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# Blessed Sacrament

## 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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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).



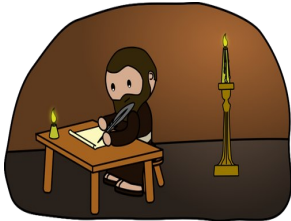
## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 25, 2020

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)



# I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock of refuge.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I appreciate your connectedness to the Parish. Thank you for the good response to our 50/50 raffle. One more week left. I encourage you all to promote this to your friends and family. We are also coming to the close of the Month of Rosary. Hope we have increased our love for praying the Holy Rosary. Next Sunday is All Saints Day and it is an opportunity for us to remember the saints and saintly persons who have influenced our lives. Let's not forget that Halloween was originally celebrated in connection with All Saints' Day and it was not in the way we do today.

The Sunday Liturgy invites us to reflect upon the commandment of love. God loves each and every one of us, whether deserving or undeserving. He wants us not only to love Him in return, but also to love one another. Our love for God is tested and put into practice by the way we love our neighbor. In answer to the question of a Pharisee to summarize the Mosaic Laws in one sentence, Jesus teaches that the most important commandment is to love God in loving others and to love others in loving God.

This teaching encourages us to pursue our holiness as our love for God and spread that holiness to the world through our actions and attitudes as our love for our neighbors. We express our love for God by consciously spending time with him in prayer and meditation of His Word. We express our love for neighbor by our patience, forgiveness, works of charity etc. At the same time there shall be a union of both – love of God and love of neighbor – intrinsically present in all we do.

(^^) Always  
^^(^^) Keep  
(^^),, Smiling!  
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God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

## October Birthdays

20--Dorothea Melton  
28--Martha Kramer

## November Birthdays

1--Austin Gough  
7--Lennox Williams  
8--Audrey Mezur  
11--Jeff Sanford



## Election Day Prayer Vigil

**On Tuesday, November 3rd, St. Stephen Cathedral will hold a prayer vigil for our country. It will begin at 8:30 and go until noon Mass. You can join others for an hour or simply 10 or 15 minutes. Rosary prayed at 10.**

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

## Mass Intentions

October 18--Kenneth Higgs  
October 25--Patricia Lett  
November 1--Betty Clark  
November 8--Fathers Carl & Jerry Glahn

*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: Otha Holbrook, Jason Pierce, Ruth Coble, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Lius Aju, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Emma Latta, Nancy Bumm, 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 lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

## Use Scripture as much as your cellphone.

**Pope Francis challenges Catholics: “What would happen if we turned back when we forgot it, if we opened it more times a day, if we read the message of God contained in the Bible the way we read messages on our cell phone?”**

**We are asked to turn that energy we place in our cell phone away from the screen and put it into Scripture. The Bible contains the Word of God which is always “topical and effective.” It is always in season and never obsolete.**



## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

October--- 50/50 Raffle tickets on sale  
October 27--Meal to St. Benedict Shelter  
November 1--50/50 drawing 11 am

Please help get the 50-50 pot strong. Turn in tickets as soon as possible. As of October 18, the pot is \$1410



October 18--\$1368

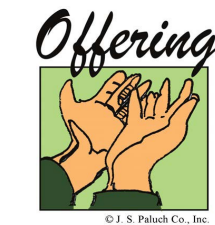
Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$3129

MTD budget--\$2856

YTD collection--\$17,122

YTD budget-- \$15,232



Candles--\$5

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



## Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

A prosperous farmer was miserly in what he gave to his Church. So, his pastor went to visit him with the hope of getting him to increase his donation. The pastor pointed out to him that the Lord had given him a fertile piece of land and had blessed him with sunshine and rain so that his crops would grow. The priest added, You know, this farm and everything you have is really on loan to you from God. You should be more grateful. The farmer replied, I don't mean to complain, Father, but you should have seen what a mess this place was when God was running it by Himself.

## BORN TO LOVE

We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

—Joseph Cafasso

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

## HALLOWEEN

Bring forth the raisins and nuts—  
Tonight All-Hallows' spectre struts  
Along the moonlit way.

God created us to love and be loved. The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

## LIVING JUSTLY

"You give that back right now!" How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a "fair trade agreement." Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God's beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Say the Rosary or a decade each day.

## Pray for Upcoming Election

Lord God, as this election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word.

### Lectors

October 25: Jacques Williams  
Kathi Skidd

November 1: Layson Brooks  
Barbara Bisel

November 8: Sarah Malone  
Kathi Skidd

### **Called to Be Grateful and Giving**

Cooler weather has arrived! We are experiencing the transformation to autumn, a season that traditionally focuses on giving thanks. The secular reminders are already beginning all around us in stores, on television, and on social media (I have already seen holiday commercials!) But as disciples—as Christian stewards—we are called to give thanks all year through. We are called to give back to God, with grateful hearts, a generous portion of the blessings we receive.

Each November, we are asked to pray to discern our offerings of time, talent, and treasure to our parish for the coming year. ***Why does our parish ask for an annual renewal?*** Renewals give us the opportunity to examine our blessings and make prayerful decisions about our commitments of financial support and volunteer service in parish ministry for the coming year.



### **BEING A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN**

God picks you from the patch and brings you in (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face.  
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

***Halloween is All Saints Eve.***

*We celebrate saints living and dead.*

### **SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

**October 28**

Saint Jude, apostle and . . . Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon's being a "Zealot" for Israel's liberation and Jude's question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude's well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: "Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!" Older Americans remember well Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this "Communion of Saints": Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!

### **Church Mice**



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**Nov. 3, 2020**

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