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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



- ◆ **Blessed Sacrament Chapel)**
- ◆ Sept. 10 Sophia Award at the Cathedral 2 PM (Layson Brooks)



To everyone for all you did to help make the picnic a success. God blessed us with good weather and you worked hard.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

- Sept. 22 Vocare 5-8:30 PM
- Sept. 30 Mum Sale by Glenmary Sisters
- Oct. 8-14 Jamaica Mission Trip

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- Assumption—\$51
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Upcoming Bar-b-q's

- Sept. 9 Blessed Mother Parish 4 PM
- Sept, 16 St. Columba, Lewisport 4 PM

IMP—Kroger Update

Blessed Sacrament's # is 30623
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: St. Pius X
- Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima
- Thursday: St. Bartholomew
- Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

A GOOD PRAYER

A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven.

—Thomas Fuller

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD’S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.



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THE POWER OF PRAYER

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Once the way was cleared for additional Eucharistic Prayers, those who were appointed to compose them had to look deep within the tradition for sources. One of the prescriptions for new prayers was that they be “unencumbered by useless repetition.” From the start, therefore, the writers knew that the old Roman Canon, which had the priest bowing and crossing himself many times in a long, complex prayer, was not a model of simplicity.

Aside from the prayers treasured by Eastern Christians, there is an obvious model from ancient Rome. For about a hundred years now, the historical text “Apostolic Tradition” has shed some light for us on the shadowy shape of worship in the early church. In it, its author, Hippolytus, took care to record the actual texts of worship used at the time. He himself has a shadow side, since he was so ardently conservative in his tastes that he broke ties with the Bishop of Rome and became first in the line of history’s anti-popes. At the eleventh hour, however, he reconciled with his enemies and actually died a martyr. In fact, he was shipped off to the Sardinian mines as a slave with the true pope as his companion in chains. Because his tussle with the pope was over theological innovations and not liturgical texts, we are sure that his account of the style of Eucharistic Prayer in the third century is accurate. It forms the core of today’s Eucharistic Prayer II.

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SICK: Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Darrell Pohlmeier, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Sarah Bumm, Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

THE HOMEBOUND:

Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.



From the desk of Father Jamie



I know a lot of us have had a hard time watching the news here lately. The situation in Charlottesville is extremely disturbing. How do we find God in this? I know I do not have the answers to these problems. However, the one thing I know to do is to encourage all of us to be supportive. The way we are to be supportive is non-violent, prayerful, and loving. Yelling and screaming will not solve the problems. If we peacefully, rationally, lovingly, protest and be supportive, we can conquer the evils that are happening in our country. Our voices do need to be heard. We can learn a lot from the early church in this regard. The early Christians were slaughtered, looked down on and discriminated against. Despite all of that, they peacefully protested and were not afraid. There are now over 2 billion of us. The struggle is real and sometimes it is painfully slow when it comes to progress in a positive direction, but we can get there.

I know what it is like to feel discrimination. Being in a minority is not easy, but hey, we are still here. All we can do is pray, be positive, and hold our heads up high, because we are children of God and no one can take that from us. We can change the world for the better. Don't lose hope. Racism, prejudice, and the other horrible actions will not get us down. May we try our best to be Christ to the world and change that world for the better.



August Birthdays

15—Whaylon Coleman
16—Kamyal Morton
23—Nadija Hanley
24—Sam Wood
27—Travis Higgs,
29—Andre Epison



Mass Intentions:

August 5—Mr. & Mrs. Earl Epison, Jr.

August 13—Michael Carrico

August 14—Sandra Brown

August 20—Lawrence Flemister

August 27—Kenneth Higgs

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Always remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

Since most of us will not be climbing the ladder to look at the state of the bell tower, I have put a few pictures below to show you the state of it. (I did not climb up to take these!!!) Thank you for giving the go ahead to start work on it.

