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Mission Statement:

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

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM
Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us
kneel before the Lord, who made us. Ps. 95

TODAY'S READINGS

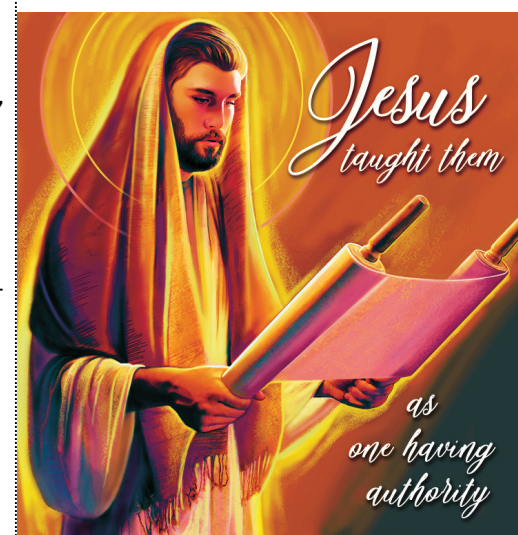
First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people,
saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God,
raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should
like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-
35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus'
teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ♦ Jan. 31 Finance meeting 4:30 PM
- ♦ Feb. 11 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- ♦ Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Mass at BSC at 6 PM Day of Fast and Abstinence
- ♦ Feb. 17 Italian Dinner 6 PM
- ♦ March 23 Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- ♦ Feb. 17 Diocesan Men's Conference
- ♦ Cursillo Men—March 1-4 and Women March 8-11
- ♦ March 4 Owensboro Symphony Orchestra at SSC at 4 PM
- ♦ March 9-11 Youth 2000 at Brescia
- ♦ April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

Thank you for your contributions..

Jan. 21 \$553
Weekly Budget \$865
Year to date —\$24,237
YTD budget—\$25,085
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Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (687-8888 or 685-8444) or the Kentucky child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1). The diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese's efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church can be found in the back of church on the book rack.

Upcoming Events at Mount St. Joseph

- ♦ Feb. 6 Jesus the Bridegroom.

Sessions start at 5 PM and conclude by 6:30

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

"Jesus had twelve opossums which went out into the world to preach. The opossums in our back yard just hang from a tree." —Casey, age 7

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Obedience to God is listening to God. Listening to God sets us free.

—Pope Francis

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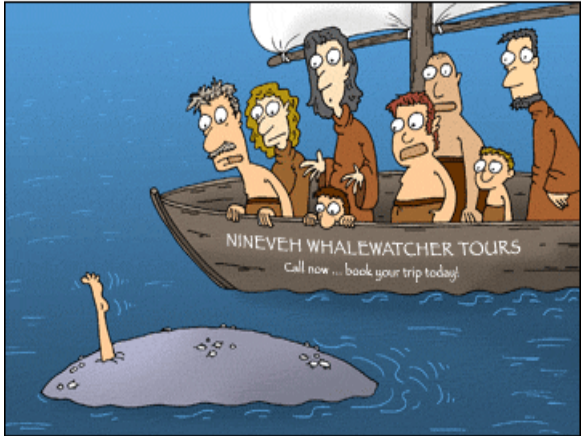
Father Jamie



Moses tells us in the first reading today how someone will be coming after him who will be handing down the word from God. I imagine that the people were a little overwhelmed by the pillar of cloud and fire that could be quite scary to deal with on a regular basis. What we need to remember, is that God is gentle and not one to always **impose**, but rather, **proposes**, which is why he decided to make his presence known a little more gently and mediated.

Now we really have it made, since we have Jesus. He is much more pleasant to work with, than pillars of fire and all of that. God wants to relate to us and be relatable. In doing this for us, he gives us an example to follow. He wants us to be him to others and to meet others where they are. Jesus met us where we are, through becoming man. He took on our sufferings and frailties. He wants us to do this for others. We can make a difference by how we phrase things and how we attempt to join people. In other words, instead of saying, "Oh, I feel so sorry for you," say, "I am here and I am with you." It is not prudent to say, "I know how you feel," because we really don't. I have other blind friends, but I am not them and don't have the same experience as other blind people. I lost my sight before I was 16; others have lost after 16, and already gotten their driver's license. Our experiences are different. Joining people and being present is the best way to be Christ to others.

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(See Jonah 1-4)

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Catholic Men's Conference The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will host their seventh annual conference at the River Park Center in downtown Owensboro on February 17th. Keynote speakers this year will be Christopher West and Doug Barry. Mr. West is a best-selling author, speaker, teacher, and expert in John Paul II's "Theology of the Body." Mr. Barry is the host for EWTN's "Battle Ready", a mission to help strengthen and encourage the soldier of Christ. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$30 for adults.

January Birthdays

20—Janet Clark
22—Javaughn Williams
25—Louise Johnson
28—Frank Adams

February Birthdays

2—Nancy Bumm
3—Jacques Williams
4—Diana Conrad



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LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.

—Anonymous

Mass Intentions:

Jan. 21—Barbara Horsley
Jan. 28—Jerry Mezur
Feb. 3—Kenneth Higgs
Feb. 10—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.

Prayer for Evangelization

Diocese of Owensboro

***Our good and gracious God
through your Son Jesus Christ,
pour forth your Holy Spirit upon
the Church of Western Kentucky,
the Diocese of Owensboro.***

***Open our hearts to hear the Word of God
and make fruitful the work of evangelization.***

***Through our encounter with Christ
deepen our relationship with your Son
so that we may accompany the pilgrims on
their faith journeys.***

***Transform our parishes,
make them places of joy and hope
that welcome the stranger
and search out the lost.***

***May the Word of God
be always in our thoughts, words and deeds
so that all we encounter may find in your Son,
Jesus; the Way, the Truth the Life Amen***

MINSTERS

Lectors

- Feb. 4: Layson Brooks
Audrey Mezur
- Feb. 11: Jacques Williams
Gloria Adams
- Feb. 14: Marsha Allen
Sister Jeannette

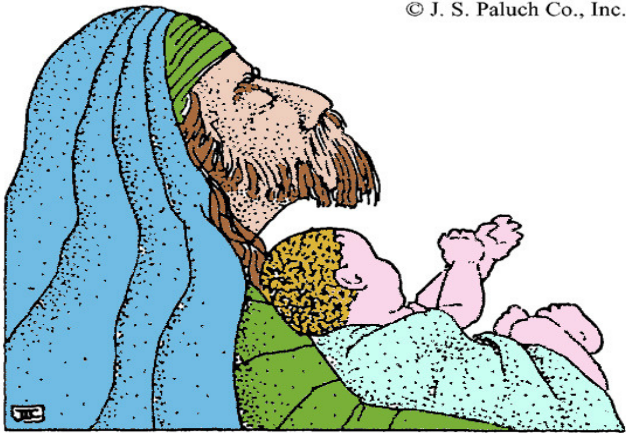
Eucharistic Ministers

- Feb. 4: Misty Sanford
Marsha Allen\
- Cathy Kramer
- Feb. 11: Karen Leachman
Rita Moorman
M.K.Gough
- Feb. 14: Charlene Meadows
Vivian Higgs
Cindy Clark

Ushers/Offertory

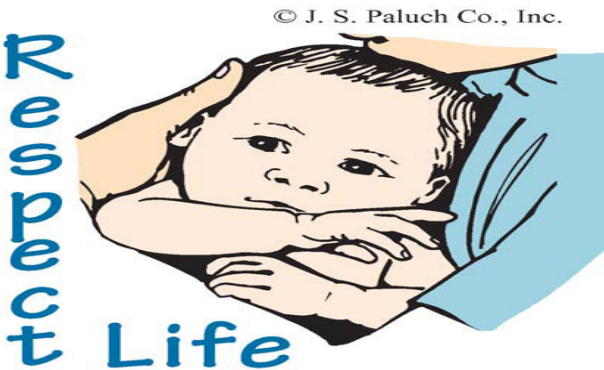
- Feb. 4: Barb Hammond
Pam McCarter
- Feb. 11: Robert Johnnson
Yvonne Mundy
- Feb. 14: Shelby Webster
_Wonet Taylor

You are in God’s place, doing God’s work at God’s perfect time.



Presentation of the Lord—Feb. 2

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter’s crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today’s basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul’s was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul’s stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK: Dorothy Fulton, Bob Springer, Craig Johnson, Danitra Brown, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Rose Chapman, Denise Higgs, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, 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:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place.on Buckland Square. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

Youth 2000

The Youth 2000 Retreat will be held March 9-11 at Brescia University. It is a weekend that includes talks, music, the celebration of Mass, fellowship, and panel discussions. The goal is to draw young people into a relationship with Jesus and to encourage young people to become active in their parishes.

This year the number is limited to 900 youths ages 13-30. You are asked to register soon so you can attend. Your registration must come through a parish so if you are interested in attending, please see Sister Jeannette ASAP.