

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

**October 16th/October 17th 2021: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
21st Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)**



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Pastor

Rev. Jim W. Booth

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 Jeremy Noblitt, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul October 17th to October 23rd. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Sam & Jennifer Buchanan from October 24th until October 30th.

REST IN PEACE (UPDATE): Juanita Bello, sister of Helen Brandley, passed away last summer and there will be a memorial Mass for her on Friday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. preceded by visitation from 10:00 to 10:30, and a Rosary beginning at 10:30. 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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for the World Mission Sunday, supporting mission churches throughout the world.

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 \$5278 and \$675 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.

A Letter From the Bishop

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Office of the Bishop

October, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday – the annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of will be on **October 24** this year. This important day in the life of the Church universal fortifies our understanding of our shared call to mission, bestowed upon us at Baptism.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects on the theme: "**We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard**" (Acts 4:20). The Holy Father shares his zeal, reminding us that as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and faithful apostles of the Gospel." He invites us to speak of our faith!

World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call – *through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving of the collection for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** on that special day.* Your gift sustains priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build their churches, and serve the poor – and speak of our shared faith in all corners of the world.

"The global pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people," reminds Pope Francis. This year, as the world reflects on the loss and the challenges that resulted, let us respond with reciprocal generosity to the faith that we are able.

If you were unable to support missionaries last year due to difficulties arising from the pandemic assembly, I urge you to double your generosity for those most in need. As we rebuild our lives, let us also reach out in solidarity and support for the Mission Church, and the work and witness of our missionaries in the Pope's missions.

In this spirit, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching throughout Mission Month.

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

For more about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org/resources for additional materials.