

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

May 1st/May 2nd 2021: 5th Sunday of Easter (English)

4th Sunday After Easter (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.

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 May 23rd**. This is almost certainly the last extension for the Covid dispensation. Those who are not at risk, who have already had Covid, who have been vaccinated, and/or who have otherwise returned to a more normal life are encouraged to return to Mass.

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 Tony Melendez, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from May 2nd to until May 8th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Glenn A. Varnell from May 9th until May 15th.

REST IN PEACE: Julie Jelly, sister-in-law of Mary Jane Kelly, passed away on April 22nd. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY: First Friday English Mass will be on May 7th at 8:30 a.m. and followed with Adoration and Benediction and a Latin Low Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

GAIL MCMAHON, our organist for 20 years, has retired due to health considerations. Get Well and Thank You cards can be sent c/o Ann Rodgers, 5031 Stratford Rd, B'ham 35242.

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

CONFIRMATION DATE: Confirmation will be on Thursday, June 3rd. There will be three classes offered for the confirmandi scheduled for May 2nd, May 16th, and May 30th.

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 December 26th with the addition of Corpus Christi (June 3rd, Confirmation), All Saints (November 1st), All Souls (November 2nd), Immaculate Conception (December 8th), and Christmas (December 25th).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last weekend was \$4818, \$50 was donated to the Preservation Fund, and \$466 was given for the Catholic Home Missions. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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.

HOMESCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 GRADS: The diocese of Birmingham will be hosting a baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony for all graduating homeschool seniors at the Cathedral of St Paul. Please contact Mary Shields (mapashields@bellsouth.net) or Misti Yaeger (heelsfan2@hotmail.com) for the date and time. Please RSVP by April 30th.

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

Sat, May 1	8:30 a.m.	Special Int. for the Phillips Family (by Mary & Betty Mason)
	4:00 p.m.	† Robert C. Bryant (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, May 2:	7:30 a.m.	† Lillie Mae Rumore (by Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† John Moorehouse (by Hahn Family)
Mon, May 3:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Int. for the Phillips Family (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Tues, May 4:	*8:30 a.m.	† Isabella Auer (by Allen Bull)
Wed, May 5:	*7:00 a.m.	† Joyce McGovern (by Allen Bull)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Wayne Bullock (by Allen Bull)
Thur, May 6:	*8:30 a.m.	† David Bull (by Allen Bull)
Fri, May 7:	*8:30 a.m.	† Mark Porter (by Allen Bull)
	6:30 p.m.	† Avis Booth (by Allen Bull)
Sat, May 8	4:00 p.m.	† Julia Bryant
Sun, May 9:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Fr Booth (by Allen Bull)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Souls in Purgatory (by Allen Bull)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially James Bonner, Julie Kelly, Matthew Clune Sr., Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Sarah Minjares, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Mary Cavanagh, Sr Miracles, Bob Wiseman, Jerry Bryant, Eve Moore, Nida Hammond, Aaron Minjares, Hamp Schauer, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, Don Williams, Roseanne Timpa, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Laura Minjares, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, Levi Ray, 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 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17
7:30 a.m.	5 th Sunday After Easter	James 1:22-27, Jn 16:23-30
9:00 a.m.	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17
10:45 a.m.	5 th Sunday After Easter	James 1:22-27, Jn 16:23-30

St Joseph the Worker

May 1st is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. This is a relatively new feast, having been established by Pope Pius XII in 1955. This feast was created and placed on May 1st in response to the communists choosing the same date to celebrate laborers. The Church, having always recognized the importance and dignity of human labor, especially since Jesus Himself spent most of His earthly life toiling as a carpenter, could not stand by letting communists and socialists claim that they were the sole voice on behalf of the workers of the world. Having enshrined strife between the various social classes, godless communism, no doubt the product of human folly and satanic inspiration, had to try to supplant the religious significance of man's toil so as to claim to be the voice of workers worldwide.

Communists new and old would love for us to forget that two of the four sins that cry to heaven for divine vengeance relate to what they call the working class. One of these sins that cry out to heaven is the oppression of the poor, exemplified by widows and orphans: *"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely listen to their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans"* (Ex 22:21-23). The other pertains to the withholding of the laborer's wage: *"Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts"* (James 5:4). Since God is the champion of the poor laborer, Christianity could hardly be called a rich man's religion. After all, who were the Apostles but fishermen, a tax collector, a tentmaker, and even a common thief? Nevertheless, the communists and socialists, supposedly the defenders of the worker, essentially seek to enslave the worker in order to enrich the idle ruling class and seek to disparage work itself by pushing for salaries even for those who refuse to work. Quite different is St Paul's understanding of the evil of idleness and the importance of human work: *"In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food"* (2Thes 3:10-12).

Not surprisingly, the communists and socialists, godless men that they are, also embrace and even promote the other two sins that cry out to heaven. In regard to abortion, the willful murder of the unborn, how could the innocent blood shed millions of times each year, not cry out louder than the blood of Abel? *"Then the Lord asked Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He answered, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?' God then said: 'What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!'"* (Gen 4:9-10). Likewise, given the modern socialist's promotion of perversion, how could what is now being pushed, promulgated, and promoted in our country not also cry out to heaven? *"So the Lord said [to Abraham]: The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down to see whether or not their actions are as bad as the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out"* (Gen 18:20-21).

In any case, it is also interesting that the Solemnity of St Joseph, March 19th, is not a terribly old feast. Although celebrated locally in prior times, the Solemnity of St Joseph was instituted throughout the Church by Pope Pius V in 1570. In a certain way, it should not be surprising that the name of St Joseph was not added to the Roman Canon until 1962 and to the other Eucharistic Prayers on May 1st, 2013. Thus, it sure seems that the Church has been slow to recognize the significance and importance of St Joseph. Or, is it possible that the intercession of St Joseph might be a remedy for the evils afoot in recent times, especially for those sins that cry out to heaven?

Given that St Joseph was the protector of the Holy Family and is thus the protector of the Church, it makes increasing sense to seek his intercession against any number of modern evils. This quiet, holy man might well be the saint through which God chooses to vanquish today's forces of evil. Since the Litany of St Joseph calls him the terror of demons, this really does make sense. - Fr Booth