

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

May 29th / May 30th 2021: Holy Trinity



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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 an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30, which is intended to aid in the social distancing, and will continue on a provisional basis.

COVID-19 RESPONSE, CONFESSIONS: Given our very confined confessionals, confessions will continue to be held behind the Church 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. Confessions will likely remain outside throughout the month of June, perhaps into July.

EXPIRATION OF THE DISPENSATION FOR SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: Per Bishop Raica, all Roman Catholics residing or visiting and present in the Diocese of Birmingham are once again subject to the precept physically attending Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, notwithstanding the ordinary and serious reasons why one's obligation may be excused, including being at high risk, being advised by a doctor to avoid exposure to other people, or having an illness or Covid symptoms.

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 Fr Bill Jones, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from May 30th to June 5th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Glenn L. Varnell from June 6th until June 12th.

CORPUS CHRISTI: There will be Latin High Mass on Thursday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m., the traditional date for Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi will be celebrated next Sunday in English.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on June 4th at 8:30 a.m. in the Rectory followed with Adoration and Benediction and a Latin Low Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on June 5th. Altar server training and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow Mass.

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

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.

NEW CONFIRMATION DATE: Confirmation, to be celebrated by Fr Booth with Bishop Raica's permission, is now scheduled for Sunday, June 6th at 10:45.

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 week was \$5239. Many thanks for your generosity.

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 (Thursday, June 3rd), Sunday June 6th (Confirmation), All Saints (Monday, November 1st), All Souls (Tuesday, November 2nd), Immaculate Conception (Wednesday, December 8th), and Christmas (Saturday, December 25th).

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a five-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, May 29	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Mrs. Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
Sun, May 30:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Lynn Irwin by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Sophie Sabri (by the Hahn Family)
Mon, May 31:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Karen Johnson (by the Hahn Family)
Tues, June 1:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Sr Janet Flemming, OSB (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, June 2:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Charles Rumore (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Stormy Decker (by the Rumore Family)
Thur, June 3:	*8:30 a.m.	† Dewey Corder (by the Rumore Family)
	6:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Charles Anthony Rumore (by the Rumores)
Fri, June 4:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Ari Fogelman (by Paula Pinter)
	6:30 p.m.	Special Intention for Sophia Pinter (by Tom Pinter)
Sat, June 5	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Thomas Pinter (by Paula Pinter)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Isabel Pinter (by Paula Pinter)
Sun, June 6:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Miguel Valencia (by Paula Pinter)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Sarah Pinter (by Paula Pinter)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Anthony Morris, James Bonner, Matthew Clune Sr., Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Mary Cavanagh, Sister Miracles, Bob Wiseman, Jerry Bryant, Eve Moore, Nida Hammond, Aaron Minjares, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, Don Williams, Roseanne Timpa, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Nicole Copeland, Linda Cooper, Lee Dinan, 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.	Corpus Christi	Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mk 14:12-16,22-26
7:30 a.m.	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	1Jn 3:13-18, Lk 14:16-24
9:00 a.m.	Corpus Christi	Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mk 14:12-16,22-26
10:45 a.m.	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	1Jn 3:13-18, Lk 14:16-24

In His Name

Despite the growing trend of secularism, the world is still fairly religious. About 80-85% of people belong to some religion with the rest being agnostics or atheists. Sadly, it is this second category, the unbeliever, that is the fastest growing segment. Ironically, the unbeliever practices his lack of religion more religiously than the vast majority of people who claim to be religious.

Nevertheless, if we look at what religious people actually believe, we see vast disagreement in their understanding of God. Christians, the largest belief on the planet, generally see God as a Trinity of Divine Persons. Islam, the second largest religion, confesses a god who is one person, rejecting the doctrine of the Trinity. Hinduism goes in the opposite direction, confessing a multitude of various gods, even to the point that some Hindus see Jesus as divine, just another god among a throng of others. The next largest form of religious belief, Buddhism, does not even confess a deity at all.

Clearly, all religions are not equal despite what many claim. We can also say that what one believes about the nature of God has much to do with how they interact with the world. For example, Islam is clearly a religion of strife and violence. To a lesser degree, the same can be said of Hinduism. In both cases, their concept of god or the gods being distant and aloof promotes the idea that believers have to act on their god's behalf. Buddhists, on the other hand, tend to be among the least violent, not because they have a right understanding of God, but because they have no god in whose name they act.

The true Christian understanding of God is quite different. God is not aloof and distant. He is a part of our lives and concerned with what we say and do. Our actions are not guided by a code of conduct, a list of dos and don'ts, but flow from a love of God and neighbor. Jesus makes this clear: *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments"* (Mt 22:37-40).

Love distinguishes the behavior and morality of the Christian from any other form of belief. Indeed, we spread the faith by the example of our lives – not at sword-point – out of loving concern for our neighbor. We want others to find salvation because we love them. And love is what truly distinguishes the right understanding of Who God is. God is love. He doesn't just love, but love is His very essence. Since God is love, He wants to be – in fact He must be – in relationships. He must love by nature even before He created anything. For God to exist without someone to love is an absurdity. Therefore, God must have been in loving relationships from all eternity, loving a person or persons who are also eternal and uncreated. Thus, if God is love, He must be One in nature, that is love, but be multiple in terms of persons since other persons are only true object of love.

If God is love, then He could as few as two divine persons or perhaps even millions. But Jesus has revealed that God is a Trinity of Persons, two of which are defined for us analogies of human relationships: God the Father and God the Son. The third person of the Trinity has been revealed to be the Holy Spirit. His relationship to the Father and the Son finds no analogy among human relationships and therefore remains ineffable and more mysterious to us because of our inability to understand.

And God's love is not limited to the relationships between the three divine Persons. It also extends to us as well. We have a divine Father. We have a divine Brother and Savior in Jesus. We have a divine Person Who tabernacles with us, works with us, and abides within us. This intimacy that God has with us through all three Persons that makes Christianity utterly unique.

Jesus' revelation of the Trinity not only defines who God is, it also defines who we are and what we are called to be. We don't see others as either believers or infidels. No, we must see others as worthy of our love irrespective of what they say, do, or believe. We are called to love because God is love. That God is love, and this means He must be One in several Persons, also means that we must love, that we must be in a relationship with this Triune God and in relationship with one another. So, we are called to act in the name of God, but the only legitimate act we can do in His name is to love. - Fr Booth