

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 10th/July 11th: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
7th 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: Confessions have returned to the confessional. 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.

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 Marian & Saverio Miranda, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from July 11th to July 17th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Sarah P. Thompson from July 18th until July 24th.

REST IN PEACE: Les Haynes, former parishioner, passed away on July 7th. 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.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, July 17th. 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.

PILGRIMAGE: Join Fr Bryan Jerabek of the Cathedral of St Paul on a pilgrimage this November 13th to 23rd through the south of France. This trip features visits to some of the most incredible places and the holiest shrines found in France, including Toulouse, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Cotignac, Sainte-Baume, Carcassonne and Nice. Space is limited to forty pilgrims total. For more information please visit the trip webpage at prorometours.com/france

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, Birmingham 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.

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).

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$8602 and \$1560 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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, July 10	4:00 p.m.	† Robert C. Bryant (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, July 11:	7:30 a.m.	† Jake Culotta, Sr. (by the Bryant Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Kathy Morse (by the Sampedro Family)
Mon, July 12:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Mary Elizabeth Williams (by the Sampedro Family)
Tues, July 13:	*8:30 a.m.	Private Intention
Wed, July 14:	*7:00 a.m.	† Franky Johnson (by Coleen & Frank Johnson)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Franky Johnson (by Coleen & Frank Johnson)
Thur, July 15:	*8:30 a.m.	† Nancy Wilson (by Helen Brandley)
Fri, July 16:	*7:00 a.m.	† Hannah Ford (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Rick Phillips (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sat, July 17	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Sarah Catherine Rumore (by Charlotte & Terry Rumore)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Rick Phillips (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, July 18:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Robert Haag (by the Rumore Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† William Lang (by the Duvall Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Fritz Fridley, Virginia Bullock, Jan Joseph, Matthew Leonard, Gloria Archambault, 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.	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mk 6:30-34
7:30 a.m.	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9
9:00 a.m.	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mk 6:30-34
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Clear Thinking

They are pushing the covid vaccines mightly hard. Talk is no longer of herd immunity, but of 100% vaccination. This is typical of the whole covid caper. A two-week flatten-the-curve shutdown morphs into months, even many months, of lockdown. The curve is pretty darn flat, and has been since early March, but they pawning off a new surge – the so-called delta strain, supposedly more infectious and deadly than previous strains – as a growing danger to every man, woman, and child. And yet the curve has been flat and continues to decline, again since March, despite the fact that the delta strain represents the majority of current infections. Other variants have been identified: the old alpha, beta, gamma, and delta varieties and newer strains including eta, iota, kappa, and lambda. The lambda strain seems to be the next boogiemer that will be touted as even more contagious and deadly than the other strains, thus spawning the next crisis and the push for 110% vaccinations rates.

Despite sounding like frat party gone wrong with all those Greek letters, most people are pretty much over the scare tactics and the hype. Nonetheless, there is even talk of a door-to-door campaign to get everyone vaccinated, at least everyone 12 years and older. The argument is that unless you get vaccinated, you are endangering those who are vulnerable to covid. But wait, aren't the various vaccines like 90-95% effective, even against the known Greek alphabet spectrum of covid strains? Yes, they are. Don't we know who is vulnerable to covid? Sadly, experience has taught us exactly who is most vulnerable. Can the vulnerable get vaccinated? Absolutely. Indeed, there are very few people even among the vulnerable – only those who are allergic to both polyethylene glycol and polysorbate – that are prevented from being vaccinated against covid. Can't we protect those people in other ways as well? Yes, we can. So why does everyone, even those who have already had covid, need to be vaccinated to protect those who can and ought to be vaccinated first and foremost? Are they not saying that we need to protect the protected, we need to protect those who cease to be vulnerable?

When basic logic and clear thinking are as rare as hen's teeth, it is time to worry. We end up with mass murderers, who deliberately exposed and killed thousands of the vulnerable by forcing nursing homes to take in covid patients, remain utterly unpunished while so-called insurrectionists, many of whom are guilty of no greater crime than trespassing, are being held in solitary confinement, not given access to their lawyers, and being denied their right to due process. In a society based on laws, equal protection under the law, and impartial justice, such things could not happen. It happens only when logic and clear thinking are not only unwelcome, but the enemy of many of those in power. You have to go to totalitarian regimes to see such clearly insane behavior. For example, Soviet mental hospitals were filled in the 1980s with people who opposed their war in Afghanistan. The thinking went something like this: the Soviet Union is never wrong, thus to oppose Soviet dogmas and policies is a form of mental illness. This 'mental illness' was labeled sluggish schizophrenia.

Clear thinking and logic are the basis of an ordered and just society. They are also the basis of true religion. As much as many want to claim that faith, especially Judeo-Christian beliefs, is irrational, that is hardly the case. To say that all creation came into being from nothing by accident and that the laws of nature wrote themselves is much less rational than the understanding that an all-powerful, all-knowing God created and ordered it all from nothing. To ascribe god-like power to God hardly seems the work of a lunatic or a sluggish schizophrenic. But to say that eternal nothingness, everlasting nonexistence, could bring forth an ordered universe in a god-like manner, does smack of lunacy.

This is why clear and logical thinking is essential to maintain the faith. The dogmas of our fallen culture, most of which are false (e.g., that men are women and women are men) can't stand by themselves against clear and logical thinking. The dogmas of the Soviet Union (e.g., the government bureaucracy has all of the answers) could not stand by themselves against clear and logical thinking. Christianity, however does not need to be propped up by corrupt media, a web of lies, intimidation, violence, the FBI, the KGB, and the like. No, God stands when all else falls.

- Fr Booth