

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*October 9th/October 10th 2021: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
20th 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 Pete A. Dichiaro, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul October 10th until October 16th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Jeremy Noblitt from October 17th until October 23rd.

REST IN PEACE: Nida Hammond, wife of James Hammond, passed away on October 4th and was laid to rest on October 8th. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

REST IN PEACE: Juanita Bello, sister of Helen Brandley, passed away last summer and there will be a memorial Mass for her on Friday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her 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, October 16th. 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.

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

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$11,224 and \$680 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

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). ****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 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)
Mon, Oct 11:	*8:30 a.m.	† Miranda, Zopfi, & Miller Families (by Marian & Bill Dinan)
Tues, Oct 12:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Carolina Valencia (by the Pinter Family)
Wed, Oct 13:	*7:00 a.m.	† Elizabeth Fricke (by Paula Pinter)
	*8:30 a.m.	† Fernando Valencia (by Paula Pinter)
Thur, Oct 14:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Jack Wuthrick (by Tom Pinter)
Fri, Oct 15:	*7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Ari Fogelman (by Paula Pinter)
	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for the Pinter Children (by Tom & Paula Pinter)
Sat, Oct 16	9:15 a.m.	Special Intention for Paula Pinter (by Tom Pinter)
	4:00 p.m.	† Souls in Purgatory (by Jillian Wernke)
Sun, Oct 17:	7:30 a.m.	† Donald Smith (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Fr Den Irwin (by Alan & Pam Olson)

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, 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.	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isa 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45
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That Time Yet Again, Again

It was just a matter of time. Sooner or later we would see truly sinister thoughts and desires rear their ugly heads. It is not a new thing. No, liberal fascism has been with us a good long time. Liberal fascism? Is that even possible? Isn't that a contradiction? Not really. One of the things that has been with us as long as liberal fascism is the false notion that nazism and fascism come from the right of the political spectrum while marxism and socialism in general are from the political left. This falsehood has been promoted for two reasons: first, to make socialism seem like the beneficial antithesis of evil fascism, and second, to enable those who push the various forms of socialism to brand those who oppose their agenda as nazis and fascists. This lie is how we end up with a thoroughly leftist organization active today, one supposedly opposing fascism, using the very tactics that Himmler, Goebbels, and Hitler would resoundingly endorse. To be clear, Dzerzhinsky, Beria, Khrushchev, and Stalin would be in agreement and quite comfortable with these tactics as well.

The forgotten or obscured fact is that nazism and marxism are simply different forms of socialism. That the Soviets and the Nazis were dread enemies is neither here nor there. England and Spain were once dread enemies even though they were both monarchies. The Soviets and communist China have been enemies despite sharing communistic forms of government. Likewise, there have been benevolent socialist governments such as Sweden, which is really a constitutional monarchy, that might better be described as having socialist tendencies. In truth, benevolent socialism can only exist apart from the strong tendency of socialist regimes to be totalitarian.

So, what does this have to do with us? What does it matter in 2021? Well, we are seeing trends of not only socialist thought, but of totalitarian thought as well. These thoughts have been around a while, but usually confined to academia. For example, one of my junior high social studies teachers advocated that the government should regulate human fertility in a very tyrannical way. He thought it would be best for the government to decide who could have kids and how many they might have. Only 'desirable people' would be allowed to procreate. This sounds not too different from the eugenics of the Nazis. What is different today is that such proposals are now being discussed by legislators. A Pennsylvania state representative announced recently 'I will be introducing legislation that will require all inseminators to undergo vasectomies within six weeks from having their third child or 40th birthday, whichever comes first. Further, this legislation will allow Pennsylvanians to take civil action for unwanted pregnancies against inseminators who wrongfully conceive a child.' Supposedly this bill is being introduced in response to recent pro-life legislative victories, but it indicates an unmistakable willingness toward totalitarianism that should cause any reasonable and sincere person to blanch at the prospects.

Who is to say that such oppressive power over human reproduction won't be used arbitrarily or abused in quite punitive ways? This is almost a certainty given the language this state representative uses. In calling men 'inseminators' he is reducing them to mere biological functions, ultimately dehumanizing half of the population. Likewise, who is to decide what it means to 'wrongfully conceive a child'? One hopes that such power is never conceded or usurped by any government.

Indeed, we are seeing a growing tendency toward dehumanization. The Church affirms the dignity of every human being because each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. This applies to everyone, seen as desirable or undesirable, from the moment of conception until natural death. We express this image and likeness to God through the right exercise of our intellect and our will. Any proposal to usurp the free exercise of our intellect and/or our will, especially when it conflicts with our well-formed conscience, is an act of dehumanization and an act of totalitarianism.

Given the emerging liberal totalitarianism we see today, we also need to ask how the exercise of our faith might be effected. Simply considering how the Church was treated under the Nazis, the Soviets, and communist China likely answers that question.

- Fr Booth