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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

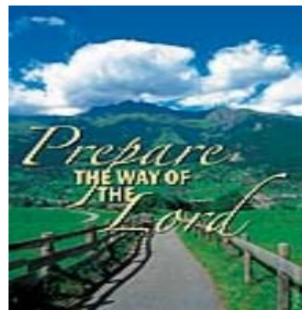
First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72). Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9). Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

he English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



2nd Sunday of Advent Dec. 8, 2019 The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.



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Repent, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

From the desk of Father Sinoj, HGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I hope you all had a great beginning of the Season of Advent. Let us continue our preparation of hearts to receive Jesus. We are into the second week of that preparation; the week to reflect on our LOVE for Christ and our willingness to have Him with us in our lives. This willingness to have Christ with us shall be seen in our attitude of repentance and concern for others.

The Gospel this weekend presents John the Baptist, the Herald of Christ, summoning the people of his time to repentance. Salvation is God's doing. We are saved by His grace. Yet we must cooperate with God's grace because God cannot force his bounty upon us. So the invitation of John the Baptist urges us play our essential part to cooperate with God's plan for our salvation. Our spiritual preparation for Christmas shall be to reform and renew our lives by repentance and works of charity. Please grab your opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the neighbourhood parishes. This year the Feast of Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday the as the Advent Sunday takes precedence over it on 8th. This Feast reminds us one of the dogmas of our Faith that "from the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved immune from original sin by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race. (CCC #491). This Feast is

more significant for us as the Mother Immaculate is the patroness of USA. And December 12 is another significant Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the patroness of Americas. I encourage you to celebrate Holy Mass on these days as possible and pray for our county and the whole Americas.

("·.·´") Always `·.,("`·.·´") Keep ("`·.·´"),.·´ Smiling! God loves you!!!!

Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

December Birthdays 5--Hunter Gough 14--Linda McDonald 16--Yulanda Williams 18--Robert Johnson 20--Cathy Kramer 24--Susan Mutter



IMP—Kroger Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799

Blessed Sacrament would appreciate being named as your community reward recipient. You can enroll at www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS We have about 30 families supporting this effort. Let all of your Christmas purchases at Kroger benefit Blessed Sacrament.

If you have not listed BSC, would you please consider it? It costs nothing and we receive the benefits.

Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions December 1--Kenneth Higgs December 8--School Sisters of Notre Dame December 15--Grace Medley Ebelhar December 22--Betty Clark December 22--Betty Clark December 24--Donald Moorman December 29--Alicia Ottofy December 31--Carol Jean Thornton Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the presence of duing.

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: the sick: Pam Wilson, Sister Janice Fennewald, Austin Muenks, Frank and Gloria Adams, Philip Moorman, Sr., Joyce Moorman, Faye Fountain, Carol Hatchett, Beverly Chilton, Martha Kramer, Dan Kramer, Ruth Coble, Larry Allen, Kathi Skidd, 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

Please remember our home-bound: Beverly Chilton, who is in her home 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.

ADULT FORMATION SERIES OFFERED

Immaculate Parish Faith Formation will be offering Bishop Barron's series 7 DEADLY SINS, 7 LIVELY VIRTUES the Mondays of January-February beginning January 6th. Participants can choose from the 10am-noon session or 6:30-8:30pm session. All sessions Twill ake place in the Parish Family Center. If interested, let Diane Willis know dwillis@immaculateparish.org so material can be ready for the first day of class.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Dec. 22--Church decorating 11:15 Dec. 24--Christmas Vigil Mass 7 PM Jan. 31--New Year Eve Mass--6 PM

Diocesan Community Happenings Dec. 9 Mass for Immaculate Conception

Feast 7 and 12 at SSC

Advent Reconciliation schedule elsewhere



Dec. 1--\$400 Weekly budget--\$933 MTD collection--\$400

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YTD collection--\$17,430.71 YTD Budget--\$19,593

Candles-- \$8

Debt Reduction--\$21

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.







Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

In today's Gospel we hear God's message through John the Baptist, who tells us in some pretty straightforward language that we need to set things right. During Advent, we are called to prepare our hearts, to set things right as we await the coming of Jesus. The noise and distractions of our consumerdriven society can increase as Christmas draws near, but we can strive to set aside quiet time each day for prayer. We can we can examine our habits and sins and ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can consider our blessings and discern whether we are sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure proportionately. These are a few ways that we, as disciples, can deepen our relationship with Christ not only to prepare to celebrate His birth, but to prepare our lives and hearts for eternal life,

A Reminder from Father Jerry: Thanks to everyone who has returned a Time, Talent, and Treasure. If you have not yet done so, please pray about your offerings of financial giving and service in ministry, then return your pledge this week. God calls all of us to share our gifts, so I am asking everyone to participate. Know that I am grateful each day for your generous offerings of prayer, service, and financial support.

Advent increases our hope,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK;

READINGS FU	R THE WEEK,
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1 3, 10, 11- 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 10ab; Jdt 13:18, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	ls 35:1-6,10; Ps 14 :6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
SAINTS AND	SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Tuesday:	International Human Rights Day
Wednesday:	St. Damasus l
Thursday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	St. Lucy
Saturday:	St. John of the Cross

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

POSSIBILITIES Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother. ---Don Bosco

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patron of the United States This year the feast is moved to Monday since the Sundays of Advent take precedence. Masses will be offered at St. Stephen at 7 and 12; if you can, please attend and pray for our country and the leaders. Our country can certainly use the intercession of Mary.

	Lectors
<u>Dec. 8:</u>	Kathi Skidd
	Barbara Bisel
<u>Dec. 15:</u>	Greg Gough
	5Connie Clary
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>Dec. 8:</u>	Cindy Clark
	Misty Sanford
	Tina Gough
<u>Dec. 15:</u>	Charlene Meadows
	Cathy Kramer
	Barbara Bisel
	Ushers/Offertory
<u>Dec. 8:</u>	Vicki Leonard
	Frank Fulton
<u>Dec. 15:</u>	Robert Hagan
	Lea Ann Johnson

ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

- Dec. 9 Immaculate and Lourdes 6 PM
- Dec. 10 Sts. Joseph and Paul 6:30 PM
- Dec. 15 Blessed Mother 2PM
 - St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho 4 PM
 - St. Martin, Rome 6:45 PM
- Dec. 19 Precious Blood and St. Pius X 6 PM
- Dec. 22 St. Stephen Cathedral 2 PM

Advent Evening with the Bishop Dec. 19

An Advent Evening will take place on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Spend an evening in prayer and reflection for the holy season of waiting, Advent, presented by Bishop William Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro. The \$20 fee includes a meal. Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. Note: The cost is \$25 at the door.

VOCATIONS

Matthew 9 Mission | Matthew 9:38 "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." The Office of Vocations invites your parish to be a part of the Matthew 9 Mission to pray for vocations. Participants will choose at least one day a month to pray the Rosary specifically for vocations to priesthood. And religious life. You may choose more than one day a month to pray. The goal is to have someone in all 78 parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro praying the Rosary. Can you choose one day a month? Sign-up sheet available.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548) December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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A Coming Christ at Advent Presented by Fr. Anthony Shonis

III. The Annunciation to Mary: Monday, Dec. 9

III. The Annunciation to Joseph: Monday, Dec. 16

Each presentation will be in the Precious Blood Parish Hall from 6-7:30 p.m. Each session begins with the lighting of the Advent wreath and song. Light refreshments will be served. . It is not necessary to come to all the sessions; you may attend when your schedule allows. We encourage you to bring your Bible. This is the ideal way to prepare for Christmas by studying the scriptures that you will be hearing at Mass during Advent

Secret of Marriage:

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the object of marriage counseling came up. "Oh, we'll never need that. My husband and I have a great relationship," the wife explained. "He was a communications major in college and I majored in theater arts. He communicates real well and I just act like I'm listening." REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



YOU CAN TELL THAT IS JOHN ... HIS SLICK SUIT IS TOTALLY MADE OF CAMEL HAIR