

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

August 28th/August 29th:2021: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

14th 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.

NOTE ON CONFESSIONS: If there is a significant line for confession, Fr Booth might say part of the formula of absolution while the penitent recites the act of contrition. The full formula of absolution is always said, but the first part might be said softly during the act of contrition.

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 Kathryn Mabee, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from August 29th to September 4th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Jack Schauer from September 5th until September 11th.

REST IN PEACE: Charlie Carruba, husband of Annette Carruba, passed away on August 7th. His Funeral will be at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, September 4th. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until noon with the Funeral Mass immediately following. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on September 3rd 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 September 4th. Post-Mass activities will be limited because of a funeral.

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

SPECIAL THANKS: Thank you to all who contributed to defray the costs of Mary Cavanaugh's funeral expenses. The excess amount will be donated to the Preservation Fund.

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.

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, Bham 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, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Adam Sellers, and Dominic Rumore. May 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 \$6742 and \$1600 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)

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| Sat, Aug 28 | 4:00 p.m. | Special Intention for the Jones Family (by the Masons) |
| Sun, Aug 29: | 7:30 a.m. | Special Intention for Isabel, Sophia, Sarah, Gabriel, and Joseph Pinter (by Tom & Paula Pinter) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Special Intention for Catherine & Jeff Hahn (by the Pinters) |
| Mon, Aug 30: | *8:30 a.m. | † Gary Wolter (by Marian & Bill Dinan) |
| Tues, Aug 31: | *8:30 a.m. | Special Intention for Nicole Lee (by Paula Pinter) |
| Wed, Sept 1: | *7:00 a.m. | Special Intention for Christopher Glenn & Theresa Glenn (by Tom & Paula Pinter) |
| | *8:30 a.m. | Special Intention for Tom & Paula Pinter (by the Pinter Family) |
| Thur, Sept 2: | *8:30 a.m. | † H. Richard Hiller, Jr. (by the Hahn Family) |
| Fri, Sept 3: | *8:30 a.m. | † Amber Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Special Intention for Don & Mary Lynn Williams (by the Hahns) |
| Sat, Sept 4 | 8:30 a.m. | Private Intention |
| | 4:00 p.m. | † Amber Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason) |
| Sun, Sept 5: | 7:30 a.m. | Special Intention for Diane McReynolds (by the Duval Family) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Special Intention for Dale Bell (by the Duval Family) |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially the Moy family, Allan Bull, Ed Fay, the Tyler Family, Theresa Ragusa, Virginia Bullock, 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

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| 4:00 p.m. | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Isa 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mk 7:31-37 |
| 7:30 a.m. | 15 th Sunday after Pentecost | Gal 5:25-6:10, Lk 7:11-16 |
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Fallacy

The debacle in Afghanistan is heartbreaking and deplorable. Who knows just how many Americans will be left behind – deserted – by their own government, how many more servicemen's lives will be squandered, and even worse, how little those in power seem to care. In some cases, the government has taken to blaming the victims. Deplorable. Biden has even gone so far as to claim that the debacle he created was unavoidable: 'The idea that somehow, there's a way to have gotten out without chaos ensuing, I don't know how that happens.' Given the man's mental state it is possible that he might not know, but is there any question that the Marines would have gotten it done in an orderly and successful way had they been given the chance?

In any case, the argument being made is that we either stay in Afghanistan forever or we leave in a way that results in deadly chaos. This might sound plausible, especially to someone that was insistent that we get out, but that is not the case. More than two outcomes were possible because more than one way of exiting Afghanistan existed. Until the sudden and cowardly retreat, a mere 3,500 American servicemen kept the peace, a far cry from the peak deployment of over 140,000 troops ten years ago. Getting people out before the retreat, or at least making provisions for doing so, was an option – a wise and responsible option – but one excluded from the logic presented by the powers that be.

This method, presenting two options and only two options or courses of action for resolving a problem, can be a valid approach when the options are mutually exclusive. For example, a woman is either pregnant or she is not. There is no middle ground. But to insist that someone is either an Alabama fan or an Auburn fan excludes the distinct possibility of other allegiances or no allegiance at all. So, to ask someone if they are an Alabama fan and finding out that they are not, it would be erroneous and invalid to conclude that they must be an Auburn fan. We see this fallacy with regard to covid. You are either vaccinated or unvaccinated. What about those who are immune by virtue of already having covid? Nope, you are either vaccinated or not.

This method, presenting only two options when more are possible, is a logical fallacy called a false dilemma or a false dichotomy. We see it increasingly employed to marginalize and demonize people. For example, responding to the chant of 'black lives matter' with 'all lives matter' branded you as a racist. If all lives – Caucasian, Hispanic, Black, Asian, etc. – don't matter, then racism is involved, but not on the part of the one who believes that all lives matter. Likewise, many environmentalists would say hunting deer is cruel and should be banned to preserve nature, but that only leads to even more cruel mass starvation and a weaker, sicklier deer population.

Abortion is often presented as the only alternative to coat hangers and backstreet abortions. Abortion is also touted as the only solution for when contraception fails, and contraception is defended as the only approach to solving the problem of teen pregnancy. That many abortion clinics are little better or even worse than the fabled backstreet abortionists, that the 'solution' to pregnancy ought to insist on letting the child live, that the solution to teen pregnancy ought to be the virtue of chastity, that teen pregnancy would be reduced by delaying education campaigns to an appropriate age or left entirely to the parents, and that young adults are not mere mindless animals incapable of making moral choices are facts and realities totally left out of the equation because the equation is posed as a false dichotomy.

To oppose men competing as women in sports or men using ladies rooms and women's locker rooms is supposedly transphobic and discriminatory. The safety, modesty, and innocence of girls and women are excluded from the equation. Treatment of covid being restricted to medicines shown to be effective in large double-blind research studies necessarily excludes effective treatments and prophylactics such as vitamin D, zinc, Ivermectin, and hydroxychloroquine because of petty politics, the lack of economic incentives for conducting such studies, and the unwillingness to consider lesser but valid scientific evidence is yet another case of false dichotomy, a deadly one at that. In any case, we can expect to see more issues presented as false dichotomies. Why? Because it seems to work. - Fr Booth