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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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**Second Sunday of Easter(or Sunday of
Divine Mercy) April 8, 2018**

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God?

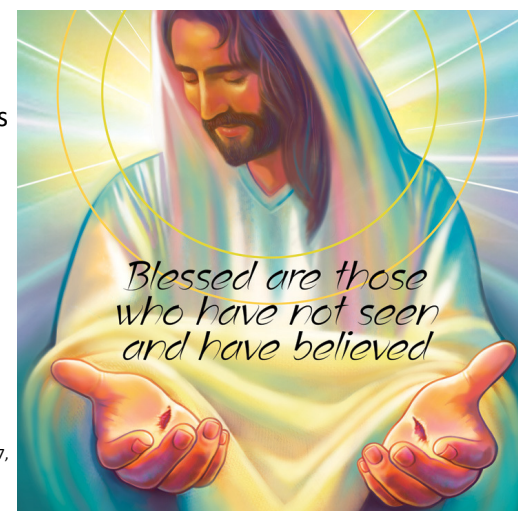
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was
of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his
love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that
Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-
6).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples
with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).



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Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ◆ 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 moving date
- ◆ June 17 Father Sinjo’s first day at Blessed Sacrament

Upcoming Diocesan/Community Events

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

Thank you for your contributions..

April 1 NA—
Weekly Budget —\$865
Year to date —NA
YTD budget—\$31,140

Candles —\$5



OBCM Diocesan Day of Reflection

All are invited! The annual *Black Catholic Day of Reflection* will be held at Precious Blood Catholic Church on April 21 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The keynote speaker will be Sr. Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay, and Bishop Medley will begin the *day* with Mass. Find out more and register at: owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-day-of-reflection ...

Flower Donations

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- Georgia Holland in memory of George Holland, Mr & Mrs. John Orendorff, Mr.&Mrs. George Holland
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- ◆ Nancy Bumm in memory of Les Bumm, Abel family, Bumm family .

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Stanislaus

Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: St. Martin I

NO THEORY

Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

—G. K. Chesterton

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John’s Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so “that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that “[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God” (5:1)—what we might refer to as being “born again.” Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Father Jamie’s Reflection



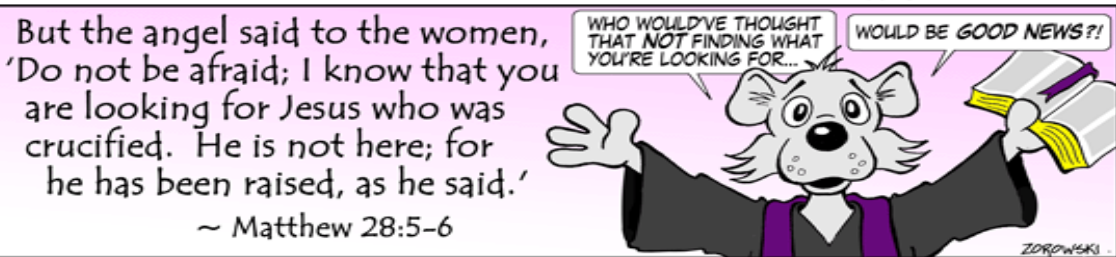
When we celebrate Christmas or Easter, we celebrate them over the span of eight days, as if it were one day. These two feasts are the greatest of the year, with Easter being the greatest. Please try to keep the Easter spirit alive. We are an Easter people. God has given us so many good things and the greatest is the ability to be with him in heaven someday. Jesus conquering death is the greatest gift of all.

Something I am told often is how we Catholics do funerals very well. I love funerals myself, especially if the funeral is for a person who has lived a long, full life. We are good at giving hope in Catholic funeral celebrations, because we focus so much on the rising to new life. Death is not the end for us. As it says in the preface for the funeral Mass, "Life is changed, not ended." I don’t know about you all, but I like change instead of just ending.

For some people, Easter and the rising from the tomb is an event that happened a long time ago, but that is only part of the story. Christ's love continues to arise within us every day if we let it. Every time we celebrate Mass we celebrate all of salvation history. We also celebrate the victory to come in the second coming. We are experiencing the kingdom of God and we bring that kingdom closer every time we take the Gospel out into the world. The resurrection calls us to go out. The apostles did not just sit and bask in the light of the risen Christ, they took that light out into the world.

Don't be afraid to spread this Easter light. Don't be afraid to welcome back those who have fallen away from the Church. Don't be afraid to challenge yourselves to be Easter people every day. God does not stop loving us. We should love him

Church Mice



April Birthdays

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



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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 15: Greg Gough
Kathi Skidd
April 22: Martha Kramer
Mary K. Gough

Eucharistic Ministers

April 15: Misty Sanford
Tina Gough
Cathy Kramer
April 22 Gloria Adams
Payton Sanford
Marsha Allen

Ushers/Offertory

April 15: Fulton Family
April 22: Cindy Clark
Connie Clary

A huge shout out to all our ministers who stepped up for extra duties during Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to you the services were prayerful.

EVERYTHING

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

—St. Julian of Norwich

Thanks to everyone who participated in the fish fry on March 23rd. There were many compliments on the meal and friendliness of all the servers and helpers.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: “Pinky,” “Boo-boo,” and the like. This Sunday was once called “Low Sunday,” a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or “The Lord’s Day for Putting Away the Albs,” so no wonder the nickname “Low Sunday” arose. In the old calendar it was also called “Quasimodo Sunday,” after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or “As newborn infants,” a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo’s bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named “Quasimodo” for the feast.

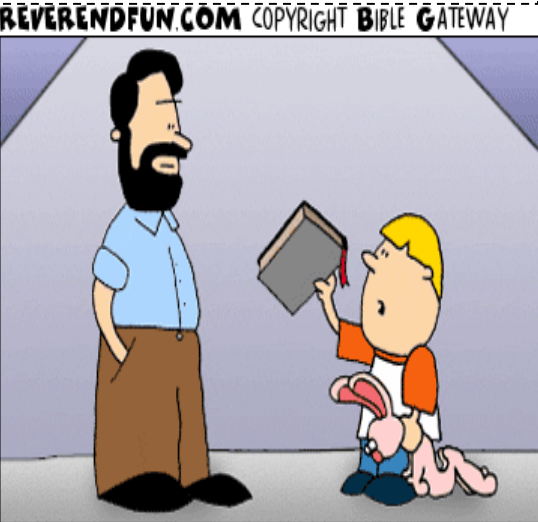
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.



DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND OUT WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE BIBLE

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