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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

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

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Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

TODAY'S READINGS

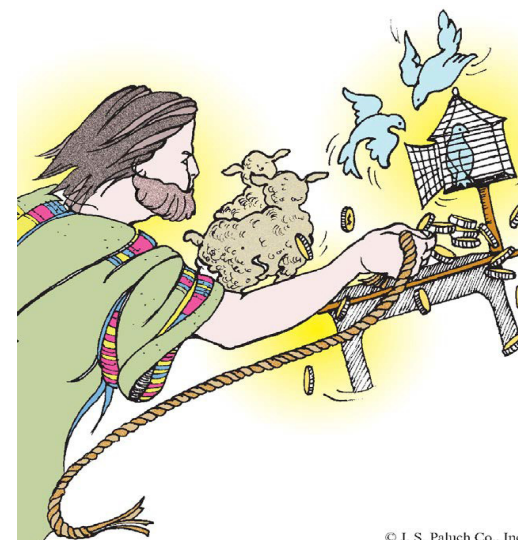
First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- March 11 Ladies of Wisdom Tea
- March 23 Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- March 25 Raffle drawing
- March 29 Holy Thursday Mass 7 PM followed by Adoration.
- March 30 Good Friday Service 7 PM



Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- March 4 Owensboro Symphony Orchestra at SSC at 4 PM
- March 9-11 Youth 2000 at Brescia
- March 27 Chrism Mass 6:30 PM
- April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

Thank you for your contributions..

Feb. 25—\$684

Weekly Budget —\$865

Year to date —\$26,941.56

YTD budget—\$28,545

-(**\$1,603.44**)

Candles —\$6



Holy Week

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

- Chrism Mass 6:30 PM at Sportscenter **(Need 2 people to accept oils)**
- 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.)**
- Good Friday Service 7 PM. This is the one time during the year when there is no Mass. Sober day. 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.

Spring Break begins on Good Friday. If you are a minister of the Word or a Eucharistic Minister and will not be here for Good Friday or Easter Sunday, please let me know by Sunday, March 11th. We will be needing extra readers for the Passion on March 25th.

Please volunteer for foot washing . Christ did it as an act of humility and service.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; J n 3:14-21

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

When God said there should be peas on earth, I don't think that he meant for us to eat them.

—George, age 6

THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the Lord is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

Lenten Reconciliation Seives

- March 6 St. Pius X 6:30 PM
- March 7,14, 21— 6:30-8:30 Lourdes, Blessed Mother, Sts. Joseph and Paul
- March 11 St. Martin, Rome 7 PM
- March 20 Immaculate, 6 PM
- March 22 Precious Blood 6 PM
- March 25 St. Stephen Cathedral 2 PM

Father Jamie’s Reflection



We all have those moments when we are mad and angry at the world. Jesus felt anger too. We hear in the Gospel today how he overturned the money changer's tables and drove out those who were selling things in the temple. God's house is a place of prayer, not a marketplace.

There are things that make me very upset: poverty, hunger and other injustices. What upsets me the most, I think, are injustices that take place in the Church. The Church is supposed to be the safe place of compassion and mercy, but there have been times and places where this simply has not happened. We especially should be upset in those instances and not be afraid to speak up. I myself know that the Catholic Church is sometimes slow when it comes to being inclusive of people with disabilities, I have experienced it myself.

It is not a bad thing to get upset and angry at injustice, but I think the main solution to these issues, is for us to be the change that we want to see. This is why I try my best to be especially aware of others like myself who have disabilities. I try to be open to minorities. Don't just be angry and upset, but do something. Too much energy is wasted by just getting mad and not doing anything about the situation. I hear of too many people getting mad when they watch the news, but they do nothing about it. Sometimes I think we have too much fun getting mad.

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
2—Marsha Allen
6—Elizabeth Hatchett
7—Britney Carmona
18—Jean Higgs
21—Tracy Hunter
25—Carol Hatchett
31—Frank Fulton



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FORGIVENESS

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.

—Anonymous

Mass Intentions:

March 4—Bernice Williams

March 11—Jerry Mezur

March 18—Kenneth Higg

March 25—Les Bumm

March 29—Sandra Brown

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

March 11 Darlina Etienne
 Audrey Mezur

March 18: Gloria Adams
 Kathi Skidd

Eucharistic Ministers

March 11: Cindy Clark
 Greg Gough
 Vivian Higgs

March 18: Charlene Meadows
 Payton Sanford
 Cathy Kramer

Ushers/Offertory

March 11: Fulton Family
March 18: Jeff Sanford
 Ethan Gough



A huge thank you to First Baptist Church for the donation, cleaning, and resizing of the cushions for our pews. Thanks also to Rita Moorman for being the contact and go-between.

We Were Made for These Times

I urge you... to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times...In any dark time, there is a tendency to veer toward fainting over how much is wrong or unmended in the world. Do not focus fainting over how much is wrong or unmended in the world. Do not focus on that. There is a tendency too to fall into being weakened by dwelling on what is outside your reach, by what cannot yet be. Do not focus there.

We are needed, that is all we can know... Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely... What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing...there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours. They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here.

—Clzrissa Pinkola Estes

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod’s temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician’s dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to “depart from error” and declare that “Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God.” In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with:
SICK: Dorothy Fulton, Sister Janice Fenne-
wald, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta
Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Rose Chapman, De-
nise Higgs, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Mead-
ows, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Philip
Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman,
Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phil-
ip 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.

Pill for Memory: Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember every-thing. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let’s see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower pro-duced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"