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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

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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 24, 2018

"Behold, one is coming- after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

TODAY'S READINGS

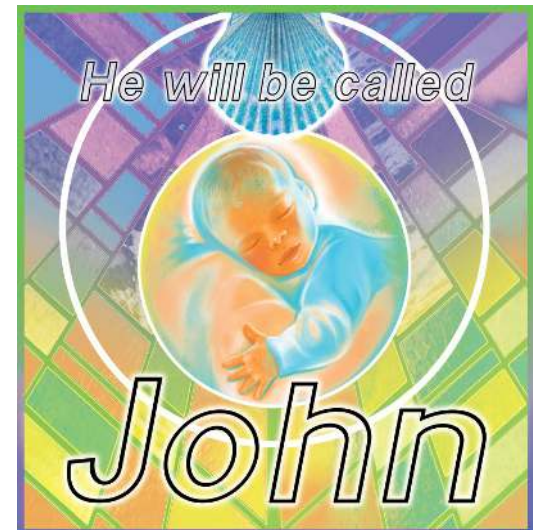
First Reading — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Psalm — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

Second Reading — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

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From the desk of Father Sinoj



My dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings!!! Once again I would like to thank all of you for the great experience of hospitality and welcome you have given me on my first day at Blessed Sacrament. I also congratulate all of you on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament Chapel and for all the effort you have put up to celebrate this day in a memorable manner. Special acknowledgment and appreciation to Sr. Jeannette Fennwald for her leadership. Let us thank and praise God for His providence and blessings upon our Bishop, priests and all of us who gathered together to celebrate the landmark. Let us continue to celebrate the joy and communion of our community.

As some of you requested I shall share about myself once again. I was born on June 30, 1983 at Kanjoor, Kerala, South India. I am the youngest of five children in the family. My father passed away 14 years back. I have two elder brothers and two elder sisters. My mother lives with my brother. I was ordained on January 6, 2008 for the St. Paul Province of the Missionary Society of Heralds of Good News. During the past ten years, mostly I was working with seminarians of different stages of formation. Meanwhile I also completed my Licentiate in Philosophy and Masters in Social Work (Counseling). I am very happy to engage myself in pastoral ministry in the diocese of Owensboro.

We celebrate the feast of the Birth of John the Baptist this Sunday because of his prominent role in the history of salvation as the forerunner of the Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ. The people of Israel who awaited for the Messiah were guided by John the Baptist to know Christ and accept Him as the Messiah. Let us pray that through us, our love, our joy and our communion, Christ may be revealed to others and may come to believe that He is the Messiah.

Love in Christ

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

(☺☺☺) Always

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(☺☺☺)☺☺ Smiling!

June Birthdays

22—Tonia Brown

23—Pam McCarter

24—Loretta Wathen

25—Father Jamie

30—Trent Hatchett, Father Sinoj

July Birthdays

3—Ray Higgs

8—Alexis Hatchett

10—Chelis Carmona



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Mass Intentions:

June 17—Sandra Brown

June 24—Jerry Mezur

July 1—Barbara Horsley

July 8—Michael Carrico

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

July 1: Jacques Williams
Gloria Adams

July 8: Connie Clary
Kathi Skidd

Eucharistic Ministers

July 1: Payton Sanford
Misty Sanford
Vivian Higgs

July 8: Tina Gough
Mary Katherine Gough
Marsha Allen

Offertory/ Ushers

July 1: Fulton Family

July 8: Robert Johnson
Nancy Bumm

THE GREATEST NEED

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

—Anonymous

Thank you to everyone who attended Mass with us today. Please come back and join us for our 10 AM Mass. Our picnic is August 4th.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Picnic

August 4, 2018

Pick up your **Raffle Tickets** to sell. Each family is asked to sell at least 25.

The **Silent Auction** is in need of baskets and gift cards. Can you donate items for a basket or ask some business to donate a basket? It is not too early to ask.

The **Cake Wheel** will need home-made cakes. Be thinking about what kind of cake you can bake and donate.

Air conditioner

A few weeks ago when an inspection of the air conditioning units was done, it was discovered that one of the units in the hall was not working. It will be replaced. The best bid that we received was from 4 Seasons Heating and Cooling. The replacement of the air conditioning unit (outdoor) and the indoor evaporator coil will be \$2975. Any extra contribution toward this need is appreciated.

A Huge Shout-Out

To everyone who helped get BSC ready for our celebration—the latest ones—Layson Brooks and Rita Moorman for the borders and mulch in front of church and Rita for painting the edges of the brick beds.

Thanks also to Celena Hagan for the donation of a case of copy paper and to Sondra Hibbs for the donation of cruets.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

SICK Dorothy Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Blythe Nantz, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, 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.

Picnic News

We are hoping to add a couple things for the picnic this year. We need everyone's assistance to make it work.

- ◆ We would like to sell bar-b-q through a drive-through in the afternoon.
- ◆ A corn-hole contest is in the planning.

Plan on how you can help and maybe even ask someone else to join us.

Many people believe in Blessed Sacrament. Would they be willing to give us an hour?