

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

June 12th/June 13th 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
3rd Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)



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Pastor

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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 Julia V. Bryant, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from June 13th to June 19th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Mary & Sam Montalbano from June 20th until June 26th.

REST IN PEACE: Mary Cavanagh passed away on June 10th. Tentatively, there will be a funeral Mass at Blessed Sacrament on Friday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m. 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.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, June 19th. 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.

THIRD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. 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

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 \$11,376 and \$680 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 is as follows: Every second, third, and fourth Sunday of the month excluding December 26th with the addition of 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 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)
Mon, June 14: *8:30 a.m. † Vincent Lucia (by Ann Noblitt & Ginny Daniel)
Tues, June 15: *8:30 a.m. Private Intention
Wed, June 16: *7:00 a.m. † Mina Keasler (by Ann Noblitt & Ginny Daniel)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention Fr Alan Mackey (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, June 17: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Cedric Fernandes (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, June 18: *7:00 a.m. † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason)
*8:30 a.m. † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sat, June 19 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Nicole & Joseph Zaucha (by Mary Claire Mathews)
4:00 p.m. † Ronnie Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, June 20: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Randy & Stphanie LaBauve (by Mary Claire Mathews)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Robert Stopp (by Alan & Pan Olson)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Anthony Morris, James Bonner, Matthew Clune Sr., Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, 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. 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Job 38:1,8-114, 2Cor 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41
7:30 a.m. 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 8:18-23, Luke 5:1-11
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Sacred Heart

How do people perceive God, assuming that they believe in Him at all? For those who believe, many think that God exists but remains aloof from human affairs, that He just remains indifferent to what happens in our lives. The evil we see in our midst – child abuse, halfwit and corrupt politicians, abortion, socialism, leftist fascism, crushing poverty, natural disasters, suffering of all sorts, death, et. al. – can make faith a daunting proposition and the evil in the world seems to suggest a God that simply can't be bothered with cleaning up the great injustices so common today. However, others see God as the One Who dictates all of the events in the world, that He controls every minute detail of every moment as if we are powerless to choose our own actions or destiny. In a way, these people see God as the Great Puppet Master and we are merely puppets dancing on a string.

Neither of these understandings are accurate depictions of God. In fact, they are huge distortions, both of which suggest that God utterly cruel. God is much more involved in our daily lives than many might imagine, yet He is hardly in absolute control of every aspect of our existence. We have free will to choose to do good, to freely choose evil, or to remain inert and indifferent. God respects our free will: after all, He gave it to us and there is no point in giving us free will if the Lord treats us as puppets on a string. We see this respect for our free will expressed in the prophecies of Hosea, where God tells us that *“I drew them with human cords, with bands of love; I fostered them like one who raises an infant to his cheeks”* (Hosea 11:4).

The human chords that He speaks of here are hardly the strings that a puppet master uses to manipulate, control, and coerce his puppets. These human cords are bands of love, not chains of oppression or coercion. They are gentle bonds that suggest, lead, guide, and shepherd, not brutal ropes of slavery and subjugation. These tender-loving bonds do not do violence to our free will or our dignity, but they try to guide in the ways of God.

Indeed, God never forces Himself upon us, but He offers His love to be accepted or rejected. We see this in Jesus Himself. He never forced Himself on anyone; all were free to follow Him or to go their own way. Through His divine power, Jesus could have compelled the actions of anyone, preventing Judas from committing his act of betrayal or forcing Peter, James, and John not to slumber while Jesus suffered His agony in the garden. No, Judas freely betrayed Jesus and through their own weakness the Apostles failed Jesus in His time of trial. Recognizing their weakness, He says *“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”* (Mt 26:40). We also see the way Jesus invites, instead of compelling, when He says: *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves”* (Mt 11:28-29). We see an expression of this reality, His invitation to us, in the image of the Sacred Heart. Jesus opens His chest to expose His heart, and sometimes you even see an image of Jesus handing us His own heart.

How do we respond to the image of the Sacred Heart? Many are repulsed by this image seeing it as grotesque and macabre. But others are drawn deeper into the mystery of Jesus. We can only be drawn if we understand the profound love Jesus demonstrated by His death on the cross. This love is offered and knows no bounds, so much so that Jesus offers us the very core of His being, his own human heart, and we are free to accept or reject His offer.

Whether Jesus opens His chest or offers us His heart in His hand, the expression on His face is hardly one of anger, disappointment, or vengeance. Given that our sins put Him on the cross, He has every right in the world to be angry with us, to convey His disappointment every time we have betrayed Him with our sins, to to exact from us a pound of flesh for our evil ways. Instead, He invites us with His own heart, an invitation we hardly deserve. In our foolishness we truly do not deserve such tenderness and compassion from Jesus, but we would be even bigger fools for not accepting His gentle invitation to enter into the safety of His Sacred Heart.

- Fr Booth