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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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalms — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- November 1 6 PM Holyday Mass for Feast of All Saints
- November 19 BSC Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat 4 PM SSC

Nov. 5 Special collection for assistance for Puerto Rico (75% to diocese in Chiapas)



Nov. 3-19 Faith Fest (brochure with events on bulletin board and on small table)

Dec. 3 2-3 PM Diocesan-wide Eucharistic adoration to begin year of evangelization.

Thank you for your contributions..

Oct. 22— \$439

Weekly Budget \$865

Year to date —

Year to date budget—.

Candles \$5



Why were the Saints saints?

- Because they were
- Cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful
 - Patient when it was difficult to be patient
 - Because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still
 - Kept silent when they wanted to talk
 - Were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable.

If we can live the message of the last two week’s Gospels: Love God with all your heart. We are His and our actions should reflect this. Love your neighbor like you want to be treated.

Prayer Experiences at Mount

- Nov. 7 Day of Prayer for Veterans 9-3
- Nov. 7 Gratitude 5-6:30 PM \$20 Meal and program

Registration: Kathy McCarty 270-229-0206

IMP—Kroger Update

Blessed Sacrament’s # is 30623

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day
- Tuesday: Halloween
- Wednesday: All Saints
- Thursday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
- Friday: St. Martin de Porres; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday

INCLUSIVE LOVE

Love of our neighbor is included in the love of God.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

BALANCE

Today’s scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn’t always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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St. Martin de Porres was an illegitimate boy who grew up in deep poverty in Peru. He became a Dominican lay brother who cared for all, regardless of race or wealth, unconditionally. His life reflected his great love of God and all His gifts.

His image hangs on the wall at Blessed Sacrament as a reminder that we also are called to love all unconditionally.

From the desk of Father Jamie



One of the things I love so much about Blessed Sacrament Chapel is how we are so welcoming here. Every visitor, I feel like, is welcomed as Christ. We are doing what the first reading and the Gospel are asking us to do, which is to love everyone. We are good at loving our neighbor as our self here. May we never lose sight of that.

Yes, I know we don't always understand every person who comes in our doors, nor do we know everyone's story, but we are welcoming and loving. To love and to welcome is what God calls us to. We have no idea how we are changing the world for the better, one person at a time. By saying hello to someone and asking where they are from, could change someone's life and help them to feel loved and important. God is working through us.

People tell me all of the time how we welcome better than any other church in this town. May we keep up the good work and let God's light shine through us. Through every hello and smile, may we continue to change the world for the better. May we welcome others as Christ. There are a lot of lost and hurting people in the world; let us continue to be there for them.



Rosaries are available in a basket on the table in the back of Church. Please feel free to take one.

Glorious Mysteries

1. Resurrection
2. Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of Mary

November Birthdays

- 1—Austin Gough
- 7—Lennox Williams
- 8—Audrey Mezur
- 11-Jeff Sanford
- 12—Bernadette Thames
- 16—Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 19—Ron Moorman
- 22—Trey Hatchett
- 25—Payton Sanford
- 29—Sylvia Coleman



To become saints, only one thing is necessary: to accept the grace which the Father gives us in Jesus Christ.

What does it mean to be a saint for you?



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Mass Intentions:

- Oct. 29—Les Bumm
- Nov. 1—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Epison Jr.
- Nov. 5—Sandra Brown
- Nov. 12—Jerry Mezur
- Nov. 19— Donald Moorman
- Nov. 26—Les Bumm

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.

Mass Intentions

Recently several people have asked me about having a Mass celebrated for a deceased loved one or a special intention. When we want a Mass celebrated for a special need or a loved one, we offer a Mass stipend to the priest. The usual offering (stipend) is \$5.

If you want a Mass offered, please give me the name of the person for whom you are requesting the Mass and the stipend.

If you have a certain date, I will try to schedule the Mass as close as possible to that date. It helps if you can give me the information a couple months in advance.



<u>MINSTERS</u>	
<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Nov. 1:</u>	Marsha Allen Sister Jeannette
<u>Nov. 5:</u>	Layson Brooks Mary Katherine Gough
<u>Nov. 12:</u>	Greg Gough Gloria Adams
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	
<u>Nov. 1:</u>	Lori Carman Cindy Clark Vivian Higgs
<u>Nov. 5:</u>	Vivian Higgs Greg Gough Marsha Allen
<u>Nov. 12:</u>	Mary Katherine Gough Marsha Allen Misty Sanford
<u>Ushers/Offertory</u>	
<u>Nov. 1:</u>	Robert Johnson Steve Coble
<u>Nov. 5:</u>	Cindy Clark Connie Clary
<u>Nov. 12:</u>	Robert Hagan Cathy Kramer

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Discipleship

If we believe that everything we have comes from God—time, possessions, talents and abilities, financial treasure—then as grateful disciples we are asked to return to God a generous portion of the abundant blessings we receive. Annual renewals provide an opportunity to make prayerful decisions about serving in ministry and pledging our annual financial support to our parish.

Pray about it! Decisions about financial giving and service in ministry should be made prayerfully. Prayer helps us make important decisions, prioritize our busy lives, and become aware of God’s blessings every day. ***Giving.*** The planned, proportionate, and sacrificial gift of our treasure is an expression of gratitude, our need to give back freely to God from our ‘first fruits’. If we pray about the gifts we receive, we will make the right decision for our annual financial support to our parish. ***Serving.*** As responsible caretakers of the talents that God gives us (and we ALL receive talents!), we can express gratitude by sharing our talents wisely. Our parish offers dozens of ministries in which to serve; there’s something for almost everyone. How is God calling you?

NO FOOLING

You may fool those who work above you; you may fool those who work around you; but you will rarely fool those who work under you.

—Anonymous

Treasures from our Tradition

This week we have in All Souls’ Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from Thursday’s grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The “Day of the Dead” is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life’s sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: **Diana Conrad, Charlene Meadows, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton,** Sister Janice Fennewald, SSND, Brian Fennewald, Gloria Adams,, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, . 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.**

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