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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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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' en-
try into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-
16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not
disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you aban-
doned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and
God filled this emptiness with exaltation
(Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion accord-
ing to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord-
March 25, 2018**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming
obedient to the point of death,



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Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- March 29 Holy Thursday Mass 7 PM followed by Adoration.
- March 30 Good Friday Service 7 PM
- April 1 Easter Sunday Mass 10 AM followed by Easter egg hunt on front lawn
- April 19 Donato Pizza on Parrish Ave. Fundraiser 11 AM to 10 PM. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery counts toward our 15% as long as Blessed Sacrament is mentioned.
- May ??? Honor graduates Mary Katherine and Payton
- June 12 Father Jamie’s moves

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- March 27 Chrism Mass 6:30 PM
- April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

Thank you for your contributions..

March 18—\$2261
Weekly Budget —\$865
Year to date —NA
YTD budget—NA

Candles —\$5



Holy Week

Holy Week will begin on March 25th. Some of the important services that week are

- Chrism Mass 6:30 PM at Sportscenter
- Holy Thursday 7 PM Mass with foot washing. This is followed by Adoration in the hall. **(Need volunteers to have their feet washed during Mass.)**
Rice Bowls will be collected.



- Good Friday Service 7 PM. This is the one time during the year when there is no Mass. Altar bare. Tabernacle empty. We have Veneration of the Cross, liturgy of the Word (Passion read) and Communion. Day of fast and abstinence.



- Holy Saturday. We will not have the liturgy at Blessed Sacrament. Saint Stephen’s Easter Vigil is 8 PM.
- Easter Sunday. 10 AM Mass followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the young people.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today’s liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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Rice Bowls

The Rice Bowls are Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action. It is an opportunity for your family to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. Rice Bowls will be collected Holy Thursday.

Father Jamie’s Reflection



I always love Palm Sunday. We get to take something home afterward, which is always fun. Having the palms present in our homes is nice and a good reminder to pray and reflect on that entrance that Jesus made into the holy city.

More important to take with us than palms is the realization of what happened on that day when Jesus arrives on the donkey. It is so ironic that Jesus was welcomed into town with shouts of joy and then days later he undergoes a horrible death and mocking. Of course then everyone is shocked when Jesus rises from the death and what the Jewish officials try to squash takes over the world. I am sure that people were surprised when Jesus did not just come in on a donkey, but he got off his donkey and did something. He did what they were not expecting.

I challenge us to get off our donkeys and do something especially since there have been so many difficulties recently. All of the shootings, all of the hatred, all of these things, we need to do something about them. I heard that a teacher in a school said recently, "Walk up instead of walk out." Walk up to someone you see alone and invite them to your group. Walk up to someone neglected. Walk up to a teacher and thank them. Protesting is a good thing, don't get me wrong, but maybe we should be more active in being the change we want to see. Let's get off our donkeys.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has contracted with Amend Psychological Services for Joy Navan, a licensed psychological associate, to provide diocesan counseling services in English and Spanish. Working under the supervision of Dr. Edward Amend, Joy has experience working with children, adolescents, and adults. Although not a native speaker, Joy is fluent in Spanish and has a depth of understanding of Hispanic cultural values. Joy is available to provide face-to-face services in Paducah or online tele-mental health services to parishioners in need of counseling throughout the Diocese. Contact information: call [\(877\) 732-8683](tel:877-732-8683) or [\(859\) 269-6465](tel:859-269-6465), or email her at jnavan@amendpsych.com to schedule a confidential appointment.

March Birthdays

18—Jean Higgs
21—Tracy Hunter
25—Carol Hatchett
31—Frank Fulton

April Birthdays

3—Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,
Bobby Hardin
6—Marshall Williams
15—Frank Adams, JR



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SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel

Mass Intentions:

- March 18—Kenneth Higgs
- March 25—Les Bumm
- March 29—Sandra Brown
- April 1—Donald Moorman
- April 8—Bernice Williams

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

April 1: Layson Brooks

Gloria Adams

April 8: Jacques Williams

Audrey Mezur

Eucharistic Ministers

April 1: Rita Moorman

Vivian Higgs

Marsha Allen

April 8: Greg Gough

Karen Leachman

Cindy Clark

Ushers/Offertory

April 1: Nancy Bumm

Burnell Hamilton

April 8: Robert Hagan

Wonet Taylor

Outreach

Lent is a time of almsgiving and seeing how we can reach out to our brothers and sisters who have less. Thanks for your donations to Backpack Ministry for Faust School and Birthright. The next two weeks we will take up a collection for local special needs.

Everyone is invited to the annual

Black Catholic Day of Reflection which will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The keynote speaker, Sister Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay, a native of New Mexico, is a member of the Sisters of Saint Felix (Felician Sisters). Before moving to her current assignment she taught Theology, Spanish and Dance at an all-girl's high school in Southern California. Sister brings a unique perspective to her audience through her Black and Hispanic heritage and her use of dance in her ministry.

Join Bishop Medley and people of all races, cultures and faiths for a day of prayer, fellowship and Joy in Christ beginning with the celebration of Mass. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the program. Although this is a free event we need a count for the meals and for hand-outs. Please Register on the website: <https://owensborodiocese.org/> for this day beginning March 15, 2018. Onsite registration will also be available. Contact Veronica Wilhite, Director, Office of Black Catholic Ministry [\(270\) 683-1545](tel:2706831545) for information or to register by phone.

Email: veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the Via Dolorosa, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Frank Adams, 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.

***No winter lasts forever;
no spring skips its turn.***

Have you ever heard someone say about someone else "He (or she) is so full of himself (or herself)?" Jesus was not "full of Himself." He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple