

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

**May 4th / May 5th 2024: 6th Sunday of Easter (English)
5th Sunday After Easter (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, 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 in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: For Clement Muck, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from May 5th to May 11th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Shirley Hull from May 12th until May 18th.

FIRST SUNDAY: This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be coffee and donuts following the 9:00 Mass.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: For the Latin Mass, the Feast of the Ascension occurs on Thursday, May 9th. For English, it occurs on Sunday, May 21st. Since the English Mass has been transferred to the following Sunday, the Ascension is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Nevertheless, we will have a Latin High Mass on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

MAY CROWNING: We will crown a statue of Mary next Sunday, May 12th following the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. Masses.

GOLF FORE LIFE: The Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center annual golf tournament – a scramble format – will be played on Friday, May 17th at Highland Park Golf Course. Highland Golf Course is a great course and fun for golfers of all skill levels. Please come play golf and help raise money for Her Choice, a pro-life pregnancy resource center. Tee-off will be at 9:00 a.m. and box lunches will be available afterwards. The cost is \$250 (\$125 of which is tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. Questions can be directed to Jim Pinto at (205) 447-8796 or Her Choice at (205) 252-0706. Please register at <http://www.herchoicebirmingham.org/gfl/form.htm> by May 10th.

CONFIRMATION: We are planning on having Confirmation later this year at a date that is to be determined. The bishop has offered to confirm using the new rite in Latin followed by a High Latin Mass where he will sit in choir.

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY LAMP SIGN-UP SHEETS for 2024, 2025, and 2026 are in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last weekend was \$6462, the Preservation Fund collection was \$65, and \$1094 was given for the Catholic Home Missions. 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.

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, May 4:	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Margaret Hahn (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, May 5:	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Margaret Roth (by the Donellan Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention Anne Catherine Craig (by the Charlotte & Terry Rumore Family)
Mon, May 6	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention Stephanie Burke (by the Charlotte & Terry Rumore Family)
Tues, May 7:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention Fr Bryan Jerabek (by the Charlotte & Terry Rumore Family)
Wed, May 8:	*8:30 a.m.	† Catherine Lester Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
Thur, May 9:	*8:30 a.m.	† Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
	6:30 p.m.	Special Intention Emily Mathews (by the Charlotte & Terry Rumore Family)
Fri, May 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Amanda Lang (by Monica Duvall)
Sat, May 11:	4:00 p.m.	† Tom Davis (by Betty Mason)
Sun, May 12:	7:30 a.m.	† Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special Intention for John & Beth Lauriello (by Monica Duvall)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Virginia Elmer, Richard Juneau, Diane Norton, Laura Minjares, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, 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, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, 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, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

4:00 p.m. Ascension	Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20
7:30 a.m. Sunday After the Ascension	1Pet 4:7-11, Jn 15:26-16:4
9:00 a.m. Ascension	Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20
10:45 a.m. Sunday After the Ascension	1Pet 4:7-11, Jn 15:26-16:4

Just Hypocrisy

The unrest on college campuses seems to have grown in the last week, and again it centers on antisemitic sentiments hidden under a veil of pro-palistine rhetoric. They say they are for the underdog. They say they are for the oppressed. They say they are for the ‘little guy.’ We Americans are often fond of supporting the underdog, the oppressed, and the little guy. We like seeing bullies get their comeuppance and we like to see the good guy defy the odds and come out on top. Unless it serves our purposes. We also hate oppression and unfairness. Unless it serves our purposes.

Condemning antisemitism and genocidal doctrines is also a basic American value, or at least they were from the end of WWII until very recently. Prior of the beginning of the Second World War, even during and after, there were a stunning number of prominent antisemites or even outright nazi sympathizers in this country and in western society. For example, Irénée DuPont (president of the company that bears his name), Henry Ford, Charles Lindbergh, Walt Disney, and TS Eliot just to name a few Americans that were not simply antisemitic but also pro-nazi. The administrations and faculties of many American universities in the 1930s and 1940s were quite antisemitic and often either pro-nazi or pro-soviet. Other nations had similar elites that were pro-nazi: easily recognizable examples include Coco Chanel in France and former British King Edward VIII (the one that abdicated the throne to marry an American woman who was already twice divorced) who were both openly pro-nazi.

Understandably, being antisemitic and especially being sympathetic to the nazis fell from favor after the Holocaust. But not entirely. More likely it simply just went unspoken and lived on quietly in the hearts of all too many people. Given the cancel culture that has been on the rise in the last few decades, why haven’t we seen calls for exterminating the legacy of these famous antisemites? Why is Ford Corporation still called Ford or Chanel Ltd still called Chanel or DuPont Chemical still called DuPont or Walt Disney Corporation still called Disney? Why does Charles Lindbergh still have so many things named after him – streets, neighborhoods, high schools, an airport, a train station, and so forth – despite his deplorable views? Does flying solo across the Atlantic Ocean somehow cancel out his antisemitism and nazi sympathies? If statues of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson had to be toppled, why are there any statues of Lindbergh, Ford, or Disney left standing? Quite simply, antisemitism has been and continues to be fashionable.

It is hard to explain. Just like we are fond of the underdog and the little guy while despising oppression, we also have a capacity for hypocrisy. We don’t always side with the little guy, cheer on the underdog, or oppose oppression. These young people siding with Hamas, the ones who have tasted no real discrimination, who feel oppressed when they don’t get their daily organic sustainably-sourced oat-milk boba mocha lattes, and want to be part of something larger than themselves simply can’t see the folly of their acts. They are useful idiots in many cases. They are much like the throng that yelled “*Crucify Him, crucify Him*” on Good Friday. The students share precious little in the suffering caused by that age-old conflict just as the crowd calling for Jesus’ death had not been harmed by Him in any way. They are simply being led by manipulators, by the chief priests on Good Friday and by professional agitators on our college campuses. The crowd is being led to think that Jesus has harmed them in some way while the students firmly believe they are siding with righteousness. Both are convinced that justice is on their side or that they are on the side of justice.

Our capacity for hypocrisy, made worse by being swept away by emotion, needs to be something we remain vigilant against. Those calling for Jesus’ crucifixion would have done well to ask why they were clamoring for this Man’s execution. Those students chanting ‘from the river to the sea’ ought to be asking why they are calling for genocide. He needed to die, they need to be exterminated. In the name of holiness and to keep the peace they call for the execution of Holiness Himself, the Prince of Peace? In the name of justice, they demand the execution of millions of innocent people? Really? Really, really?!?

- Fr Booth