

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

November 1st/November 2nd 2025: All Souls (English)

21st 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.

NOTICE ON CHECKS: Please make out all checks to Blessed Sacrament or Blessed Sacrament Church.

IN MEMORIAM: For Eileen & Jack Schauer, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of their souls from November 2nd to November 8th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julie Kelly from November 9th until November 15th.

MEMORIALS FOR THE DECEASED: This year the memorials for the deceased will be offered collectively over a novena of Masses held on November 3rd through the 11th.

ALL SOULS DAY: All Souls is celebrated in English on Sunday, November 2nd. In Latin, however, it is transferred to Monday, November 3rd. There will be a High Mass in Latin on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

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

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have our First Friday English Mass on November 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.

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, 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, Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, Friar Apollo, and Owen Sederstrand.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6812 and \$405 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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 October 31st, we have \$21,450 pledged.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is an 8½ month backlog on Mass Intentions and the backlog continues to grow. Therefore, until further notice, Mass Intentions will only be accepted on a one Mass per family per week basis. Period. No exceptions.

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

Sat, Nov 1:	10:45 a.m.	† Beverly Scroggins (by the Donellan Family)
	4:00 p.m.	† Faithful Departed
Sun, Nov 2:	7:30 a.m.	† Agnes Zimmer (by the Donellan Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	† J.C. Cooper, Jr. (by the Donellan Family)
Mon, Nov 3	*8:30 a.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
	6:30 p.m.	† Faithful Departed
Tues, Nov 4:	*8:30 a.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
Wed, Nov 5:	*8:30 a.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
Thur, Nov 6:	*8:30 a.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
Fri, Nov 7:	*8:30 a.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
	6:30 p.m.	† Julie Wank Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
Sat, Nov 8:	4:00 p.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
Sun, Nov 9:	7:30 a.m.	† Memorial for the Deceased
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Eli & Madelyn Donellan (by the Donellan Family)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for Daniel Flemming, Fr Timothy Gahan, George Sampedro, 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, 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.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Eze 47:1-2,8-9,12, 1Cor 3:9-11,16-17, Jn 2:13-22
7:30 a.m.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Rev 21:2-5, Lk 19:1-10
9:00 a.m.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Eze 47:1-2,8-9,12, 1Cor 3:9-11,16-17, Jn 2:13-22
10:45 a.m.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Rev 21:2-5, Lk 19:1-10

Atonement Through Sacrifice

There are any number of examples where God's wrath is expressed in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, such as the Great Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, plagues, famines, droughts, and wars. Later there were the ten plagues against the Egyptians leading up to the Exodus. With the exception of the Great Flood none of the chastisements were universal and with the exception of Sodom and Gomorrah none were total. Instead, we see that the essence of God's wrath is exclusion from His presence as exemplified by the unfaithful Hebrews during the Exodus: *"As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter into my rest.' Take care, brothers, that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart, so as to forsake the living God"* (Heb 3:10-11). After the Exodus, all those who rebelled against God in the desert were excluded from the covenant rest of entering into the Promised Land, even Moses, but if we are unfaithful, we will be excluded from heaven. This really does not fit well with the idea that Jesus had to be totally crushed and thoroughly obliterated in our place, that the essence of atonement lies primarily in having Jesus suffer in our stead. While Jesus certainly suffered for our sins, the essence of the cross was not simply Jesus taking our punishment on our behalf.

It has long been recognized that Jesus was both High Priest and Victim. Indeed, He came to fulfill the Old Covenant and in part He did so by offering Himself as a sacrifice in atonement for our sins. St Paul makes this point, *"So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma"* (Eph 5:1-2). Likewise, *"Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people"* (Heb 5:1-3). Jesus is not like the high priests of old because He is not a descendant of Aaron nor is He even a Levite. This is why it is said of Jesus *"In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: 'You are my son; this day I have begotten you'; just as he says in another place: 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek'"* (Heb 5:5-6).

Additionally, Jesus differs from the high priests of old in that He was unburdened by any sin: *"It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself"* (Heb 7:26-27). Jesus is the pure sacrificial Lamb and the utterly holy Great High Priest who offers His one sacrifice to fulfill the Old Law, supplanting and superseding the Temple sacrifices, and to establish the New Covenant in His blood. Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb and the truly efficacious sacrifice offered by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement, Yom Kipur.

Jesus does not offer Himself merely in an earthbound temple, *"For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice"* (Heb 9:24-26). Jesus is the only sacrifice that actually, literally, and truly ascends into heaven. No offering of a lamb, a goat, an ox, or whatever can do anything but remain in this world. The offering of an animal in sacrifice could only be an act of sorrow, but not an actual expiation of sin: *"But in those sacrifices there is only a yearly remembrance of sins, for it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins"* (Heb 10:3-4). It must always be remembered that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was nothing like pagan human sacrifices. No, He fulfilled the Law of Moses such that ineffectual animal sacrifices would cease and Jesus willingly offered Himself in a way that no other victim could, out of love for the Father and for mankind.

- Fr Booth