

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*October 22nd/October 23rd 2022: 30th 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: Saturday 3:30-3:55 p.m., Sunday 7:00-7:25, 8:30-8:55, and 10:15- 10:40 a.m.

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, to aid in the social distancing, and continues on a provisional basis.

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 Dennis G. Woods, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from October 23rd to October 29th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Glenn L. Varnell from October 30th until November 5th.

REST IN PEACE: Connie Bull, mother of Alan Bull, passed away on October 14th. 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.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 1st is All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a vigil Mass in English on Monday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. On November 1st we will have Mass in English at 8:30 a.m. and a High Latin Mass will be offered at 11:45 a.m.

ALL SOULS DAY: We will have an English Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd and High Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the souls in purgatory by visiting a church and reciting an Our Father and the Nicene Creed.

ALL SOULS DAY: Bishop Raica will celebrate Mass at Elmwood Cemetery on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. The Mass will take place near Father James E. Coyle's grave, which is located in Block 29. The Mass will be followed by the Blessing of the Graves. Bishop Raica will also celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass (Mass for the Dead) at the Cathedral of St. Paul on All Souls Day at 6:00 p.m. The Diocesan Choir will sing Gabriel Faure's Requiem, which will be accompanied by members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: You should have received a letter and a pledge card from the diocese. Our pledge goal this year is \$20,000. Almost all money raised through this annual appeal remains within the diocese. As of mid-October, we have pledged about \$14,600 (73%) of our parish goal.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon Daniel Sessions, Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, John Gardiner, Collins Hess, John Paul Stepnowski, Andrew Vickery, Hunter Limbaugh, Adam Sellers, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, and Dominic Rumore. May more good men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5597 and \$200 was donated to the Preservation Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

2022 HIGH MASS SCHEDULE: The High Mass schedule for the 10:45 a.m. Mass is as follows: Every Sunday with the addition of All Saints Day (Tuesday, November 1st), and Immaculate Conception (Thursday, December 8th).

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 22: 4:00 p.m. † Jerry Bryant (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, Oct 23: 7:30 a.m. † Nancy Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for John Paul Hahn (by Charlotte & Terry Rumore)
Mon, Oct 24: *8:30 a.m. Private Intention
Tues, Oct 25: *8:30 a.m. † Frank & Francine Hudson (by Helen J. Brandley)
Wed, Oct 26: *7:00 a.m. † Bob Bryant (by the Bryant Family)
*8:30 a.m. † Charles Carubba (by Helen J. Brandley)
Thur, Oct 27: *8:30 a.m. † Jerry Bryant (by the Bryant Family)
Fri, Oct 28: *7:00 a.m. † Ginna Mistretta (by Allan & Pam Olson)
*8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Masney Family (by Shane & Sophie Henderson)
Sat, Oct 29: 4:00 p.m. † Julia Bryant (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, Oct 30: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Klesko Family (by Shane & Sophie Henderson)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for the Voboril Family (by Shane & Sophie Henderson)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Sam Montalbano, Gloria Archambault, Don Williams, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Gail McMahon, Gracimo Ribeiro Bento, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Aaron Minjares, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, 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. 31 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Wis 11:22-12:2, 2Thes 1:11-2:2, Lk 19:1-10 |
| 7:30 a.m. Christ the King | Col 1:12-20, Jn 18:33-37 |
| 9:00 a.m. 31 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Wis 11:22-12:2, 2Thes 1:11-2:2, Lk 19:1-10 |
| 10:45 a.m. Christ the King | Col 1:12-20, Jn 18:33-37 |

A Letter From the Bishop

The First Amendment of the American Constitution was and remains quite a revolutionary innovation in the landscape of how nations govern themselves. The press was not free in England at the time, nor in most parts of Europe. Freedom of religion was not tolerated either. Because the Church of England was instituted by the state as the sole legal religion, the Puritans left England for Holland and the American colonies. Likewise, freedom of speech and assembly were revolutionary principles. Even today the ability to express one's beliefs are limited in many countries that would otherwise be seen as democracies: banning certain types of speech or certain subject matters are not limited to dictatorships or theocracies. For example, it is illegal to insult the German Chancellor or to have an anti-abortion website in France. Canada is poised to outlaw pro-life websites as well.

But it must be noted that the First Amendment only prohibits the government from violating the rights of citizens. Indeed, the Constitution was crafted to establish the government and to limit its power. Two hundred years ago, the primary threat to individual liberty was the government. Generally speaking, governments remain a threat to human liberty, but we now have institutions that potentially wield enormous power over how we live. We have become more and more dependent on the goods and services of corporations while becoming less and less able to do for ourselves.

At one time, the majority of our purchases were made with cash while checks were written for major purchases or when paying for something through the mail. Then we began to write more and more checks, using cash primarily for small purchases, and credit cards were for reserved travel and emergencies. Now we don't think twice about using a credit card to buy coffee and a donut. Using cash made it real and having less cash in the wallet limited future purchases. Writing checks required mindfulness of how much money was in your account. Swiping or tapping or inserting a credit card is effortless, and if you exceed your credit limit, they will likely raise your limit automatically. But what if your credit card company lowers your credit limit? Denies a purchase? What if they cancel your card? They don't need a reason to do so. What if a social media platform chooses to ban you because they do not like who you are, what you have said, or what you believe? What if your employer lets you go because what you believe runs contrary to their corporate standards?

For example, YouTube guidelines prevent a content creator from alleging that the covid vaccines cause serious or chronic side effects, from claiming that the vaccines fail to prevent infection or transmission of covid, and from suggesting that the vaccines might cause miscarriage, infertility, or death. To do so the content creator risks having videos deleted, their channel being denied advertising revenue, or being banned from YouTube even when proof is provided that the content creators are being entirely truthful and factual. Criticizing the flu vaccine, which can be somewhat effective in one year and utterly ineffective the next year, is fair game, but not the covid vaccines. PayPal recently changed their terms of use agreement giving them the right to fine a user \$2500 per violation of what they deem to be misinformation, hurtful, or harmful speech. Anything deemed to be misinformation by PayPal on your social media or in public statement triggers a \$2500 fine for each instance even though PayPal might have nothing to do with your social media. No proof of a violation would be needed and no appeals process or other safeguards were identified. Due to swift and loud criticism this policy was retracted by PayPal who said it was promulgated in error. Right. Finally, Melanie Standiford, was fired from her position as a newscaster in North Platte, Nebraska for supposedly practicing partisan politics because she practicing her faith by collecting signatures for a pro-life petition within her church building. Would she have been fired for collecting signatures for a pro-abortion petition? Would she have been practicing partisan politics by voting for a pro-life candidate?

Will corporations come after us this way? It is hard to say. They might just leave the threat in place or go after high profile individuals and institutions to make examples of them. Either way, we'd be fools to let them dictate to us what we do, say, and believe. Especially what we believe. - Fr Booth