

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 31st/August 1st: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

10th 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.

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 Beverly Grisham, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from August 1st until August 7th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eileen Schauer from August 8th until August 14th.

TRADITIONIS CUSTODES: In response to Pope Francis' recent *motu proprio* letter on the Latin Mass, Bishop Raica has graciously authorized and approved the continuation of the Latin Mass here at Blessed Sacrament.

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

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on August 6th 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 August 7th. Altar server training and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow 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

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, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Adam Sellers, 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).

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.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5494 and \$245 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 31 4:00 p.m. † William Lang (by the Jones Family)
Sun, Aug 1: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Carrie Duryea (by Monica Duvall)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Lang Family (by the Clemens Family)
Mon, Aug 2: *8:30 a.m. † Dominick & Angela Montalbano (by Marian & Bill Dinan)
Tues, Aug 3: *8:30 a.m. † Miranda, Zopfi, & Montalbano Families (by Marian & Bill Dinan)
Wed, Aug 4: *7:00 a.m. † John Patrick Ryan, Jr. (by Ginny Daniel & the Noblitt Family)
*8:30 a.m. † John Patrick Ryan, Jr. (by Helen Brandley)
Thur, Aug 5: *8:30 a.m. † John Patrick Ryan, Jr. (by the Bryant Family)
Fri, Aug 6: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Jerry Bryant (by Julie Bryant)
6:30 p.m. Special Intention for Jerry Bryant (by Lynn Bryant)
Sat, Aug 7 8:30 a.m. William Lang (by Peter & Sharon Gagnon)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Jerry Bryant (by Chuck Bryant)
Sun, Aug 8: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Lena Clare Cook (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Pinter Family (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Charlie Carruba, 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. 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51
7:30 a.m. 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 15:1-10, Mk 7:31-37
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Latin Mass to Continue at Blessed Sacrament

The publication of Pope Francis' letter *Traditionis Custodes* on Friday, July 16th caught almost everybody off guard. It is safe to say that the Church herself was surprised. Yes, rumors had circulated for several weeks prior, but the rumors were far from definitive. The conventional wisdom was that anything affecting the Latin Mass in a serious way would likely be announced and implemented at some time after the death of Pope Benedict XVI. The conventional wisdom was that the bishops, or at least many of the bishops, would be privy to what was to be announced. Conventional wisdom also indicated that any changes to the celebration of the 1962 Latin Mass would be focused and incremental. Conventional wisdom likewise expected that the norm of granting time to implement any changes would be observed, perhaps calling for whatever changes to take effect several months hence, or on a given feast day, or on the First Sunday of Advent. Significant universal changes to the liturgy frequently get implemented at the beginning of Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year.

So much for conventional wisdom. The breadth and depth of what *Traditionis Custodes* calls for was utterly unexpected and in many ways unprecedented. Depending on how this document is interpreted, it calls for the cessation of many Latin Masses to take effect the very day that it was issued. The collective response of the bishops, the priests, and the laity alike was 'Yikes!'. To call for such an abrupt and immediate curtailment of the 1962 Latin Mass would suggest that its continuation until Advent, for a few additional months, or even one more day would cause harm, seemingly grave harm. But how could the Mass known to every generation of Catholics for at least seventeen centuries, changing only slightly from AD 300 until AD 1962, possibly pose a threat let alone cause grave harm?

According to Pope Francis, the Latin Mass was 'exploited to widen the gaps, reinforce the divergences, and encourage disagreements that injure the Church, block her path, and expose her to the peril of division... [The] use of *Missale Romanum* of 1962 is often characterized by a rejection not only of the liturgical reform, but of the Vatican Council II itself, claiming, with unfounded and unsustainable assertions, that it betrayed the Tradition and the true Church.' While this might be the case in some places, none of these concerns apply to the way the Latin Mass is offered in our diocese. All of the priests offering the Latin Mass in our diocese were ordained in the Mass of Vatican II, all were trained in the Mass of Vatican II, all of them have offered the Mass of Vatican II, and none of them have denied Vatican II or claimed that Vatican II betrayed the Church or its tradition. Thus, the problems cited by the pope are not characteristic of this diocese or its people. Indeed, there is a breakaway 'church' in the northern part of the state that almost exactly matches what the pope describes, but it is small, pathetic, and truly unrepresentative of the diocese or its people. If the pope's assertions applied to the people of our Latin Mass communities, surely this breakaway 'church' would be vibrant and thriving, not small and pathetic.

Given that the pope's concerns about the Latin Mass are not manifest in our diocese, we should strive to keep it this way. Because the Mass, both English and Latin, has been and continues to be offered for the spiritual benefit of the people and not as a political statement or as a source of division, we should see to it that our spiritual benefit is the primary reason for being at Mass in the first place, that we attend Mass, in English or Latin, to offer God His due worship and that He might deign to bless us through worthy reception of the Eucharist.

With all of this in mind, Bishop Raica graciously decreed on July 29th that the Latin Mass may continue here at Blessed Sacrament, at Christ the King in Cullman, and at Our Lady Help of Christians in Huntsville. In light of *Traditionis Custodes*, however, the Latin Mass may not be offered publicly or with a congregation anywhere else in the diocese other than these three locations and that only priests who have been granted explicit permission can offer the 1962 Latin Mass publicly or with a congregation. We will therefore move forward with thanksgiving to God and our bishop that we can continue to grow and worship as a true parish family.

- Fr Booth