

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 5th/June 6th 2021: Corpus Christi (English)
2nd 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 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 Glenn L. Varnell, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from June 6th to June 12th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julia V. Bryant from June 13th until June 19th.

FIRST SUNDAY: This 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.

LATIN MASS EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be added to the Blessed Sacrament Latin Mass Community email list then please send your name and email address to blessedsacrament1929@gmail.com

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 \$5257 and \$1325 was donated to the Preservation Fund. 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, 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)
Mon, June 7:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Olivia Glenn (by Tom & Paula Pinter)
Tues, June 8:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Levi Pinter (by Tom & Paula Pinter)
Wed, June 9:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Meghan Joyce (by Tom & Paula Pinter)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Lindsay Burdette (by Tom & Paula Pinter)
Thur, June 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Danielle Hesley (by JA & Mary Jimenez)
Fri, June 11:	*7:00 a.m.	† Tom Davis (by Betty Mason)
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Sat, June 12	4:00 p.m.	† Ronnie Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, June 13:	7:30 a.m.	† Malcolm Tabor (by the Jones Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Charles & Esther Accardo (by the Juneau Family)

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.	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 17:22-24, 2Cor 5:6-10, Mk 4:26-34
7:30 a.m.	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	1Pet 5:6-11, Lk 15:1-10
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In Remembrance of Me

Family photos are some of our greatest treasures. It is common for somebody evacuating a house, perhaps in a fire, hurricane, or another disaster, to make sure that they take the family photo albums with them. Why are family photos so important? After all, aren't they they are just paper and ink, or just so many gigabytes of data on a hard drive or in the cloud? No, they are more than that. They preserve our family history and make that history present to us even if that history is in the distant past. Through photographs, we can relive a trip to Disney World, the birth of a grandson, the marriage of a daughter, and other key moments in our lives.

We can also recall and encounter the lives of those who are no longer with us through photographs. Photos help us keep the memories alive of our grandparents and great grandparents, even if we cannot really remember much about them, or perhaps if we never had the chance to meet them. A photograph makes them real to us and through the photo we can even enter into their lives, at least figuratively.

Jesus institutes the Eucharist at the Last Supper as a sacrifice in remembrance of Himself. It is as if Jesus, through the Eucharist, is giving us something akin to a photograph of Himself. Although He says "*Do this in remembrance of Me,*" (Lk 22:19) the Eucharist is much, much more than something that merely reminds us of Jesus like a photo or a painting might. Instead, it also brings us into intimate union with Him in a way that is truly real and spiritual, far beyond what is possible with a photograph.

In baptism we were baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, and this is essential for our salvation (e.g., see Mark 16:16, Jn 3:3-5). In Holy Communion, however, we enter into the totality of Jesus. This is possible because Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We receive the whole Jesus, we are mystically united with His whole Being, and we participate in His life. Therefore, through the Eucharist we enter into the entirety of Jesus' life, from His conception, to His birth, to His hidden life with Joseph and Mary, to His public ministry, to His passion, to His resurrection, to His ascension, and even His ongoing and eternal life in heaven. Through the Eucharist, we can unite our lives with the life of Jesus: our joys, our work, our play, our pain, our triumphs, our disappointments, our sufferings, even our boring and mundane moments. Through the Eucharist, Jesus enters our lives as we enter into His. That is why it is called Communion, we come into union with Christ. True union that is present now and will find its true fulfillment in heaven.

All of this may sound rather fantastic. Yes, it is fantastic but nonetheless real. It is as real as the fantastic notion of God becoming man while remaining divine. Yet, some might argue that entering into the very life of Jesus through the Eucharist is not only inconceivable, but also thoroughly unbiblical. This is hardly the case. St Paul writes to the Corinthians "*The cup of blessing we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?*" (1Cor 10:16). To participate in His Body and Blood is to participate in Him and His life. He wants to be in us and for us to be in Him: "*I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me*" (Jn 17:20-21).

Likewise, the Jews believed that the yearly Passover meal allowed them to participate in the Exodus, the Passover, and the institution of the covenant described in the Book of Exodus. In this way, people who lived hundreds of years after Moses could enter into the covenant as if they were present in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and at Mt Sinai with Moses himself. If the Passover meal made the liberation from bondage present and renewed the covenant between God and Israel, how much more does the Eucharist bring us into contact with Jesus and His saving power?

So, as we approach the altar to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, let us receive Him with due reverence and appreciation. Let us celebrate this great gift that God the Father gives us through His Son and in the Holy Spirit. Let us truly thank God for such a great and unsurpassable Gift. - Fr Booth