

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*July 29th/July 30th 2023: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Ninth 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, Wednesday, and Friday

Latin Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 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 a.m., to aid in 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: For Eugene Mason, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from July 30th to August 5th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eileen Schauer from August 6th until August 12th.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on August 4th 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 in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on August 5th. Altar server training and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY: For next Sunday, the First Sunday in August, instead of having coffee and donuts, there will be a potluck breakfast following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. So bring your favorite breakfast casserole or dish to share after Mass. The normal First Sunday coffee and donut routine will resume again in September.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for the Seminarian Education Fund, which helps fund the education of our seminarians.

FATHER JAMES E. COYLE MEMORIAL MASS: Let us remember a holy priest killed in the line of duty. A memorial Mass will be offered on Friday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m. at St Paul’s Cathedral. This year the celebrant of the Mass will be Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, archbishop of Mobile. Archbishop Rodi will be joined by Bishop Raica and various priests from the diocese. The memorial Mass will be followed by a reception and a reflection upon the life of Father Coyle.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: 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 \$6284 and \$1640 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a 7-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, July 29: 4:00 p.m. † Matthew Carter (by Helen Brandley)
Sun, July 30: 7:30 a.m. † Private Intention (by Helen Brandley)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Therese Gagnon (by the Charlotte and Terry Rumore Family)
Mon, July 31: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mary Ann Renna (by Monica Duvall)
Tues, Aug 1: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for David Muck, Jr. (by the Duvall Family)
Wed, Aug 2: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Beth Lauriello (by Monica Duvall)
Thur, Aug 3: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Alice Muck (by the Duvall Family)
Fri, Aug 4: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mallorie Duvall (by the Duvall Family)
6:30 p.m. † Larry Shackelford (by Mallorie Duvall)
Sat, Aug 5: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Kay Deering (by the Donellan Family)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention for Joseph Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Aug 6: 7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Max & Lena Cook (by the Donellan Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for Bill Donellan (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Deacon Walter Henderson, Susan Corsini, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Madeline Sampedro, Jeff Brown, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, ShaKendria Hooks, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, 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, Linda Cooper, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Beverly Scroggins, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Joseph Edwards, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m. Transfiguration	Dan 7:9-10,13-14, 2Pet 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9
7:30 a.m. Transfiguration	2Pet 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9
9:00 a.m. Transfiguration	Dan 7:9-10,13-14, 2Pet 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9
10:45 a.m. Transfiguration	2Pet 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9

A Letter From the Bishop



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Office of the Bishop

July 17, 2023

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! I pray that you are experiencing an abundance of blessings this summer. It is my joy to share with you some good news and, at the same time, seek your help to partner with us to meet a financial challenge.

This fall, the Diocese of Birmingham will be blessed to have 19 men in formation for the priesthood. Between 2025 and 2028, we will be on track to ordain 11 men to the priesthood for our diocese. These men are preparing themselves for priestly ministry in our diocese. Each has a unique vocational story that reflects the many ways our Lord calls them to consider ministry. Each one heard the clarion call of Jesus: "Follow me!" And they did!

To meet the blessing the Lord has provided us presents a new challenge that will require a financial investment that will strain our current seminarian funds. The formation programs for our seminarians strengthen their relationship with Christ, deepen their love for the Church, and equip them to be effective missionary priests who love Christ. All in all, it is necessary for us to plan for a bright future of priestly ministry across our entire diocese. Think about how many more people can hear the Word of God proclaimed, how the visible signs of Christ through the sacraments touch those in need, and how each person can grow in discipleship and mission with Christ.

At present, the greater share of funding for seminarian formation comes from the Seminarian Education Fund, formerly known as the Burse Club. Along with some assistance from grants and our annual Catholic Charities and Communities Appeal, the Seminarian Education Fund also receives gifts, bequests, and general donations from parishes and parishioners to augment the funding of seminarian formation. This fall, we will need to boost that fund even more than ever. After consultation with the Finance Office and the Presbyteral Council, I am authorizing a second collection in all our parishes to raise the additional funds for the Seminarian Education Fund. Therefore, I am urging parishes to take up this appeal to aid this Fund for this coming year on the weekend of August 5 - 6, 2023, the weekend closest to the feast of St. John Vianney (August 4), the patron of parish priests and co-patron of our diocese. Through this appeal, I invite you to partner with our seminarians. With your help, we can sustain the vitality of the Seminarian Education Fund for the future.

Let us pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into the vineyard, especially in Birmingham. May the harvest throughout the Diocese of Birmingham be abundant. I thank you in advance for your consideration of this special appeal. May our Lord reward your generosity.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama