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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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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2017

Be transformed by the renewal of your
mind, that you may discern what is the
will of God,

TODAY'S READINGS

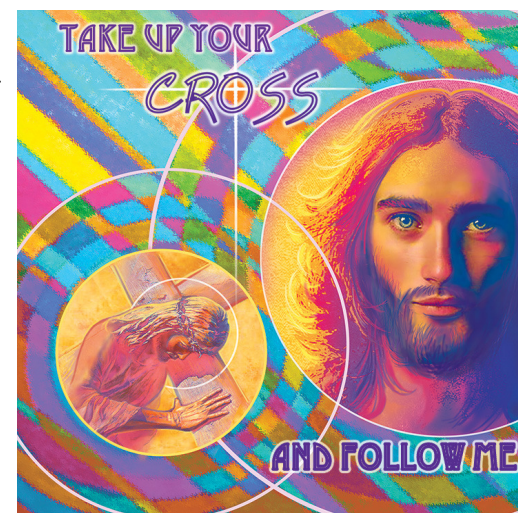
First Reading — The name of the LORD has become
like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-
9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your
mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake
will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



- ◆ **Blessed Sacrament Chapel)**
- ◆ Sept. 10 Sophia Award at the Cathedral 2 PM (Layson Brooks)
- ◆ Sept. 10 Kickoff weekend for Disciples Response Fund
- ◆ Sept. 17 Blessing/ringing of bell before Mass

October 10 6:30 PM Diane Sherton (harpist)
At St. Stephen’s Cathedral

October 23-25 Tri-Parish Mission Rev. John Judie. 23 rd at St. Stephen’s, 24th at Blessed Mother and 25th at St. Joseph and Paul

Upcoming Diocesan Events

- Sept. 15 Diocesan women’s Marian Conference (Our Lady of Fatima—Source of Hope, Healing, and Peace). St. Joseph and Paul 5:30 PM to 9 PM, Saturday 7:30 AM to 5 PM
- Sept. 22 Vocare 5-8:30 PM
- Sept. 30 Mum Sale by Glenmary Sisters

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August 27 —\$1121.55
Bell repair—\$100
Weekly Budget \$865



Over the past several days, all of us have been following the historic flooding in Texas. In some areas, it is anticipated that a total of 50 inches of rain will fall. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. The Catholic Church has a generous history of assisting the church in need. We will be collecting funds through the USCCB to aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Moneys collected will be distributed to local churches through Catholic Charities. You may either contribute here at Blessed Sacrament or go online and contribute through the We Share link.

Upcoming Bar-b-q’s/events

- Sept. 9 Blessed Mother Parish 4 PM
- Sept. 10 Ursuline Festival 1-3 (food, crafts)

Blessed Sacrament’s # is 30623

Kroger has changed their Community Rewards program so that you no longer need to re-register each August. You will automatically roll over and stay enrolled.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Peter Claver

RELIGION DEFINED

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one’s fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.

FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you’ve ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God “good one—you duped me.” We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is “duping” him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God’s will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named “Satan” today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week’s Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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<u>MINSTERS</u>	
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<u>Sept. 10</u>	Darlina Etienne Audrey Mezur
<u>Sept. 17</u>	Greg Gough Marsha Allen
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>Sept. 10:</u>	M.K. Gough Tina Gough Cindy Clark
<u>Sept. 17:</u>	Charlene Meadows Misty Sanford Lori Carman
<u>Ushers</u>	
<u>Sept. 10:</u>	Von Williams Burnell Hamilton
<u>Sept. 17:</u>	Rita Moorman Connie Clary
<u>Offertory</u>	
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HARD-EARNED LUCK

I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

— Thomas Jefferson

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cost of discipleship may seem intimidating and even scary. However, we know that the cross which Jesus calls us to take up ultimately leads us to the empty tomb and the glory of the Resurrection.

We become what we think.

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

It is unlikely that Jesus could get elected to public office in the United States, or anywhere else. Denying ourselves and being concerned about the needs of others to the point of some inconvenience or risk are attitudes uncommon in our western culture of instant gratification and self fulfillment. Peter, out of sincere concern for Jesus, tried to dissuade him from going to Jerusalem to fulfill his mission. Jesus calls him “Satan” and says he is thinking like men, not God. Jesus responds to Peter, not in anger, but in disappointment. Despite all Jesus had taught them, all they had seen, his disciples, including the “Rock,” did not understand that loving our neighbor as ourselves requires that we discern God’s will for us, whatever the inconvenience or risk, and use God’s great gift to us of free will to choose to do God’s will. Peter eventually discerns God’s will for him and does it. So must we.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It’s interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope’s library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week’s time they tested what they called a “read Mass with singing,” a “Mass entirely recited,” and a “Sung Mass.” While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It’s amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!

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


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From the desk of Father Jamie

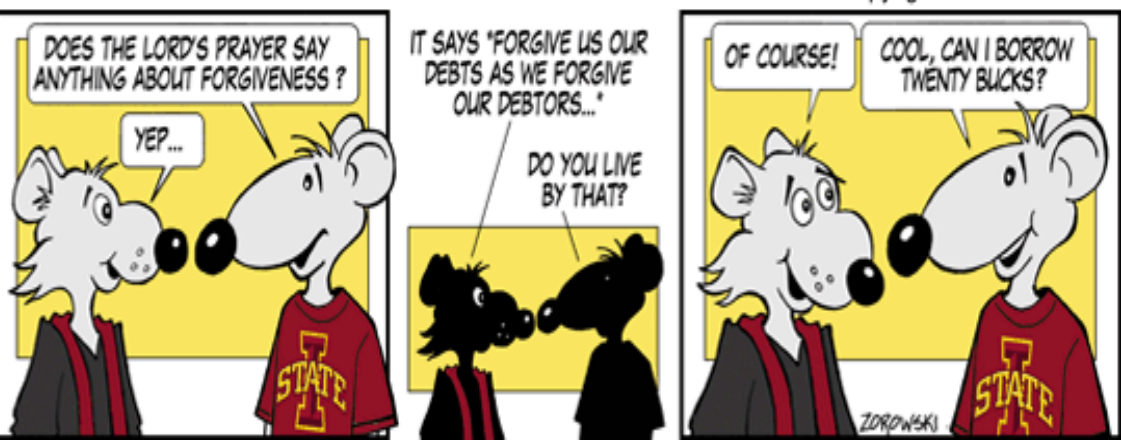


In the second reading for today, Paul calls us in his letter to the Romans to be offering ourselves as a sacrifice. We do this every time we come to Mass, or should I say, we are supposed to.

During the dialogue between the priest and the people after the offertory is when all offer themselves as a sacrifice. We hear it take place as we are asked to lift up our hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God. In this moment is when we are supposed to offer all that we have and are. This is the moment when we offer our joys, sorrows, and our whole being to God. We give thanks for all that God has given us by offering ourselves.

Something I encourage all of us to do is to offer an intention in your hearts every time you come to Mass. You might have noticed that we have an official Mass intention, which is offered by the priest, but all of you the laity can do this as well. Part of offering ourselves as sacrifice is praying and offering for the whole world, our friends, family and intentions. The Mass is our most powerful prayer; take advantage of it and use it to help change the world. We can all make a difference.

Church Mice



September Birthdays

- 1—Norwetta Taylor
- 2—Emma Latta
- 3—Father Suneesh, Joseph Johnson, Venice-Higgs, Carlos Hagan
- 16—Shelby Webster, Matthew Brown
- 20—Mary Katherine Gough
- 22—Jenna Higgs
- 26—April Moorman



***Please remember in your prayers
Helen Johnson, sister of Robert who
died recently. May she rest in
peace.***

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, “What do you think about all this Satan stuff?”

The other boy replied, “Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It’s probably just your dad.”

Mass Intentions:

Sept. 3—Sandra Brown

Sept. 10—Jerry Mezur

Sept. 17—Les Bumm

Sept. 24—Michael Carrico

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.

Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this labor Day

We thank you for the blessing of work,

We ask for strength to complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary

We ask your guidance for everyone seeking employment

Add we ask that you be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.

