

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 26th/July 27th 2025: 17th Sunday in 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 John Ryan, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from from July 27th to August 2nd. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eileen Schauer from August 3rd until August 9th.

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on August 1st 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.

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on August 2nd. Altar server training and Martha and Mary Altar Sodality will follow Mass.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for the Seminarian Education Fund, which helps fund the education of our seminarians.

A NOTE ON EASTER FLOWERS: The money donated for the Easter flowers did not get deposited until last week. Sorry for the delay.

FATHER JAMES E. COYLE MEMORIAL MASS: Let us remember a holy priest killed in the line of duty. A memorial Mass will be offered on Monday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m. at St Paul’s. Mass will be followed by a reception and a reflection upon the life of Fr Coyle.

LAY DOMINICANS: Adult men and women who have been Catholics for at least two years are invited to learn about the Dominican Laity and see if this is where God may be calling you. The pillars of Lay Dominican life center around prayer, study, apostolate (sharing our faith with others in ways appropriate to the laity), and community (monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons in Birmingham). As lay members of the Dominican Order, we are drawn together by the love of St Dominic, and invite you to consider joining us! To learn more, contact Amanda Lang, chapter president, at justin.amanda.lang@gmail.com

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Deacon John Paul Stepnowski, Deacon Andrew Vickery, John Gardiner, Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, 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, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, and Friar Apollo.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$5283 and \$485 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)

Sat, Jul 26:	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Mary Beth Schwager (by Brenna Schwager)
Sun, Jul 27:	7:30 a.m.	† Dominick F. Giardina (by Cathy & Joe DeLeonard)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Evan & Christina Dudenhefer (by Livia Novobilski)
Mon, Jul 28	*8:30 a.m.	† Joseph Patrick Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Tues, Jul 29:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Anne Cook (by the Donellan Family)
Wed, Jul 30:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Sharon Gagnon (by the Donellan Family)
Thur, Jul 31:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Catherine Hahn (by the Donellan Family)
Fri, Aug 1:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Joseph Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
	6:30 p.m.	Special intention for Scott Donellan (by the Donellan Family)
Sat, Aug 2:	8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Margaret Hahn (by the Donellan Family)
	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Jeff Hahn (by the Donellan Family)
Sun, Jul 3:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Maziarz Family (by the Donellans)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Trusler Family (by the Donellans)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially Jesse Hernandez, 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, 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.	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eccl 1:2,2:21-23, Col 3:1-5,9-11, Lk 12:13-21
7:30 a.m.	8 th Sunday After Pentecost	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9
9:00 a.m.	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eccl 1:2,2:21-23, Col 3:1-5,9-11, Lk 12:13-21
10:45 a.m.	8 th Sunday After Pentecost	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 16:1-9

A Letter from the Bishop



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Office of the Bishop

July 10, 2025

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray that this summer has been a season of rest, renewal, and abundant blessings for you and your loved ones. I write to you with joyful news and a heartfelt invitation to partner with us in supporting the future of priestly ministry in our diocese.

This fall, the Diocese of Birmingham will be blessed with four new seminarians joining those already in formation—bringing our total to 21 men discerning the call to the priesthood, a record number once again. God is indeed at work in the hearts of these young men. Each one brings a unique and inspiring vocational story; a powerful reminder of the many ways Christ continues to call laborers to His harvest.

Thanks to your generosity, last year we raised over \$600,000 in support of the formation of our seminarians. This year, I am excited to share that a generous benefactor has pledged to match every gift to the Seminarian Education Fund—up to \$1 million—throughout 2025. With approximately \$200,000 already received, we are off to a strong start.

With this extraordinary opportunity in mind, I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in the St. John Vianney Seminarian Education Fund Appeal, which will take place the weekend of August 2–3, 2025. Your support directly assists these dedicated men as they prepare to offer their lives in priestly ministry for the people of God within our Diocese.

Let us continue to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers into His vineyard. May the seeds planted today yield an abundant harvest throughout the Diocese of Birmingham for generations to come.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Please know of my continued prayers for you and your families, as well as the prayers of our seminarians as they continue their journey of priestly formation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama