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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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4th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 ---Psalm 23

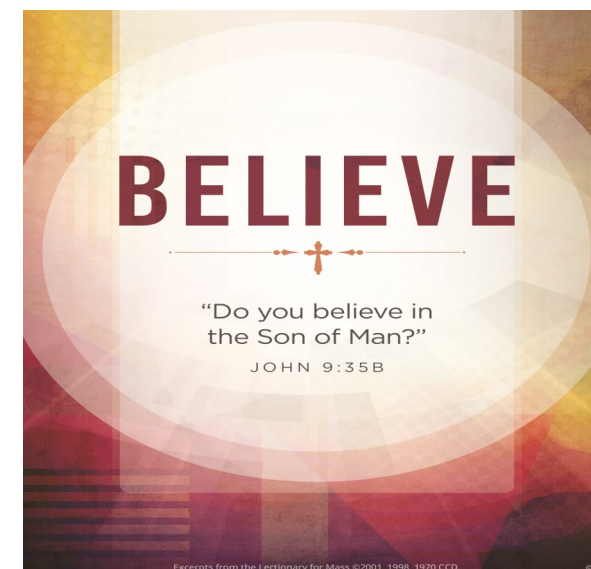
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sm 16:7b)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14b)

Gospel: When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" (Jn 9:35)



Not as man sees does God see. The Lord looks into the heart.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I know it is very hard for all of you to miss communal celebration of Eucharist at our Church. But for the good and happiness of all we need to take all the precautions to break the chain of infection in our community. Let this time become an opportunity to engage more with God and find comfort and strength in the hope in Him. All of you are remembered in the daily Masses Fr. Jerry and I celebrate. Try to participate devoutly in the Eucharist watching it on TV or other gadgets and receive Holy Communion in Spirit.

Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Rejoice Sunday. Call to rejoice in the Season of Lent is an expression of the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. In this time of pandemic let us try our best to rejoice in Christ and the Salvation he brought us.

The Gospel presents the episode of Jesus' encounter with the man born blind. We see him receive the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. It teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. It is our call as Christians to have clear vision about God and the joy of His Kingdom.

(^.^) Always
(^.^) Keep
(^.^),.^ Smiling!

God Loves You!!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

March Birthdays

18--Jean Higgs

19--Dennis Mayfield

21--Tracy Hunter

25--Carol Hatchett

31--Frank Fulton

April Birthdays

3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,
Bobby Hardin

6--Marshall Williams



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Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

March 8--Kenneth Higgs

March 15--Mary Ann Calhoun

March 22--Grace Medley Ebelhar

March 29--Mary Henry

April 5--Hugh Moorman

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

In the story of the prophet Samuel anointing the young David as the next king, neither Samuel nor David's father, Jesse, foresaw David to be God's anointed. When have you been surprised by God in your life?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers in Christ, they need to live as "children of light" and "learn what is pleasing to the Lord." From your own life experiences, what do you think pleases God?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' healing of the man born blind exposed the blindness of some of the Pharisees of Jesus' day. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 9--Holy Thursday Mass 7pm

April 10--Good Friday service--7 pm

Diocesan Community Happenings

April 4--Corey Brun's ordination as a temporary deacon

April 7--Chrism Mass 6:30 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral



March 15--\$445

Weekly budget: \$933

MTD collection--\$2677

MTD budget--\$2799

YTD collection--\$33,309.12

YTD budget \$34521

Candles--\$5



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



Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

April 3 Fish Fry

Due to uncertainty of day-to-day situations, the fish fry will be cancelled.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 16: 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-4, 5, 6
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 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 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Day of Abstinence

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.
-----St. Vincent Ferrer

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.



All Communal Penance Services Cancelled.

<u>Liturgical Ministers</u>	
Lectors	
<u>March 29:</u>	Veronica Wilhite
	Kathi Skidd
<u>April 5:</u>	Layson Brooks
	Audrey Mezur
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>March 29:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>April 5:</u>	Tina Gough
Ushers/Offertory	
<u>March 29:</u>	Jeff Sanford
	Herbert Millay
<u>April 5:</u>	Lori Robertson, Aubrey, Lad
Thank you for your ministry!	

I Arise

I arise with gratitude for life.

I arise with hope that all will be well.

I arise with courage to meet what will be difficult

I arise with conviction to do what is life-giving.

I arise with eyes ever alert for beauty.

I arise with compassion for hurting ones.

I arise with willingness to help those who need my care.

I arise with love for the Holy One, my Intimate Companion.

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That’s why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No m

pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can’t show them a glimpse of in this one?

For us Christians, wherever the Cross is, there is hope. If there is no hope, we are not Christian.

----Pope Francis

LIVE THE LITURGY

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God’s sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone’s heart. Don’t draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mogrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked “the shining example of San Toribio.”

