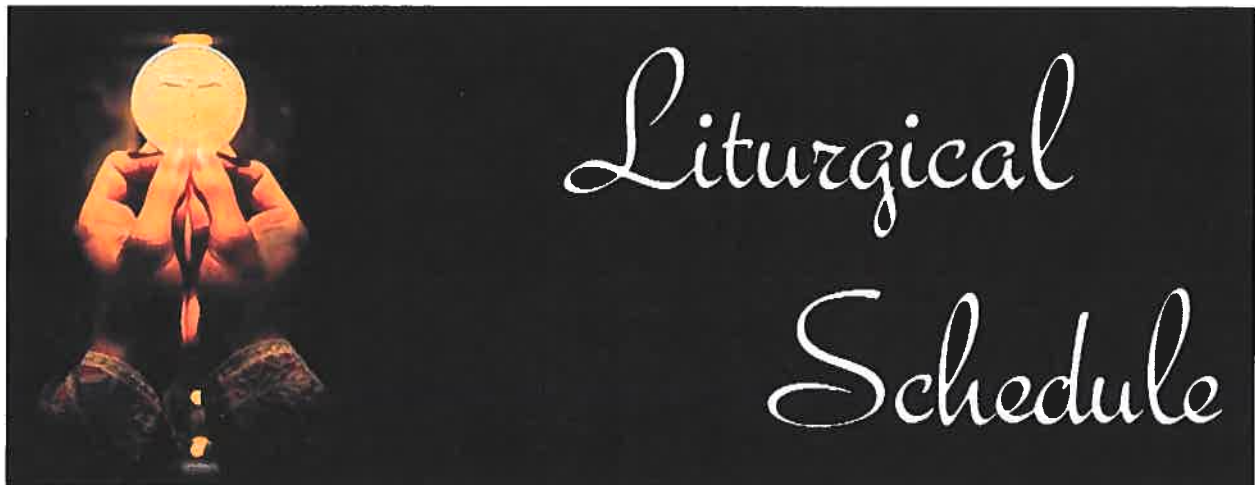




St. Barnabas Catholic Church



Liturgical schedule this weekend, September 19-20:

Saturday, September 19:

- Drive Through Confession 1-3pm at St. Barnabas
- Communion Service 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, Sept 20:

- Sunday Mass 9am in the Church (Fr Patrick Cullen)

***Face Masks are required to attend Sunday Mass. Please keep social distancing between families.**

Even though the dispensation has been extended until November 22, 2020. If you feel safe enough to be attending non-church social events, please make your way back to confession and mass for the sacraments. We miss you.

If you or a family member are in need of anointing or need a priest, please call the church office.



Spiritual Exercise for this week:

Begin with prayer:

My God I love you, yet not for hope of gain, nor that I fear the pain of thy just rod, but as Thou loveth me, I love and shall love Thee, My Lord and My God. Amen.

The virtue of love or Charity brings God to man because it is man's friendship with God. Like all friendship it is a love that wills the good of the other. It is unselfish. As we prayed above, it is loving God as He loves us. He loves us so much that He gives us grace, a share in His Divine Life, which is also a share in the divine happiness. We share in the divine happiness of God when like Him we love goodness. Jesus told us that God alone is Good. So to love goodness is to love God. This virtue of love is greater than all other virtues because only love endures even in heaven. In heaven we will not need faith for we shall see God and we will not need hope for we will have attained what we have hoped for the vision of God. In heaven we will rest in God without any thought or desire for personal gain or advantage. We will love God for Himself alone. This is goal of the virtue of charity is to unite man to God. The virtue of charity is a free supernatural gift of God we cannot acquire it by our efforts. It is infused into our souls by God because of His infinite goodness and generosity. We can grow in our friendship with God when we are willing to give more of our self for and to God. We think of Him more, read, study and listen to Him in His Word, speak with Him, share more of our life with Him, to live for Him and do what we know He is asking of us. We find pleasure in worshipping Him and serving Him. We attain the perfection of love as every saint has by loving God with all the power we have to love with our whole heart, mind and strength. When we love God as we should we also love everything He has made because everything God has made is good. We love our self because God loves us. The way we love our self is by always willing the good God wants for us. This we do by obeying His commandments especially to love God and love our neighbor as God has loved us. We want God to be known and loved and we want the good that God wants for each person He has created. The effect of the virtue of charity is joy, peace and mercy. We possess joy because we know the goodness of God and have God's life in our souls. We will have perfect joy in heaven when we have the perfect possession of God. The second effect of charity is peace. The virtue of charity directs the activity of all our powers to the love of God. When we follow the promptings of love this produces peace within us and in the world. The virtue of charity also effects mercy. When we truly love God and all He loves we experience sorrow at the sufferings of others and are moved to help them in their sufferings to

the extent we can be of help to them. First of all, we should pray for them. Then when possible we should strive to show them compassion by our actions. If we can in some way help them in their sufferings we should do so. This includes their physical sufferings through nursing the sick or helping them when we are able by providing for their needs by almsgiving or by helping them spiritually by correcting them when they are doing something harmful to themselves or other people. We give what we have been given by helping them in their sufferings. Jesus said when we did this for the least of these we did them for Him. Let us never forget the charity begins at home. Our first obligation is to love those God has given to us in our families, We should also love all those people God puts in our lives and witness that we truly love God and all that He loves by our thoughts, words, and actions.

It what way do I struggle to give myself to God? _____

Why is this a struggle for me and how do I need to change? _____

Let us ask God for the grace to love Him and love all those who He has put into our lives.

Lord, grant me the grace to be patient, and kind, grateful, humble, courteous, generous, trusting and most of all like you to want what is truly good for everyone.

With love and prayers,

Sister Rita Marie, SsEW

Remember in your prayers:

Sick:

George Fabijanic, Sherry Short, Ellen Justice, Pat Cornelius, James David Petruzella, Alex Burse, Kathleen Faucett, Phyllis Collins, Jack Tyler

Homebound:

Barbara Dietrich, Ethel Wilson, Angel Wright, Anne Loring, Rosemary Oddo, Margaret Mangina, Madeline White, Coley Gorham, Rita Spencer, Marge LaRose,

"Jack" John Johnson, "Joy" Pamela Goolsby, Jon Hill, Jack Tyler, Georgianna Mareno

Deceased:

Rose Gilmore, Kay Shaw, Micae Vū Vãn San , Mike Renda, Rosemary Steinmetz, Nita Rose, Joe Mangione, Jonathan Hurst, Frank Smeraglia Tuomah Sahawneh, Tony Graveman, Janice Tyler, Maria Alejandra Aguilar Espino, John Clifton Quinn, Roger Chang, Jeremiah Schaefer, Betty Bishop, Joe Musso

Deepest condolences to the following families and may eternal rest be granted to their loved ones:

The Micae Vū Vãn San Family (father of Father Douglas Vu)

The Kay Shaw Family (long time parishioner of St. Barnabas)

The Rosemary Steinmetz Family (Johnny & Linda Sahawneh's Grandmother)

The Mike Renda Family (David Renda & Rosemary Gagliano's brother)

The Nita Rose Family (Jennifer and Phil Rose's mother)

The Joe Mangione Family (Joe Mangione, a long time parishioner that was homebound)



A FAMILY OF FAITH

*Family Catechesis
for Our Parish*

Register for continuing your faith...we need all ages, singles and families to register for Family Catechesis. Please register ASAP.

[Click HERE to Register](#)



Mass Readings for this weekend:

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 J.S. 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;

let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. (18a) The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading 2 PHIL1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.

And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.

Yet that I remain in the flesh
is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia ACTS 16:14B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage,
he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock,
the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard,
and I will give you what is just.’

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon,
and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock,
the landowner found others standing around, and said to them,
‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,
‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay,
beginning with the last and ending with the first.’

When those who had started about five o'clock came,
each received the usual daily wage.

So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more,
but each of them also got the usual wage.

And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,
‘These last ones worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us,
who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’

He said to one of them in reply,
‘My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



"Cards & Calls" Volunteers Neded

Since Covid started, I have made several phone calls or sent greeting cards to our known homebound or "senior" parishioners to see if they need anything, and to let them know they are not forgotten. More volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact Angie Dailey at the parish office, 205-833-0334, or email stbarnabasbhm@gmail.com

Free Produce, Every Friday during September.



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Friday, September 18 at St. Barnabas

9:30 am – 12 pm.

Free 20 lb box of fresh produce for your family or neighbor.

St. Barnabas Church Activity Building (7921 1st Ave N, B'ham)

Drive thru Pick Up.

Please wear your mask.

Drive down the alley to the Activity Building and we will load your trunk. 9:30 am - 12 pm today.

Thank God for his many blessings! First come, first serve while supplies last. God bless!

Thank you to the many helpers especially Rick and Cathy Hayden.

Parish Support

Please Continue to Support the Parish Financially

You can mail your contribution to

St. Barnabas Church

7921 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35206

We encourage you to enroll in our online giving program at

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbarnabasbhm>

Or you may text to give at 205-850-7921

St. Barnabas Food Pantry

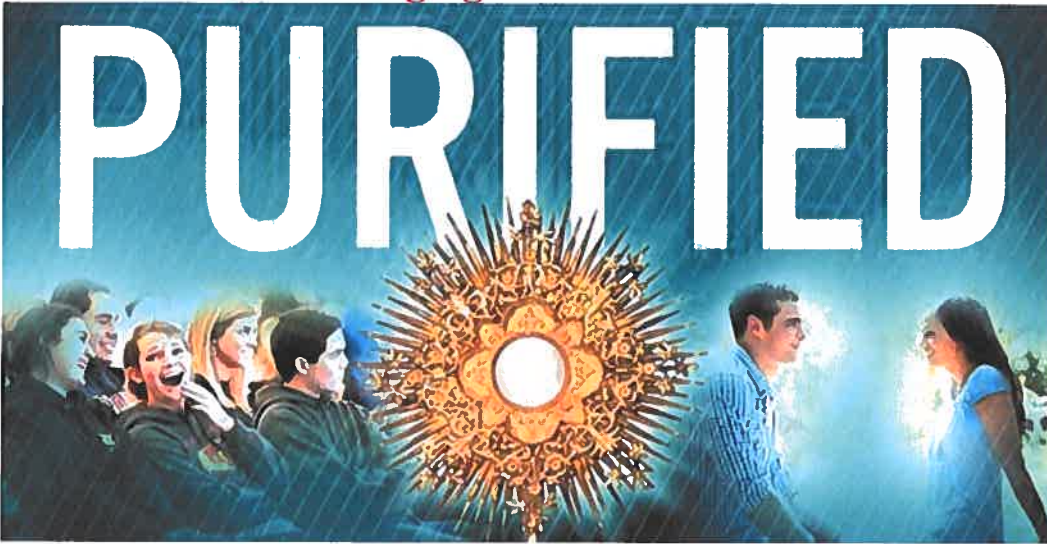


Our pantry shelves are almost completely empty. We are asking for your help in donating any non-perishable food and/or household items. Any item is appreciated. Some high demand household items include: dish and clothes detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, soap and cleaners . When planning your

donation, please consider the families and their needs. Meaning, if you bring peanut butter also consider bringing jelly or if you bring noodles, could you please bring pasta or alfredo sauce, etc. We serve many families and like to be able to provide complete meals.

Thank you for your generosity. Items can be left in the church or by the elevator. The pantry is not open to the public because of COVID, but we are taking appointments and serving families who come to our door.

Purified: A Life-changing Event



**Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 7 PM – 9 PM
at John Carroll Catholic High School**

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from renowned speaker Jason Evert hosted by the Diocese of Birmingham live at John Carroll High School in Birmingham, Alabama at PURIFIED! **(An event for the family, ages 13+)**

Get answers to life's tough questions about love, dating, and relationships from internationally acclaimed speaker Jason Evert!

Purified brings the whole family together to discover God's plan for love and opens up an opportunity to continue the discussion about this important topic at home, in a healthy and easy way with resources that work. The event includes a talk from Jason where he mixes humor with down-to-earth practicality, making the difficult conversations about love much easier.

Fishers of Men Dinner

WMMA Presents
'Fishers of Men' Dinner

Thursday, October 8, 2020
6:30pm Doors Open
7:00pm Presentation



You are invited to dinner with the Guadalupe Radio Network

Date - October 8, 2020

Location - Rosewood Ballroom, Homewood, Al.

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=lpfoundation&id=127>

Sponsorship Levels:

St. Michael Table - \$5,000 Includes recognition at the dinner by the emcee, and access codes for each guest for the online 2020 Catholic Marriage Summit.

St. Raphael Table - \$2,500 Includes recognition at the dinner by the emcee, and a CD of Damon Owen's talk for each guest.

St. Gabriel Table - \$1,500 Includes recognition at the dinner by the emcee.

"At Home" Access - \$50 ticket *Includes access to the event livestream to watch in your home with family and friends & a Gift Certificate for a meal from The Fish Market Southside in Birmingham (redeemable anytime, take-home available).*

Single Seats - \$100

Prayer for Upcoming Election (USCCB)



Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to
your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ
and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

For more information on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, please visit these sites and see the attachment.

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/brief-catechism.asp>

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/parishes-and-schools/upload/catholics-care-catholics-vote-bulletin-insert.pdf>

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