

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*May 10th/May 11th 2025: 4th Sunday of Easter (English)
3rd 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 his soul from May 11th to May 17th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Maxine Olson from May 18th until May 24th.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, May 17th. 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.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION: Men, do you feel God is calling you to serve in a deeper way in your parish and community? If so, perhaps you are being called to be a deacon. The Inquiry period begins on August 16th. An Inquiry Information Session will be on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 2061 Patton Chapel Road, Hoover, AL 35216. Wives are encouraged to attend with their husbands. Additional information and requirements to enter formation can be found at the Office of Permanent Diaconate website - <https://www.bhmdiocese.org/office-of-permanent-diaconate>. You can also fill out the registration form for the Inquiry period at this website. Online registration is open now through July 3rd. If you have questions, contact Deacon Jeff Montgomery at jmontgomery@bhmdiocese.org.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection for the week of April 27th was \$8168 and \$140 was given to the Preservation Fund. The collection last week was \$8081 and \$150 was given for the Preservation Fund. A total of \$923 was donated to the Catholic Home Missions. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

FLOWER DONATIONS: Additional donations were given toward the Easter Flowers in remembrance of Bill Dinan, the Dinan Family, the Montalbano Family, and Lee Dinan. May they and all of the faithful departed rest in eternal and profound peace.

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)

Sat, May 10:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Sandra Smith (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, May 11:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Mary Allison Jimenez (by the Donellan Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Rose Jimenez (by the Donellan Family)
Mon, May 12	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Sr Mary Michael of the Incarnate Word, SsEW (by the Juneau Family)
Tues, May 13:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Sr Mary Thomas of the Open Heart of Jesus, SsEW (by the Juneau Family)
Wed, May 14:	*8:30 a.m.	† The Souls in Purgatory (by the Ferino Family)
Thur, May 15:	*8:30 a.m.	† The Souls in Purgatory (by the Ferino Family)
Fri, May 16:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Colette Gagnon (by the Jimenez Family)
Sat, May 17:	9:15 a.m.	Special intention for Colette Gagnon (by the Maziarz Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Sandra Smith (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, May 18:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Colette Gagnon (by Elizabeth & Charles Anthony Rumore)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Colette Gagnon (by the David Hill Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Katherine Dunham, Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, 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

4:00 p.m.	5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 14:21-27, Rev 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-33,34-35
7:30 a.m.	4 th Sunday After Easter	James 1:17-21, Jn 16:5-14
9:00 a.m.	5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 14:21-27, Rev 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-33,34-35
10:45 a.m.	4 th Sunday After Easter	James 1:17-21, Jn 16:5-14

Habemus Papam!

We have a pope! On Thursday last week, the college of cardinals elected a new pope who took the name of Leo XIV. That there is a new pope is not all that amazing since this is what the Church does. One pope dies, or one rarely resigns, and another one is elected to replace him. This concept goes all the way back to the beginning of the Church: *“For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘Let his [Judas Iscariot’s] encampment become desolate, and may no one dwell in it.’ And: ‘May another take his office.’ ... So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, ‘You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.’ Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles”* (Acts 1:20, 23-26).

This tells us that the apostolic ministry was not tied to specific men living in specific times and circumstances but they held enduring offices, offices created by Christ. Many people over the centuries, especially in recent times, have argued that the apostolic ministry died with the Apostles. This line of thinking seeks to imply that the ministry of the Apostles was temporary and therefore the power and authority granted to the Apostles does not continue in the Church. The election of Matthias absolutely contradicts the false idea that the apostolic ministry died out some sixty years after Jesus ascended into heaven with the death of the last Apostle, John. In reality, it continues to this day in the bishops, successors to the Apostles, and the pope, the successor to St Peter.

This important on many levels. For example, Jesus’ promise to Peter found in the Gospel of Matthew – *“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”* (Mt 16:18-19) – does just apply to Peter himself but to an apostolic office held by Peter. If not, this would imply that the gates of hell could prevail against Jesus’ Church on the death of Peter. The image of the keys to the kingdom also points to an enduring office first held by Peter. Isaiah chapter 22 speaks of a wicked master of the king’s palace being replaced: *“I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. I will clothe him with your robe, gird him with your sash, confer on him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; what he opens, no one will shut, what he shuts, no one will open”* (Isa 22:19, 21-22). The master of the palace for King David’s successor was an enduring office just as the kingship of David’s line was an office that was passed from one king to another and ultimately fulfilled in Jesus’ eternal Kingship.

Without enduring apostolic offices, how could Jesus command the Apostles to *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age”* (Mt 28:19-20). Could a handful of men evangelize and baptize the whole world in one lifetime? Could Jesus be with the Apostles until the end of the age unless there were men who succeeded them throughout history? Likewise, did the Lord’s commission of Peter to *“Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... [and] Feed my sheep”* (Jn 21:15, 16, 17) apply only for Peter’s lifetime and not afterwards? Would Jesus a command to shepherd His faithful followers only for a brief time and not have someone fulfill this role, this office, at the death of Peter? Are Christians no longer in need of a shepherd to feed and tend them? Likewise, when Jesus commissions the Apostles to preach and act in His name, He says *“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me”* (Mt 10:40), this also ceased when the Apostles died?

Of course not. So the election of a new pope is not all that amazing. That Pope Leo XIV is an American is far more amazing.