

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

May 9th/May 10th 2026: 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. To join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: For Shirley Hull, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from May 10th to May 16th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Joel Levenberg from May 17th until May 23rd.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: For the Latin Mass, the Feast of the Ascension occurs on Thursday, May 14th. For English, it occurs on Sunday, May 17th. 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 High Latin Mass on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, May 16th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a low Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION for local homeschool students is set for Thursday, May 21st, 2026. The ceremony will be in the Great Hall on the campus of the Cathedral of St. Paul and will begin with Vespers at 5:00 p.m. More information can be obtained via bhamcathgrad@gmail.com or to register, please visit <https://bhamcathgrad.weebly.com/>

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon John Paul Stepnowski, Deacon Andrew Vickery, Deacon John Gardiner, Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, Joshua Callahan, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Deacon Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, Friar Apollo, and Owen Sederstrand.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: You should have received a Pledge Card in the mail, if not you also can enter your annual pledge or recurring gift any time at catholiccharitiesbhm.org. Our pledge goal for this year is \$29,000. As of May 8th, we have \$25,175 pledged.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$15,680 and \$530 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is large backlog on Mass Intentions. Therefore, until further notice, Mass Intentions will only be accepted on a one Mass per family per week basis. No exceptions. The Mass Intentions for this week date from June 29th.

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

Sat, May 9: 4:00 p.m. † Gene & Laurine Fazio (by the Penney Family)
Sun, May 10: 7:30 a.m. Special intention for William & Yolanda Long (by the Penney Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special intention for Gabe & Emily Perrman (by the Penney Family)
Mon, May 11: *8:30 a.m. Special intention for Cora Duvall (by the Duvall Family)
Tues, May 12: *8:30 a.m. Special intention for Sherry Morrow (by Monica Duvall)
Wed, May 13: *8:30 a.m. Special intention for Charlotte Sederstrand (by Monica Duvall)
Thur, May 14: *8:30 a.m. † Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
6:30 p.m. Special intention for Barbara Youngblood & Family (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Fri, May 15: *8:30 a.m. † Charlie Haine (by Tomas Engle)
Sat, May 16: 9:15 a.m. † Fr Larry Shinick
4:00 p.m. † Renee Boackle Ritchey (by Lynn Bryant)
Sun, May 17: 7:30 a.m. † Beverly Scroggins (by the Clemens Family)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † William Scroggins (by the Clemens Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampedro, Jesse Hernandez, Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, 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, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, 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, Mt 28:16-20
7:30 a.m. Sunday after Ascension	1Pet 4:7-11, Jn 15:26-16:4
9:00 a.m. Ascension	Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20
10:45 a.m. Sunday after Ascension	1Pet 4:7-11, Jn 15:26-16:4

Fidelity is More Powerful than Success

Fear of commitment plagues us. This stems from a fear of the unknown, a fear of what might or might not be. The high school graduate has a degree of trepidation about college. Is it the right university for me? Will I be up to the academic standards of this college? Have I chosen the right field of study? What if I hate college life, what if my roommate is a jerk, what if I hate my classes? The college graduate has similar fears. Will I find a job in my expertise or will I end up waiting tables? Am I really ready to do the job I'm being hired for? Will I be able to pay off my student loans?

It is much the same for those who are preparing to marry. Am I marrying the right one? Am I marrying for the right reasons? Will our marriage last? Will both of us be faithful? Will we choose to love each other until death? Am I ready to be a wife and mother? Am I ready to be a husband and father? Men approaching ordination to the priesthood suffer similar fears. Have I studied hard enough and do I know what I need to be a priest? Am I certain that I can be obedient to the bishop? Can I live a life of Gospel simplicity? Can I live a life of celibacy? Am I holy enough to be a priest?

These commitments to a college, to a career, or to a vocation all entail big decisions and even larger uncertainties. Is the average priest holy enough? Not by a mile. Is the holiest of priests holy enough? Again, not by a mile. Are most men ready for marriage? Are they ready to be fathers? Not exactly. We can say the same thing for women regarding marriage and motherhood. Yet men and women have been marrying and becoming parents from the beginning of mankind. Men have been ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ for two millennia and to the priesthood of Aaron for another twelve centuries prior to Christ. Our ancestors, however, were not much more prepared than we are for meeting the duties and responsibilities of our particular vocations.

Despite the fact that many others have gone before us and were able to do what was required to fulfill their vocations, we still fear what lies ahead. In a certain way we really don't fear the particulars of what may happen in the future, we fear that we will fail to handle the situations that life will throw at us. In other words, we fear not the future. We fear failure. Imagine how the Apostles feared when Jesus announced that He was going to leave them. Whether it pertained to His death or His return to the Father, the Apostles would be left behind to continue what Jesus had begun. The Apostles knew that they were not Jesus, they were not divine, they were totally unworthy, and they were utterly unprepared to spread the Gospel throughout the world. After Pentecost the fear of failing did not stop the Apostles in their mission.

Yes, the Apostles did fail. How often was St Paul thrown out of a synagogue, how often was he chased out of a town on account of preaching the Gospel. He failed to convert the majority of the people he evangelized. But did that make him a failure as an Apostle? We hardly know anything about what the Apostle Bartholomew achieved in spreading the Gospel. Does that mean that Bartholomew was a failure?

In the eyes of the world, the answer is yes. What about in the eyes of God? Does God measure success like we do, does He demand success in the same way the world does? Absolutely not. All we have to do is ask what God will say to those who make it into heaven. In the parable of the talents, the Master says "*Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy*" (Mt 25:23).

The Master does not commend them for being successful but for being faithful. But there is more to being faithful than just believing. Jesus challenges us saying "*If you love me, you will keep my commandments*" (Jn 14:15). So, being faithful means that we have faith in Jesus, that we love Jesus, and that we obey Him. However, none of these are measures of worldly success. More importantly, none of these – faith, love, and obedience – is beyond our control. We may not be able to be perfect husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, single people and priests, but we can be faithful. It is entirely in our power – aided by God's grace and empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – to have faith, to love God, and to obey His commandments. So we really should not fear worldly failure, but we must fear being unfaithful to our calling as disciples of Jesus.

- Fr Booth