

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

March 1st/March 2nd 2025: 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
Quinquagesima Sunday (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. To join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: Robert Bryant, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from March 2nd to March 8th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Benjamin & Lydia Blaylock from March 9th until March 15th.

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 5th is Ash Wednesday. We will have an English Mass at 8:30 a.m. and a Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. during the Fridays of Lent (Stations on Good Friday, April 18th it will be at 2:30 p.m.).

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on March 7th 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for the Black and Indian Missions.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2025: Contribution envelopes are located in the back vestibule. If yours are not there, let Fr Booth know.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2024 have been mailed out. If you have not received your statement, let Fr Booth know.

FIRST COMMUNION: We have scheduled our First Communion on March 30th, Gaudete Sunday, at the 10:45 Mass. Opportunities for first confession will be offered on Sunday, March 16th after the 10:45 Mass, Sunday, March 23rd after the 10:45 Mass, and after First Communion Rehearsal. Rehearsal for First Communion will be on Saturday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m.

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, Ross Gilliland, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, and Friar Apollo.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Bishop's Annual Appeal continues. You can return your pledge card or pledge via catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Our goal for this year is \$28,000. So far, Blessed Sacrament has pledged \$28,885 and thus exceeding our goal.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5022 and \$1250 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about an 8-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

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

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| Sat, Mar 1: | 8:30 a.m. | Special intention for Elizabeth Cole (by the Ferino Family) |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Special intention for Fr Michael Adams (by the Ferino Family) |
| Sun, Mar 2: | 7:30 a.m. | Special intention for Cindy Brown (by the Ferino Family) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Special intention for Bonnie Bell (by the Duvall Family) |
| Mon, Mar 3 | *8:30 a.m. | Special intention for Cora Duvall (by the Duvall Family) |
| Tues, Mar 4: | *8:30 a.m. | Special intention for Sherry Morrow (by Monica Duvall) |
| Wed, Mar 5: | 8:30 a.m. | Special intention for Alex Brueggen (by the Duvall Family) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | † Cody Johnson (by the Juneau Family) |
| Thur, Mar 6: | *8:30 a.m. | † George Quiggle (by Mary Jane Kelly) |
| Fri, Mar 7: | *8:30 a.m. | † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | † Eugene Mason (by Mary & Betty Mason) |
| Sat, Mar 8: | 4:00 p.m. | † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason) |
| Sun, Mar 9: | 7:30 a.m. | † David Waligora (by Mary & Betty Mason) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | † Pro Populo |
| | 10:45 a.m. | † Rick Phillips (by Mary & Betty Mason) |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Grace Hill, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, Phillip McCarty, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Diane Norton, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Deb Rankin, 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, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, 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

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| 4:00 p.m. First Sunday of Lent | Deut 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13 |
| 7:30 a.m. First Sunday of Lent | 2Cor 6:1-10, Mt 4:1-11 |
| 9:00 a.m. First Sunday of Lent | Deut 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13 |
| 10:45 a.m. First Sunday of Lent | 2Cor 6:1-10, Mt 4:1-11 |



Office of the Bishop

A Letter From the Bishop

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February 24, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has challenged us to *“Be Shepherds...., in the midst of your people like Jesus the Good Shepherd.”*

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has for the last 140 years, changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church’s evangelization efforts.

Historically, evangelization efforts by Churches and schools among African Americans, Native Americans, Eskimo and Aleut communities, are funded by the Collection’s grant awards, which are instrumental in the building of their Christian communities and sharing the joy of knowing Christ. Your support has helped educate African American and Native American seminarians for priestly service to our Catholic communities.

In our diocese, this fund provides monetary support to seven parishes, four schools, and four diocesan ministries each year from the national mission collection.

Education is fundamental in changing the mores and morals of a society. Your monetary assistance provides opportunities for a solid Catholic education in our Indian and Black Catholic mission schools, allows the purchase of catechetical materials and bibles, and provides for the formation of lay leadership, to name just a few ways the collection supports evangelization.

On March 8 & 9 all will be asked to participate in the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Together we build up the Church and announce the Good News of Jesus Christ. I ask everyone in our diocese to make a sacrificial gift to the 2025 Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family.

I am extremely grateful for your generous charity and your continued support of this mission of faith and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama