

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

October 26th/October 27th 2024: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Christ the King (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. To join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: For Therese Gagnon, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from October 27th to November 2nd. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Daniel Welch from November 3rd until November 9th.

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 1st is All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass in English on Thursday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. On November 1st we will have an English Mass at 8:30 a.m., High Latin Mass at 10:45 a.m. and a Low Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.

ALL SOULS DAY: We will have a High Latin Mass at 8:30 a.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.

FIRST FRIDAY: See the All Saints schedule above. There will be no Adoration and Benediction following the English Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY: See the All Souls schedule above.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Bishop’s Annual Appeal continues. You can return your pledge card or pledge via catholiccharitiesbhm.org. The donations remain in the diocese, supporting charitable outreach and several diocesan offices. Our goal for this year is \$28,000.

HER CHOICE FUNDRAISING BANQUET: The annual Her Choice Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at The Club (1 Robert S. Smith Drive). The special guest speaker will be Alison Centofante, Founder of Centofante Strategies, a Huntsville-based consulting firm, is a child advocacy innovator, in-demand public speaker, activist, and writer with over ten years of experience speaking on abortion, marriage, human dignity, and religious freedom. 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 \$5535, \$815 was given for the Preservation Fund, and \$1219 was donated for the World 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, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Dominic Rumore, and Matthew Gagnon.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a 6-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

Sat, Oct 26:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Laura Ducote (by the Duvall Family)
Sun, Oct 27:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Alex Ruiz (by the Duvall Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Michelle Smith (by Monica Duvall)
Mon, Oct 28	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Vanessa Munoz (by the Hahns)
Tues, Oct 29:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for the Tyler Family (by the Hahns)
Wed, Oct 30:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for the Fernandes Family (by the Hahns)
Thur, Oct 31:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Carli Biddle (by the Rumore Family)
	6:00 p.m.	† Melvin Rohling (by Danny & Judy Rohling)
Fri, Nov 1:	8:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for David Biddle (by the Rumore Family)
	6:30 p.m.	Special intention for Rick Juneau (by the Juneau Family)
Sat, Nov 2:	8:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Anthony Sabri (by the Hahns)
Sun, Nov 3:	7:30 a.m.	† Dan Clemens (by the Clemens Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Paul Ulliman (by the Clemens Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Phillip McCarty, Madeline Sampedro, George Sampedro, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Richard Juneau, Diane Norton, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Deb Rankin, Debbie Booth, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Jeff Brown, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, 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.	31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Deut 6:2-6, Heb 7:23-28, Mk 12:28-34
7:30 a.m.	4 th Supplemental Sunday after Epiphany	Rom 13:8-10, Mt 8:23-27
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No Disciple is Above His Teacher

Last week, three anti-Christian episodes were mentioned: the recent targeting of Catholic churches by the FBI, the blasphemous mocking of the Lord's Supper at the Paris Olympics, and the governor of Michigan mocking Holy Communion with a Dorito. In many ways, this is nothing new. Jesus warned us that such things, even worse things, will happen to His followers. *"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you"* (Jn 15:18-19). *"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way"* (Lk 6:22-23). *"You will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved"* (Mk 13:13).

Thus, we should not be surprised. Disappointed? Sure. Distressed? Of course. It is natural to want to be accepted and to be liked. It is natural to want to fit in and get along. But we are not commanded to do the natural thing, but we are called to rise above the natural and live the supernatural reality of Christian discipleship. It is easy to fall for accepting and accommodating the sensibilities of the world. It is easy to fall prey to human respect. These temptations seem to promise so much – harmony, understanding, peace, 'progress', unity, and the like – but they never deliver. We are even called to love and pray for those who hate and persecute us, which is much more difficult than to throw in the towel and accommodate the world.

Nevertheless, we are called haters because we do not surrender to the world. We are the evil ones, we are the backwards ones, we are the hypocrites, or so the worldly often claim. They accuse us of hatred for not accepting their ways, but their open contempt and hatred for us is regarded as some sort of worldly virtue. Take the three aforementioned episodes of persecution and mockery. In each case, excuses were made designed to suggest that no ill will or offense was intended. Baloney. Those excuses were hardly plausible, they were hardly credible. No attempt at a sincere apology was made. No one was reprimanded or disciplined. No, we are told that we are the problem.

Indeed, if we are offended, that is on us. That is the essence of what the world is claiming. If we were more open minded, intelligent, and sophisticated as the worldly claim to be, we would somehow see how we ought not be offended at all. But their argument is utter hypocrisy. For example, if someone assumes that a person with a woman's features, has long hair, a purse, dresses as a woman, sounds like a woman, and acts like a woman is actually a woman, then they can be accused of misgendering her if she habitually or momentarily identifies as a man. Or as a dolphin or as a horse or as a unicorn. How dare you use the wrong pronouns or dead-name someone, even if no malice was intended. If someone in good faith fails to accommodate that woman's transient, misguided, arbitrary, and delusional identity, they are responsible for the grave sin of offending her/it/him/them/anybody.

Wait, we are the problem if the world offends us, but we are also the problem if what we believe, say, or do even with utter sincerity and absence of malice if it offends someone? What they are saying is that we have no right to be offended and must endure whatever insults are thrown our way while at the same time we must ensure that we respect their so-called right not to be offended.

That is an open and shut case of utter sophistry and hypocrisy. But it is not all that surprising. If people continue to become more and more self-centered, self-absorbed, self-loving, self-admiring, self-centered, arrogant, and narcissistic – which each and every one of us is prone to do – we must choose the high road. Despite the temptation, we ought not respond in kind, but to become more like Jesus. *"No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, for the slave that he become like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household!"* (Mt 10: 24-25).

- Fr Booth