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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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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 201  
 Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
 the old things have passed away;  
 behold, new things have come.



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34)

**Second Reading** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**Gospel** — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).



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We are ambassadors for Christ.

From the desk of Father Sinoj , HGN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, the readings this weekend invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

The Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his “homecoming” where he discovers his father’s forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God.

The story of the prodigal son asks each of us an important question: Will you accept the Father’s forgiveness and partake of the banquet, or will you remain outside? Lent is a time to transform hatred into love, conflict into peace, death into eternal life. At every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father’s house as prodigal children. We begin the Mass acknowledging that we have sinned and have closed our hearts to God’s perfect love. Next we listen to the Word that heals our broken and imperfect relationships with God. In the offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God’s invitation through Jesus: “...this is My Body, which will be given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you...”(All I have is yours). In Holy Communion, we participate in God’s feast of reconciliation, the Holy Eucharist, the gift of unity with God and with His whole family. Let us come to the house of God as often as we can to enjoy the Eucharistic banquet of reconciliation and acceptance

(☺☺☺) Always

☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep

(☺☺☺)☺☺ Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN



March Birthdays

25—Carol Hatchett

31—Frank Fulton

April Birthdays

3— Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough, Bobby Hardin

6—Marshall Williams

21—Kathi Skidd

23—Misty Sanford



IMP—Kroger

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If you know anyone who does not have a designated charity, ask them to sign up for BSC as their charity.

Mass Intentions:

March 31—Jerry Mezur

April 7—Michael Carrico

April 14—Bernice Williams

April 18—Barbara Horsley

April 21—Dorothy Fulton

April 28—Les Bumm

*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 for those who have no one to pray for them.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with: **SICK** : Brad Boorman (Marsha Allen’s brother), Philip Moorman, Sr., Gene Forsyth, Mary Hagan, Larry Allen, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Sarah Carman, Perry Washington, Cindy Clark, Larry Clark, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Father Pat Ryan, 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, Loretta Wathen who are in their homes and Ruth Coble who is at Heritage Park . A phone call or a card can cheer them up.

GOD’S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?

—St. Francis de Sales

Please remember in your prayers Mike Conley, former musician at St. Stephen’s, Cathedral, who recently died. He helped out at Blessed Sacrament Chapel occasionally.



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- April 7,14 Scripture Study in hall. 9:20
- April 6 Clean-up day 9 AM
- April 12 Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- April 1 Holy Thursday Mass and adoration 7 PM
- April 19 Good Friday Service 7 PM
- April 25 McDonald’s Share Night 4-7

Diocesan/Community Happenings

- April 16 Chrism Mass 6:30 PM at Sportscenter
- July 12-13 IAACEC in Cincinnati



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- March 24—\$992.10
- Weekly budget \$875
- MTD budget \$3500
- MTD collection \$4,523
- YTD budget—\$34,125
- YTD Collection \$36,252.92
- Candles \$5

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



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

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|----------|-----------------------|
| March 31 | St. Mary Magdalen 6   |
| April 4  | St. Pius Tenth 6 pm   |
| April 7  | St. Martin, Rome 6:45 |
| April 9  | Precious Blood 6 PM   |
| April 11 | Immaculate 6 PM       |
| April 14 | St. Stephen 2:00      |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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|------------|---|
| Monday:    | Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54         |
| Tuesday:   | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16         |
| Wednesday: | Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30    |
| Thursday:  | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47                  |
| Friday:    | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday:  | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53            |
| Sunday:    | Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11       |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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|-----------|--|
| Sunday:   | Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny       |
| Monday:   | April Fool’s Day                             |
| Tuesday:  | St. Francis of Paola                         |
| Thursday: | St. Isidore of Seville                       |
| Friday:   | St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence |
| Saturday: | First Saturday                               |

HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The “take-away” for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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Thanks!

Thanks to each of you who contribute in so many ways to the vitality of Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A special thanks to Mary Hagan for the donation of a new altar cloth which we will use for the 1st time at Easter and to Pam McCarter for the rosaries that she made and are in the basket on the back table.

| <u>Lectors</u>               |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <u>April 7:</u>              | Connie Clary<br>Layson Brooks                      |
| <u>April 14:</u>             | Von Williams<br>Kathi Skidd                        |
| Passion:                     | Narrator: Barbara Bisel<br>Voice: Jacques Williams |
| <u>April 18: (7PM)</u>       | Audrey Mezur<br>Marsha Allen                       |
| <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> |  |
| <u>April 7:</u>              | Charlene Meadows<br>Cathy Kramer<br>Lori Robinson  |
| <u>April 14:</u>             | Yvonne Hatchett<br>Greg Gough<br>Marsha Allen      |
| <u>April 18:</u>             | Misty Sanford<br>Gloria Adams<br>Vivian Higgs      |
| <u>Ushers/Offertory</u>      |  |
| <u>April 7:</u>              | Robert Johnson<br>Yvonne Mundy                     |
| <u>April 14:</u>             | Wonet Taylor<br>Michelle Jones                     |

### Do you want to fast this Lent?

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope*
- *Fast from worries and trust in God*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen*

Attributed to Pope Francis

### Lenten Opportunities

Rice Bowls: 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. .

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

### Outreach Opportunities:

Weeks 3 and 4: Donate items for the Backpack Ministry. Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, individual fruit cups....

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

### Faith Life Enrichment

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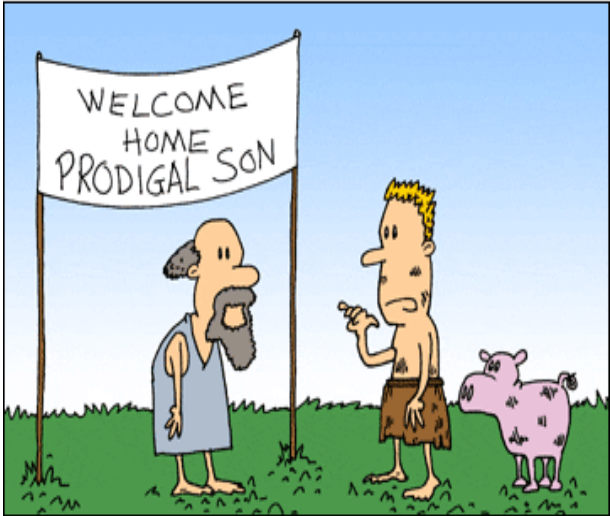
### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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(See Luke 15) 06-04-2003  
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY NEW FRIEND  
... OL' SMELLY AND I SPENT A LOT OF  
TIME TOGETHER

### Diocesan Response Fund

Each fall of the year we have a Diocesan Response Fund appeal. The money raised goes to help various activities in the diocese, reduces our parish assessment, as well as helps with the expenses of retired priests. We have benefited from these funds to restore our bell tower and help with pew costs and other expenses.

We pledged \$4224. To date we have paid \$1514. The good thing is we have met our target of \$1143.81. We will receive a check in April for 50% of what we have paid over our target. Please try to keep paying toward your pledge.