

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

July 25th/July 26th 2026: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (English)

9th Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)



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Rev. Jim W. Booth

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 John Ryan, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of his soul from July 26th to August 1st. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Eileen Schauer from August 2nd until August 8th.

FIRST SATURDAY: First Saturday Mass will be offered in Latin at 8:30 a.m. on August 1st. Altar server training 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 Club, which supports the next generation of priests in our diocese.

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 María Josefa of the Divine Providence and Jessica Saville.

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 September 28th.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last week was \$6656 and \$1490 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

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

Sat, July 25:	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, July 26:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Ella Rose Morrow (by the Duvall Family)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Jeff & Jean Darrow (by Richard & Barbara Juneau)
Mon, July 27:	*8:30 a.m.	† Frank Zeller (by the Hahn Family)
Tues, July 28:	*8:30 a.m.	† Sonya C. LaRussa (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, July 29:	*8:30 a.m.	† Cathy Sellers (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, July 30:	*8:30 a.m.	† Franklin J. Zeller, Jr. (by the DiPiazza Family)
Fri, July 31:	*8:30 a.m.	† Sonya LaRussa (by the DiPiazza Family)
Sat, Aug 1:	8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Anna Pohorelsky (by the Hahn Family)
	4:00 p.m.	† Fr Patrick O'Donohue
Sun, Aug 2:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Gabi Martire (by the Hahn Family)
	9:00 a.m.	† Raymond 'Budgie' Von Hagel (by Linda Miller)
	10:45 a.m.	Pro Populo

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.	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 55:1-3, Rom 8:35,37-39, Mt 14:13-21
7:30 a.m.	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 12:2-11, Lk 18:9-14
9:00 a.m.	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isa 55:1-3, Rom 8:35,37-39, Mt 14:13-21
10:45 a.m.	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	1Cor 12:2-11, Lk 18:9-14

A Letter From the Bishop



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Office of the Bishop

July 7, 2026

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ!

I hope this summer brings many opportunities for rest, renewal, and the enjoyment of God's abundant blessings. Today, I am pleased to share some encouraging news about vocations and to invite your continued partnership in forming new priests to serve in our diocese.

By God's grace, the Diocese of Birmingham celebrated the ordination of three new priests on May 30. We are also grateful to welcome four new seminarians this fall, bringing the total number of men currently in formation for the priesthood to nineteen. It is inspiring to witness the Lord's work in the lives of these young men. Each seminarian's journey is unique and serves as a testament to the many ways Christ continues to call faithful servants to labor in His vineyard.

The generosity of our diocesan family continues to make this important work possible. Last year, through your support and the extraordinary matching gift of \$1 million from a generous benefactor, more than \$2.5 million was raised for seminarian formation. This remarkable achievement has provided significant assistance in preparing our future priests for ministry.

This year, I once again ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal, which will take place the weekend of August 1–2, 2026. Your contribution helps provide the education, formation, and spiritual preparation these men need as they answer God's call to serve His people throughout the Diocese of Birmingham.

Together, let us continue to ask the Lord of the Harvest to raise up many more vocations to the priesthood. May the seeds being planted today bear lasting fruit and strengthen the Church in our Diocese for generations to come.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and steadfast support. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones, and know that our seminarians also remember you in prayer as they continue their formation journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama