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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

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3rd Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
— *Romans 5:8*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42)



My food is to do the will of the one who sent me.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Hope you all are continuing to make this Lent a special one. Let us offer all our meditations and sacrifices in this season for God's mercy upon the whole humanity as we are facing a fearful situation due to the spread of infectious virus. May our sincere repentance and reconciliation please God and may we and the whole world make a better relationship with Him!

On this third Sunday of Lent the Gospel passage narrates the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. This incident illustrates the principal role of Jesus as the Messiah: to reconcile all men and women to the Father. Hence, Jesus deliberately placed himself face-to-face with this person whom, apparently, no one else wanted. Jesus saw in her a person who mattered to God. He awakened in the woman a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy.

Our baptism makes us members of a community of Faith where we become brothers and sisters of Jesus and children of God. This identity demands that we open ourselves to others and listen to one another. Jesus did not allow the woman's status, past, attitude, or anything else to obstruct his ability to love her. And loving her, he freed her and made her whole, made her the child of God she already was. Let us also open our hearts to one another and accept each other as God's gifts to us.

(☺☺☺) Always
☺☺☺(☺☺☺) Keep
(☺☺☺)☺☺ Smiling!

God Loves You!!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

March Birthdays

2--Marsha Allen
6--Alizabetch Hatchett
7--Britney Carmona
18--Jean Higgs
19--Dennis Mayfield
21--Tracy Hunter
25--Carol Hatchett
31--Frank Fulton



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Mass Intentions

March 1--Ann Denise Ward
March 8--Kenneth Higgs
March 15--Mary Ann Calhoun
March 22--Grace Medley Ebelhar
March 29--Mary Henry

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those 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: Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Charlene Meadows, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Kathy Gebhard, Larry Allen, Camilla Greer, 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: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

Early in their 40-year desert journey, the frustrated Israelites tested God by grumbling to Moses, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" How do you see our contemporary society testing God today?

Second Reading

Paul speaks boldly of the "peace of God" and the "love of God" achieved through Jesus' willingness to die for us. How has your Lenten journey exposed you to the peace and love of God?

Gospel Reading

Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman. Why do you think Jesus chose her for this revelation?

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel
March 22-- Anointing of the sick
April 3-- Fish Fry 5-7 pm

Diocesan Community Happenings
March 18-- Jesus’ Humanity Power point
SSC 6 pm
March 20-- St. Stephen Fish Fry
April 4-- Corey Brun’s ordination as a
temporary deacon
April 7-- Chrism Mass 6:30 pm



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



Lenten Discipline

- ◇ Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- ◇ Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
- ◇ Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- ◇ Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- ◇ Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- ◇ Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- ◇ Fast from worry; feast on God’s providence.
- ◇ Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- ◇ Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
- ◇ Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- ◇ Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

April 3 5-7 PM



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21,
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: St. Patrick
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
- Friday: Abstinence

WISDOM

A wise old owl lived in an oak.
The more he saw the less he spoke.
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can’t we all be like that wise old bird

THIRST

Each time today’s Gospel story is read, I can’t help but think of the many television commercials I’ve seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

- March 15 Blessed Mother 2 PM
- March 22 Our Lady of Lourdes 2 PM
- March 24 Immaculate 6 PM
- March 25 St Mary Magdalene 7 PM
- April 2 Precious Blood 6 PM
- April 5 St Stephen Cathedral 2PM

| Liturgical Ministers | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lectors | |
| March 22: | Barbara Bisel Jacques Williams |
| March 29: | Veronica Wilhite Kathi Skidd |
| Eucharistic Ministers | |
| March 22: | Marsha Allen |
| March 29: | Misty Sanford |
| Ushers/Offertory | |
| March 15: | Ethan Gough Wonet Taylor |
| March 22: | Pam Wilson Michelle Jones |
| Thank you for your ministry! | |

AVAILABILITY

God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability.

Parish Mission March 22-25
St. William and St. Lawrence

Mission begins at St. William Church at 6:30 pm on Sunday, March 22. Each day it alternates parishes.

No Ifs, Ands, or Buts, God is With Us!

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Grateful

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what’s the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

The world-famous International Pilgrim Statue of Fatima is on a Tour of Peace in the U.S. and the world this year. Precious Blood will host the tour on Friday, March 20 from 7 pm until 8 am on Saturday, March 21. Mass will be at 7 pm and vigil will be until 8 am. Will be at Carmel Home March 21-22 11am.

LIVE THE LITURGY

“Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Have you ever found yourself asking this question? Finding God’s presence and truly encountering God are not always easy tasks. When we seek God only with our minds, we risk reducing God to simply an idea rather than meeting him as someone who is real and actually present to us. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. We can often get confused and misunderstand not only who we are, but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts. Only Jesus can lead us to truth and provide the water that can quench our thirst. Each of us, not only with our heads but with our hearts, must come to see that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It is only when we can honestly make this confession that we will know God is truly present.

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus’ story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: “With a husband’s love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus” (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive “Saint Joseph’s Table,” welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David’s house, which God finished “building” through Joseph’s provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature’s rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph’s silent obedience and Mary’s “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity’s spiritual rebirth.

Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman in today’s Gospel can be reflected upon in several ways. In what ways are people thirsting? Perhaps for clean, fresh water in the literal sense (unlike many countries, we have ready access to clean water). There are many people thirsting for basic needs such as food or shelter, or simply for a gesture of kindness. And so many are thirsting for a deeper relationship with the Lord.

- Lenten Discipline
- ◇ Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
 - ◇ Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
 - ◇ Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.