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# **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

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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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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**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 abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

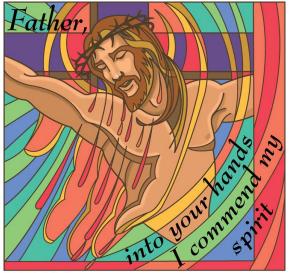
**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56)



Palm Sunday April 14, 2019

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. - *Isaiah 50:7a* 



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## He humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross.



## From the desk of Father Sinoj, HGN

## .Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of a meaningful Holy Week! We are reaching the culmination of the Season of Lent. Holy Week is the most important time in our Liturgical Calendar. We are invited to keep it holy and reflect upon the Passion of our Lord Jesus and find the glory of suffering on Easter. I hope all of you would make use of the opportunities to go for confessions and prepare well to celebrate the Holy Days. We enter Holy Week with Palm Sunday which is also the Passion Sunday. On this day let us welcome Jesus into our lives, asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

On Palm Sunday we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them some place where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life; let us be reminded that He is the One with whom we will be spending eternity.

Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday are two sides of the same coin because we rejoice and sing as we receive Jesus into our lives as our Lord and Saviour and we weep and mourn as his death confronts us with our sin. Yes, we could be there in the crowd on both days, shouting "Hosanna!" and later "Crucify Him!" As He entered joyfully into Jerusalem to embrace Passion and be glorified through His Death and Resurrection, let our active and prayerful participation in the Liturgies of the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter) encourage us to find glory in the daily sufferings of life.

 $(``\cdot \cdot \cdot '')$  Always `...("`...'") Keep  $("\cdot \cdot \cdot i")$ ,  $\cdot i$  Smiling! `•. ,.•´

April Birthdays	Mass Intentions:
3— Rita Moorman, Ethan	April 14—Bernice Williams
Gough, Bobby Hardin	April 18—Barbara Horsley
6—Marshall Williams	April 21—Dorothy Fulton
21—Kathi Skidd	April 28—Les Bumm
23—Misty Sanford	May 5—Kenneth Higgs
25—Charlene Meadows	Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially
26—Vivian Higgs	for those who have no one to pray for them.
27—Ruth Coble	Our thoughts and prayers are with: <u>SICK</u> :
29—Jeffrey McCarter	Brad Boarman (Marsha Allen's brother), Stephanie Higdon, David
	Carter, Philip Moorman, Sr., Gene Forsyth, Mary Hagan, Larry Allen,



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Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Sarah Carman, Perry Washington, Cindy Clark, Frank Adams, Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr., If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Beverly Chilton, and Loretta Wathen who are in their homes and Ruth Coble who is at Heritage Park . Georgia Holland who has moved to St. Louis stays in touch with BSC. A phone call or a card can cheer them up.



An envelope is available in your packet for Easter flowers. Thanks in advance to our contributors. We will use the money toward inside flowers and flowers to beautify our outside surroundings.

## **Coming Events** CALENDAR

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel** April 7,14 Scripture Study in hall. 9:20 April 18 Holy Thursday Mass and adoration 7 PM April 19 Good Friday Service 7 PM April 25 McDonald's Share Night 4-7 June 1 St. Meinrad tour (leave 9:30)

**Diocesan/Community Happenings** 

April 16 Chrism Mass 6:30 PM at Sportscenter

April 27 Diocesan Black Gathering July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



Thank you for your contributions. April 7— \$844 Weekly budget \$875 MTD budget \$3500 MTD collection \$4.523 YTD budget—\$34,125 YTD Collection \$36,252.92

May each of us give according to what we have been blessed with.

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We are called to Prayer, Fast, Almsgiving.

The Church asks us to fast two days in Lent—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means one main meal, two smaller meals and nothing in between the meals. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

Abstinence is denying ourselves meat. This is our obligation on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. This is asked of everyone the ages of 14 and up.

**Reconciliation Schedule** April 14 St. Stephen 2:00



Join us at McDonald's on West Parrish on April 25 between 4-7 PM.

Proceeds will go toward a lighted cross on the outside of Blessed Sacrament Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11	
Tuesday:	<u>Chrism Mass</u> : Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;	
	Ps 89:21-22, ; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21	
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25	
Thursday:	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, 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;	
	b) Ex 14:15 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;	
	c) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;	
	d) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5;	
	e) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12	
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16- 17, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5-8; Jn 20:1-9	

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

#### THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again.

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Tuesday: 6:30 PM Chrism Mass at Sportscenter Thursday: 7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Friday: 7 PM Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday: 10 AM Mass. Pam Wilson will be confirmed and receive her 1st Holy Communion..

	Lectors	
.A <u>pril 18: (7PM)</u> Audrey Mezur		
	Marsha Allen	
<u>April 19:</u>	Layson Brooks	
	Austin Gough	
<u>April 21:</u>	Connie Clary	
	Gloria Adams	
<u>April 28:</u>	Austin Gough	
	Kathi Skidd	
Eucharistic Ministers		
<u>April 18</u> :	Misty Sanford	
	Gloria Adams	
	Vivian Higgs	
<u>April 21:</u>	Cindy Clark	
	Tina Gough	
	Rita Moorman	
<u>April 28:</u>	Greg Gough	
	Charlene Meadows	
	Cathy Kramer	
	Ushers/Offertory	
<u>April 21:</u>	Pam Wilson	
	Jeff & Misty Sanford	
<u>April 28:</u>	Jacques & Whitney	
	Williams & sons	

**Forgiveness** can be good for a person's health. According to the Mayo Clinic, letting go of grudges and bitterness can improve health and lead to greater peace of mind. Benefits may include:

- *◊ Healthier relationships*
- *◊ Improved mental health*
- ♦ *Less anxiety, stress, and hostility*
- ♦ Lower blood pressure
- *◊ Fewer symptoms of depression*
- ♦ *Stronger immune system*
- ♦ *Improved heart health*
- ♦ *Improved self-esteem*

## Lenten Opportunities

<u>Rice Bowls</u>: Eat a simpler meal one time a week or don't eat out and donate the money to help the poor. 25% of donations go to poverty alleviation in our community. Return on Holy Thursday.

<u>Scripture Reflection</u>: Each Sunday at 9:20 you have the opportunity to reflect on the Sunday's readings.

## Outreach Opportunities:

Week 5 and 6: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

### Faith Life Enrichment

<u>Formed:</u> Free Online resource giving access to quality Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books. Sign in at www.ststephencathedral.formed.org

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

