

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

May 2nd/May 3rd 2026: 5th Sunday of Easter (English)

4th 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 Clement Muck, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from May 3rd to May 9th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Shirley Hull from May 10th until May 16th.

FIRST SUNDAY: This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Coffee and donuts will take place this Sunday following the 9:00 Mass despite what was announced last week. Sorry for the confusion.

MAY CROWNING: We will crown a statue of Mary this Sunday, May 3rd following the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. Masses.

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 1st, we have \$25,175 pledged.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6064, \$4000 was given for the Preservation Fund, and \$1260 was offered for the Catholic Home Missions. 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 15th.

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

Sat, May 2:	8:30 a.m.	† Catherine Lester Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
	4:00 p.m.	Special intention for Guy & Bebe Buck (by Liberty Buck)
Sun, May 3:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Jenna Buck (by Liberty Buck)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Sean & Joanne Buck (by Liberty Buck)
Mon, May 4:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Jeffrey Scott Buck (by Liberty Buck)
Tues, May 5:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Ryan Penney (by Liberty Buck)
Wed, May 6:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Dean Fazio (by Ryan & Hannah Penney)
Thur, May 7:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Phillip Charles Love, Sr. (by the Penney Family)
Fri, May 8:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Phillip Charles Love, Jr. (by the Penney Family)
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)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially for Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampetro, 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.	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21
7:30 a.m.	5 th Sunday after Easter	James 1:22-27, Jn 16:23-30
9:00 a.m.	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21
10:45 a.m.	5 th Sunday after Easter	James 1:22-27, Jn 16:23-30

Our Good Shepherd's One Way, One Truth, and One Life

Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. He went on to say that He “*came so that [we] might have life and have it more abundantly*” (Jn 10:10). Jesus tells us that “*the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice*” (Jn 10:3,4). Jesus proclaimed the Gospel openly and publicly, but many who heard Him rejected what He had to say. They heard His words, but they did not recognize His voice.

This is still true today. Many hear Jesus' words but do not recognize His voice. If they do not recognize His voice, they will not follow Him just as sheep will not follow a stranger. Our Good Shepherd calls us to follow Him and to hear His voice so that we “*might have life and have it more abundantly*.” If we do not follow Jesus and if we do not hear His voice, then we will not truly have the fullness of life, the abundant life that God wants for us. Apart from Jesus, we will have an impoverished life now and we will certainly not have the fullness of life in heaven that awaits those who follow Jesus and hear His voice.

Today people want to define their own path, their own truth, and their lives according to their own standards. Yet we are much more like sheep than we are willing to admit. We all belong to some sort of flock, we are all led by someone or something, and our lives will be determined by the flock we belong to and the one who leads us. This is why Jesus very clearly teaches His disciples that “*I am the way and the truth and the life*” (Jn 14:6). Notice He does not say that He is a way or that He is a truth or that He is a life. No, He is the one way, the one truth, and the one life. There are no alternate paths, there are no shortcuts. Jesus is the One Way. We either follow Him or we follow something or someone else. This is why Jesus warns us to “*Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many*” (Mt 7:13).

There are no multiple truths, but only one unchanging truth whether we like the truth or not. If we think we can control the truth or to define it as we wish, we are denying Jesus Himself and declaring ourselves to be god just like Adam and Eve. Jesus testifies to the importance of the one truth when He says “*If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (Jn 8:31-32). To those who reject the truth, Jesus goes on to say, you “*belong to your father the devil and you willingly carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the father of lies*” (Jn 8:44).

There is one life, there is one way to live. We live in a society that promotes alternate lifestyles that are at odds with what God has revealed through both nature and the Scriptures. Our society does not like it, but study after study shows that those who live as God intends tend to have happier and longer lives with better physical health, mental health, and marriages. Again, our Good Shepherd assures us that He “*came so that [we] might have life and have it more abundantly*.” Thus, our Good Shepherd calls us to follow Him in the way, to hear His voice that speaks the absolute truth, and to abide in His presence that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

If we choose to go some other way, we have to understand that “*the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction*.” If we embrace something that is not the absolute truth, we are rejecting God, exalting ourselves as false gods, and declaring that we are begotten of satan, the father of lies. If we choose a life that is contrary to what our Creator intends for us, we will have impoverished lives in this world and we will know absolute, unrelenting, and eternal impoverishment in the world to come.

In other words, the Good News is that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. Logically speaking, if there is Good News, then it follows that there is also bad news. The bad news is anything other than our Good Shepherd's one way, His one truth, and His one life. Where the bad news leads certainly is bad news, very bad news indeed.

- Fr Booth