

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 17th/July 18th: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
8th 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 Sarah P. Thompson, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from July 18th to July 24th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Beverly Grisham from July 25th until July 31st.

THIRD SUNDAY: This 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.

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 \$5121 and \$175 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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 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)
Mon, July 12:	*8:30 a.m.	† Wayne Lowry (by Marian & Bill Dinan)
Tues, July 13:	*8:30 a.m.	† Angela Witkowsky (by the Rumore Family)
Wed, July 14:	*7:00 a.m.	† Jeanne McGinty (by the Rumore Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Lena & Max Cook (by the Rumore Family)
Thur, July 15:	*8:30 a.m.	† Ryan Frazier (by the Rumore Family)
Fri, July 16:	*7:00 a.m.	† Muriel & Fred Carr (by the Olson Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sat, July 17	4:00 p.m.	† Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, July 18:	7:30 a.m.	† Hannah Ford (by the Olson Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Mary Ann Webster (by the Olson 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 M-orin, 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.	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kgs 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, Jn 6:1-15
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Clear and Logical Thinking

Clear and logical thinking is essential to maintain our nation, our culture, true justice, our faith, and the future. Unclear and illogical thinking leads people astray and is the source of iniquity, suffering, violence, and even death. The dogmas of our fallen culture, most of which are false (e.g., that men are women and women are men, a baby in the womb is not a baby, there are dozens of genders, all white people are racist, Christianity is a religion of hate, islam is a religion of peace, etc.) can't stand by themselves against clear and logical thinking. The dogmas of the KKK could not stand by themselves against clear and logical thinking. The dogmas of the Nazis (e.g., the 'master race' is being held back by racial minorities) could not stand by themselves against clear and logical thinking. The dogmas of the Soviet Union (e.g., the government bureaucracy has all of the answers, that all are equal except those who are not, the progress of communism is hampered by politically incorrect thinking, etc.) could not stand by themselves against clear and logical thinking.

Thus, the KKK needed violence, secrecy, intimidation, and murder to defend their evil beliefs. Thus, the Nazis needed social Darwinism, neopaganism, the Gestapo, war of aggression, concentration camps, forced sterilization, enslavement, and gas chambers to defend their evil beliefs. Thus, the Soviets needed the KGB, gulags, pogroms, collectivization, genocide, manmade famines, and purges to defend their evil beliefs. Thus, we have the cancel culture of today where those who disagree are automatically opposed, even violently, for holding beliefs that are often the truth. For example, the proponents of critical race theory, which is virtually indistinguishable from the racial dogmas of the KKK, want desperately to cancel or 'deny' those who disagree: 'Let's deny this off-key band of people that are anti-education, anti-teacher, anti-equity, anti-history, anti-racial reckoning, anti-opportunities, anti-help people, anti-diversity, anti-platform, anti-science, anti-change agent, anti-social justice, anti-healthcare, anti-worker, anti-LGBTQ+, anti-children, anti-environment, anti-admissions policy change, anti-inclusion, anti-live-and-let live people – let them die!' This quote from a member of the Virginia State PTA, Michelle Leete, stunningly shows how incapable CRT proponents are in defending their dogmas. They can't handle differing opinions so they engage in smearing and slandering those who disagree so as to somehow suggest that they occupy the moral high ground. They say that they are inclusive live-and-let-live people, but then exclude those who disagree and wish death upon them. With rhetoric like this, it is a very short step to demand and seek the death of their opponents, murder in the name of justice, injustice in the name equality.

Clear and logical thinking ought to keep an honest and thoughtful person from proclaiming to be live-and-let-live in their outlook on life while being thoroughly racist and wishing death on others. It is hard to understand, but it is rooted in the same errors of the KKK, the Nazis, the Soviets, and increasingly, our current culture. When clear and logical thinking are replaced by ill-considered dogmas, evil often ensues. In trying to grasp how an advanced and highly educated culture could plunge into the evil depths of Nazism, Carl Trueman observes that 'the story of Nazism demonstrates how the relentless logic of a false premise can transform decent human beings into monsters.'

When confronted with formerly decent people transforming or fully transformed into monsters, it is critical to think clearly and logically. The British deliberately targeted civilians in their bombing of Germany. We imprisoned citizens of Japanese heritage and also targeted civilians in our bombing of Japan, and not just at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Monsters readily beget monsters. Thus, when we are targeted, canceled, denied, or persecuted for holding to the truth, especially the Gospel, we need to think clearly and logically lest we cease to be decent men and women of faith and become monsters as well.

In denying clear and logical thinking one can crush a minority in the name of unity, usurp rights in the name of progress. Likewise, one can misuse authority and wield power unjustly for a seemingly just cause. Yet victims of injustice must never abandon clear and logical thinking, lest the victimized deny their own human dignity and betray the Gospel by becoming monsters as well. - Fr Booth