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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

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is
risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms — This is the day the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set
your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacri-
ficed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-
8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John;
each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or
Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,
Luke 24:13-35).



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the
Lord April 1, 2018**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the
works of the LORD.



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ◆ 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 count toward our 15% as long as Blessed Sacrament is mentioned.
- ◆ May ??? Honor graduates Mary Katherine and Payton
- ◆ June 12 Father Jamie's move day

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

- ◆ April 21 Annual Black Catholic Gathering 10 AM at Precious Blood

Thank you for your contributions..

March 25— \$1060
Weekly Budget —\$865
Year to date —\$33,145.06
YTD budget—\$33,735
-(\$589.94)

Candles — \$5



Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

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For this quarter we will receive a check for \$109.36. Thanks for enrolling as benefactors of Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please encourage family and friends to do the same. It costs nothing but BSC reaps the benefits.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;
First Friday; Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter;

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eye-

EASTER FIND

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.
- Acts 17:27 NIV

Father Jamie's Reflection



He is risen, indeed He is risen! Today we celebrate the most powerful and most important day of the history of the world, the rising of Christ from the dead. This is the day that death is changed forever and no longer has the hold on us that it once did. Fear of darkness, sinfulness and gloom are wiped away with this day. All hope is not lost.

I ask us to pause and reflect on a time in our lives when we felt hopeless. We have all had those moments. Some of those moments may have been the death of a loved one, loss of a job, hurt feelings or a difficult diagnosis. Those things may hurt in the moment, but all of these things can never keep us from what Jesus does for us. We experience hardships in this world, but as burdensome as they may be, our eternal reward that we hope for, when we get there, will overshadow and wipe away any and all hopelessness that we ever had in this world. We just have to try our best to keep focused on Jesus. Sometimes, or even most of the time it is hard to keep focused on Christ. He never loses focus on us though.

There have been a couple of times in my life when I felt totally hopeless and beaten. Jesus got me through those situations. I had been discriminated against and my dignity lowered, but I prayed even harder. I think rejection is one of the most horrible things to experience and when one is rejected by those who are supposed to be compassionate, it hurts even more. That is why we have to rely on Jesus. Nobody can love as perfectly as Jesus does. Even when we feel those hurts, keep on loving. Love overcomes hopelessness. As I said last week, be the change we want to see. If we are discriminate against, then we need to include and love more. It is not easy, but we can make it and things will be okay.

Let the love of the risen Christ fill your hearts this Easter. As we go with our children to hunt eggs and as we spend time with family, may we remember the newness of life that all these celebrations lead us to. This is truly a time to celebrate and thank God for his opening of the gates of heaven to us. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love and mercy endures forever.

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 or (859) 269-6465, or email her at jnavan@amendpsych.com to schedule a confidential appointment.

April Birthdays

- 3—Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough, Bobby Hardin
- 6—Marshall Williams
- 15—Frank Adams, JR
- 20—Shalanda Williams
- 21—Kathi Skidd
- 23—Misty Sanford
- 25—Charlene Meadow
- 26—Vivian Higgs
- 27—Ruth Coble



E-Giving is Alive!!

You can go to www.blessedsacramentchapel.org and click on “E-giving”.

Mass Intentions:

- April 1—Donald Moorman
- April 8—Bernice Williams
- April 15—Barbara Horsley
- April 22—Jerry Mezur
- April 29—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

April 8: Jacques Williams

Audrey Mezur

April 15: Greg Gough

Kathi Skidd

Eucharistic Ministers

April 8: Greg Gough

Karen Leachman

Cindy Clark

April 15: Misty Sanford

Tina Gough

Cathy Kramer

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April 8: Robert Hagan

Wonet Taylor

April 15: Fulton Family

THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

—Frederick Temple

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 web-site: <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

The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. "Neophyte," our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means "newly-planted" in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.

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Rejoice! The Lord is Risen! May we live as Easter people and share His joy!

Happy Easter ! Father Jerry, Father Jamie, Sister Jeannette

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 VICTOR

Today the Victor o'er his foes
For human consolation rose. Alleluia.

—*Surrexit Christus hodie*, Translated by J. M. Neale

The resurrection gives my life
meaning and direction and the
opportunity to start over no
matter what my circumstances.

-Robert Flatt

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.

Guideposts