

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

*October 14<sup>th</sup>/October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (English)  
20<sup>th</sup> 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 Jeremy Noblitt, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from October 15<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Dennis G. Woods from October 22<sup>nd</sup> until October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**FR BOOTH ON RETREAT:** Fr Booth, along with all the priests of the diocese, will be on retreat from Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no daily Masses Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week.

**BISHOP’S REQUEST:** Bishop Steven J. Raica invites the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Birmingham to join in solidarity with Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem in his call to prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land.

**MORNING WITH MARY:** All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

**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 Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at The Club (1 Robert S. Smith Drive). The special guest speaker will be Jor-El Godsey, President of Heartbeat International, whose core mission is the leadership supply line for the growing pregnancy help movement worldwide. 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. Contact at 205-447-8796 or [hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** We continue with the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities 2024 campaign. If you have not received a Pledge Card in the mail, you also can enter your annual pledge or recurring gift any time at [catholiccharitiesbhm.org](http://catholiccharitiesbhm.org). Our pledge goal for this year is \$20,000.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last week was \$3709 and \$600 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

**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, Joshua Callahan, Michael Masny, Ross Gilliland, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, and Dominic Rumore. May more good men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

**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, Oct 14:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Joseph & Kay Dorion (by Helen Brandley)
Sun, Oct 15:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for John Paul Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for Anthony Hall (by John & Lucrecia Hall)
Mon, Oct 16:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Joseph Hall (by John & Lucrecia Hall)
Tues, Oct 17:		– <i>Fr Booth on Retreat</i>
Wed, Oct 18:		– <i>Fr Booth on Retreat</i>
Thur, Oct 19:		– <i>Fr Booth on Retreat</i>
Fri, Oct 20:	*8:30 a.m.	† Ann Slovensky (by Linda Miller)
Sat, Oct 21:	9:15 a.m.	† Duke Thigpen (by the Hall Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Susan Suter (by Trish Beaumont)
Sun, Oct 22:	7:30 a.m.	† Margaret Cover Harmen (by the Juneau Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for William Gonzalez (by the Hall Family)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially Henry Louis Koprucki, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Codie Smith Fikes, Fr Michael Adams, Mary Jerabek, Sr Maria Lucis, Debbie Booth, Deacon Walter Henderson, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, 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.	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 45:1,4-6, 1Thes 1:1-5, Mt 22:15-21
7:30 a.m.	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Eph 6:10-17, Mt 18:23-35
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# *A Letter From the Bishop*



Office of the Bishop

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October 4, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. Those dioceses in our country, considered mission territories, continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Embodying this year's theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Gratefully in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Raica".

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama