

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

October 2nd/October 3rd 2021: 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
19th 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. Thus, you might only hear “and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

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 Eileen and Jack Schauer, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from October 3rd until October 9th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Pete A. Dichiaro from October 10th until October 16th.

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

HER CHOICE FUNDRAISING BANQUET: The annual Her Choice Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at The Club (1 Robert S. Smith Drive). The keynote speaker will be Patricia Sandoval, who was a former employee of Planned Parenthood. Make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight or make a life saving donation. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post abortion recovery services. To confirm your participation, 205-447-8796 or hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org

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, 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, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Adam Sellers, and Dominic Rumore. May more good men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5617 and \$625 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, due to sundry circumstances, the Third Sunday of October will be a Low Mass while the 5th Sunday, October 31st, will be a High Mass****

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a six-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Masses in the Rectory Chapel)

Sat, Oct 2	8:30 a.m.	† Sam Pilato (by Helen Brandley)
	4:00 p.m.	† Julia Bryant (by Helen Brandley)
Sun, Oct 3:	7:30 a.m.	† Dee Joseph (by Helen Brandley)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Ashley Hughes (by the Duvall Family)
Mon, Oct 4:	*8:30 a.m.	† Dinan Family (by Marian & Bill Dinan)
Tues, Oct 5:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Michelle Smith (by Monica Duvall)
Wed, Oct 6:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Patti Champion (by Monica Duvall)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Charles Deering, II (by Monica Duvall)
Thur, Oct 7:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for David Muck, Sr. (by the Duvall Family)
Fri, Oct 8:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Sandra Somarakis (by the Duvall Family)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Laura Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
Sat, Oct 9	4:00 p.m.	† Sandra Phillips (by Mary & Betty Mason)
Sun, Oct 10:	7:30 a.m.	† Sandra Phillips (by Mary & Betty Mason)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Pilar Carrillo (by the Pinter Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially William Hull, 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

4:00 p.m.	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13, Mk 10:17-30
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That Time Yet Again, Again

As was noted last week, it is that time of year for the Catholic Charities pledge campaign. It was also noted that the Catholic Charities budget allocations can be broken down into four basic areas: outreach to the poor, family services, offices of the diocese, and outside organizations. Thanks to Bishop Raica, we now have greater insight into where our contributions to Catholic Charities actually go. Previous experience on my part with secular charitable organizations has led to great skepticism on where and how a charity might allocate its resources. Granted, some charities are quite focused in their mission, such as Her Choice. Her Choice's only mission is to counter the abortion industry by offering counseling and resources that provide women an alternative to ending the life of their pre-born child. Other charities represent more of an umbrella organization or clearing house for a spectrum of charitable endeavors. United Way is an example of such a charity and so is our Catholic Charities.

In the mid 1980s I worked for a corporation that required 100% of their employees to donate to United Way. At the time, United Way openly admitted to providing financial support to Planned Parenthood and other immoral entities. Not a few employees refused to participate because, in good conscience, they could not support Planned Parenthood, along with other immoral organizations supported by United Way. United Way responded with the option for the employee to designate where their contributions would go or to exclude their contributions from going to specified charities. It soon became known, however, that the money allocated to Planned Parenthood would remain the same regardless of people opting out of their money going there: Planned Parenthood got their blood-money just the same. The next year, all controversial organizations were deleted from the list of United Way recipients. Did United Way see the light and reform their ways? No. They created shell charities with names like 'The Sun Shine Home' that had no purpose other than to funnel money to the nefarious recipients that were not included in their list of supported charities.

This is why transparency is critical. United Way seemed to be on the up-and-up, but they were not. Are they now? I have no idea, but I'd rather give more locally and with charities that are much more transparent. Does our diocese's Catholic Charities qualify? Yes, now that Bishop Raica has provided greater insight into what activities are funded by our donations.

In regards to the outreach to the poor, The diocese funds the Catholic Centers for concern spread throughout the diocese. Specifically, there are Centers for Concern in Birmingham, Anniston, Eutaw, Gadsden, Tuscaloosa, and Huntsville. The Centers for Concern provide direct assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, housing assistance, bill assistance, medicine, and other essentials. Outreach to the poor represents about 31% of the Catholic Charities budget.

Also funded by Catholic Charities are the various Catholic Family Services centers. The Catholic Family Service centers are located in Birmingham, Florence, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa. These centers provide services in the areas of adoption assistance, family and individual counseling, marriage counseling, substance abuse assistance, and grief counseling. In 2019 Catholic Family Services received about about 16% of the total Catholic Charities budget.

Various offices in the chancery were funded by Catholic Charities. The full list includes the offices of Black Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Campus Ministry, and Vocations. This was about 49% of the total Catholic Charities budget.

The outside organizations funded by Catholic Charities generally represent agencies and causes that would otherwise have been funded by second collections in each parish. So instead of having even more second collections, the diocese has chosen to fund the Catholic University, Catholic Communication, Eastern Europe, Peter's Pence, the Holy Land, Retirement for Religious, and the Campaign for Human Development from Catholic Charities. Only about 4% of the total budget went to these outside organizations, organizations that would have otherwise been funded by second collections. No other outside organizations were funded by Catholic Charities.

- Fr Booth