

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*July 11th/July 12th 2026: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)
7th Sunday After Pentecost (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 the Julius Lee, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from July 12th to July 18th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Mary P. Hastings from July 19th until July 25th.

NO HIGH MASS ON JULY 12th: Due to many of the altar servers being at Fraternus Ranch on Sunday, July 12th, Mass at 10:45 will be a Low Mass.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, July 18th. 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 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.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: 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.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE: Please pray for Sister Maria Josefa of the Divine Providence and Jessica Saville.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6930 and \$675 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

CONTINUATION OF FOOD DRIVE: The food drive begun in Lent benefitting the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ, who have a ministry to the homeless, and a local food bank will continue on an ongoing basis. If you have further questions, please contact Shannon Dunaway (ssullivan7606@gmail.com) or Steve and Brandy Katona (Katonafamily@yahoo.com).

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 August 31st.

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

Sat, July 11:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Anthony Stanley (by the Donellans)
Sun, July 12:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for the Deering Family (by the Donellans)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Nick Donellan (by the Donellans)
Mon, July 13:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Allison Rumore (by the Donellans)
Tues, July 14:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Jeremy & Michele DiPiazza (by the Donellans)
Wed, July 15:	*8:30 a.m.	† Herbert Boston (by Peter & Sharon Gagnon)
Thur, July 16:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Romanus Rumore (by the Andrew Rumore Family)
Fri, July 17:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Allison Rumore (by Susan Tyler)
Sat, July 18:	9:15 a.m.	Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Chris Marcus (by Brenna Schwager)
	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, July 19:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Chris Marcus (by Brenna Schwager)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† Fr Frank Miller (by Trish Beaumont)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for Dennis Taubitz, Suzanne Vickery, 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, 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.	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wis 12:13,16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43
7:30 a.m.	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9
9:00 a.m.	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wis 12:13,16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43
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Quacks Like a Duck...

Most Catholics have not given the Society of St Pius X (SSPX) much thought at all. Some will be much more aware. What has played out recently has made the news but only in a superficial way, if at all, in most secular media outlets. Coverage was even hit-or-miss in many Catholic news media. Totally understandable. After all, there are two major wars raging, the World Cup is ongoing, the country is sweating in a major heatwave, and only a few people are truly affected by the schismatic acts of the SSPX and the resulting automatic excommunication of their clergy. In some circles, however, the whole situation of the SSPX is a topic that is front and center.

It might be front and center because someone attends one of their chapels (we have none in Alabama), someone might share their views, someone might be sympathetic because they offer the Traditional Latin Mass, or someone might be concerned that this episode will negatively impact the legitimate communities that are focused on the pre-Vatican II liturgy. In other words, to some people this is a massive issue, to others it is a bit of 'inside baseball,' while most people regard the whole situation as neither here nor there. Most people will fall into the later category because the SSPX has only about 20,000 parishioners nationwide attending only about 130 chapels. To put this in perspective, there are over 53 million Catholics in America attending about 17,000 parishes across the nation. Something like 160,000 people entered the Catholic Church last year in America alone. Thus, it is understandable that most American Catholics are not particularly aware or concerned with the whole Society of Pius X situation.

But what is the rub between the SSPX and the Vatican? There are too many issues to cover here, but the whole situation can be boiled down to fidelity. The SSPX claims to be faithful to the Church while defying Church authority. They claim that Pope Leo XIV is truly the Pope, but disobey him and deny his authority. They claim to be true Catholics while the rest of the Church is greatly misled and unfaithful. In other words, they are more Catholic than the pope. And everyone else.

Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis all tried to reconcile them, but the SSPX would have none of it. Pope Benedict lifted the excommunication of their priests and bishops. In response the SSPX denied that their clergy were ever excommunicated. Pope Francis regularized their sacraments by extending to the priests of SSPX the faculties to marry and to absolve sins, but they insisted that such a concession was not a concession at all. All along the SSPX has claimed that the Vatican has failed to offer any concessions. This is an absurd and delusional assertion.

As part of the delusion, the SSPX insists on having their own bishops. We do have a general vocations shortage, as do most denominations in the United States, but since when have we had a shortage of bishops? Yes, a diocese might wait months or years to have a retiring bishop replaced, but such a delay is much more bureaucratic in nature than it is vocational. Thus, why would the SSPX need their own bespoke bishops? Do their bishops have power or authority not possessed by diocesan bishops? Don't they confirm and ordain, the two sacraments ordinarily reserved to bishops? The SSPX claims that the sacraments celebrated in dioceses throughout the world are valid, so why do they really need their own bishops if that is the case? It would seem that they are implicitly denying the validity of the sacraments celebrated outside of the SSPX by insisting on having their own bishops. Despite their claims to the contrary, they act and have been acting since their inception as if they are schismatic.

Putting the recent ordination of bishops aside, the SSPX does not subject themselves to the bishops in the dioceses where they operate. Every deacon and priest does ministry under the authority and jurisdiction of a local bishop. No priest can baptize, hear confessions, offer Mass, officiate at weddings, and so forth without the permission and approval of the local bishop. The same applies even to bishops and archbishops. For example, Bishop Emeritus Baker cannot confirm without bishop Raica's permission and delegation. The clergy of the SSPX has never recognized the local bishops and have operated independently of them, which is exactly what schism looks like.

- Fr Booth