morally and intellectually blind fail to see that this is truly problematic. Given that the Soviet block countries (the USSR, Poland, East Germany, Romania, etc.), to gain an edge over the natural women of other countries, once pumped their female Olympic athletes so full of testosterone and other hormones that they developed beards, it is simply a matter of time before an ambitious coach recruits boys or men to compete as women. Sports will increasingly become men versus men and men-dressed-as-women versus men-dressed-as-women. Equality achieved through the promotion of inequality. Hypocrisy.

In a broader sense, we will see justice promoted as the cause for some at the expense of others, as if justice can be promoted through systematic injustice. Some viewpoints will be given a voice at the expense of other points of view to the point so that free speech will require the silencing of opposing opinions. Opposing opinions will be shouted down, canceled, vilified, silenced, or even outlawed in the name of free speech. How blind must one be not to see the hypocrisy?

According to some, about half of the country consists of white supremacists. Really? Some seem to think that there are white supremacists hiding under every rock and lurking around every corner. Many of these people know that those who disagree with them are not white supremacists, but they freely toss that slur at their opponents because they cannot defend their own beliefs and positions against the truth. The truth is that women's sports were given equal standing with men's sports for obvious reasons: it is unrealistic to expect women to compete equally with men and in many cases it is unchaste and immoral for men to compete directly against women. Introduce the lie that men are women and women are men and you deny the truth that men and women are indeed different and deny that a woman's dignity ought to be protected and respected. Expose the lie and expect to be demonized.

So, did Jesus ever demonize His opponents? He did not even demonize the demons. Did Jesus ever slander anyone? Of course not. Did Jesus ever silence anyone? It might seem so, but He rendered His opponents speechless by His use of the truth, not by shouting them down or casting slurs at them. He did silence demons so that they would not prematurely reveal His divinity and His being the Messiah. He did request silence from some of those He healed for the very same reason. Although He had the power to utterly destroy the demons, He did not. Although He had the power to render the scribes and Pharisees completely mute, taking the power of speech away from them entirely, He did not. Thus, the name calling, the slandering, the silencing, and the promotion of false justice in the name of justice we see more and more today are not of Christ.

Instead, we ought to take St Paul's advice to heart: "*Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things*" (Phil 4:8). The hypocrisy of today is none of these things. We are seeing and will continue to see that which is untrue, dishonorable, unjust, impure, nasty, uncivil, unworthy, and disgraceful. We may not be able to shield ourselves from other people's hypocrisy, but we can certainly strive not become hypocrites ourselves. - Fr Booth