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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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb. 7, 2021

The LORD tells the number of the stars

and calls each by name.

TODAY'S READINGS

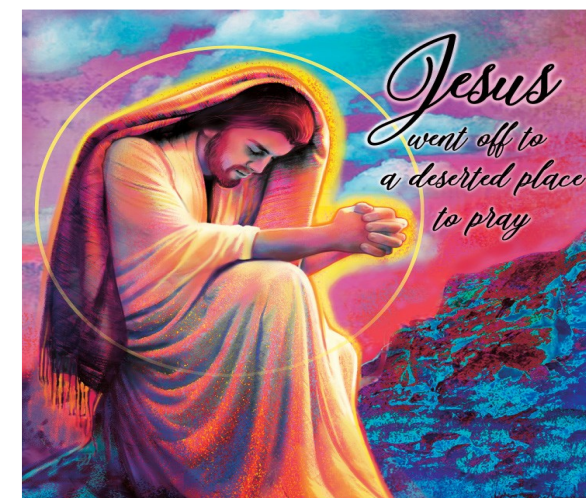
First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

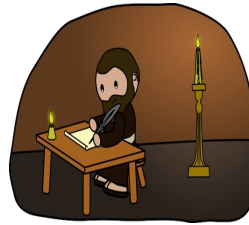
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Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! On this fifth Sunday in the Ordinary Time the readings challenge us to go courageously beyond people's expectations by doing good as Jesus did. In the Gospel we find Jesus ministering to the needs of others, bringing healing, forgiveness, and a new beginning to many even after sunset on a Sabbath. Jesus' purpose was to love, to teach, to serve, and to give them Life by sharing their lives.

Jesus the Son of God was a man for others, sharing who he was and what he had with others. In His life there was time for prayer, time for healing, time for rest, and time for reconciliation. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness with others. At the same time let us recognize that we all need the healing of our minds, our memories, and our broken relationships and offer ourselves to Jesus the Healer.

This Wednesday, February 10th, our Pastor Fr. Jerry Riney celebrates his Birthday. Let us wish him and pray for him. Let us thank God for his life and ministry for us and for the people of God.

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

February Birthdays

2--Nancy Bumm

3--Jacques Williams, Sr.

6--Philip Moorman

9--Beau Bisel

10--Father Jerry Riney

23--Larry Allen

24--Yasmeen Williams

27--Sondra Hibbs



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

February 7--Hugh Moorman

February 14--Kenneth Higgs

February 17--Grace Medley Ebelhar

February 21--Donald Moorman

February 28--Charles E. Thompson

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: Janice Taul, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, , Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, 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.

I am not sure exactly what Heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, "How many good things have you done in your life?" Rather He will ask, "How much love did you put into what you did?" Each person we meet is Jesus in disguise.

----Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Feb. 17--Ash Wednesday Mass 6 PM
Feb. 19--Fish Fry (drive-through)
4:30--6:30 pm



March 26--Fish Fry (drive through)
5-7 pm



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YTD budget--\$ 29,512



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. Amen.

HINDSIGHT

God’s presence is not discerned when we are in the middle of it, but afterwards, when we look back.

Laugh of the Week

A guy wins a ticket to the Super Bowl and so he’s very excited. However, he’s not so excited when he gets there and realizes his seat is in the back of the stadium. So he looks around for a better seat and to his surprise he finds an empty seat right next to the field. He approaches the older guy who is sitting in the seat next to the empty one and asks if the seat is taken. “No” replies the man. The young guy is very surprised to hear this and asks, “How could someone pass up a seat like this?” The older guy replies, “It’s my wife’s seat. We’ve been to every Super Bowl together since we’ve been married but she passed away.” “Oh, how sad, the guy says taken aback. “I’m sorry to hear that, but couldn’t you find a friend or relative to come with you?” “No,” the man replies, “They’re all at the funeral.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20— 2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-9/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29-30 /Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5,

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita,
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

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Blessed Mother Church will have Sacrament of Reconciliation every Monday 5-6 pm starting February 22 thru March 29th.

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we’ve been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today’s account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don’t just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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I'D LIKE TO PRAY TO JESUS ABOUT MY CRIPPLED LEGS BUT I AM AFRAID OF THAT 'TAKE UP THY BED AND WALK PART'

Lectors

February 7: Layson Brooks
Barbara Bisel

February 14: Kathi Skidd
Jacques Williams

February 18: TBA

Black History Month Prayer

God of Mercy and Love we place our African American families before You today.

May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation.

Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life.

Bless our parents, guardians, and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Help us, as your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick, and the lonely.

Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. Amen.

Finding Everyday Miracles

The suffering of Job we read about in today's First Reading can feel familiar to those who have been deeply affected by the hardships or heartbreak caused by the pandemic. And yet the Psalm offers hope: "*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*" The Gospel provides further contrast to Job, recounting the miracles of Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law and curing of many sick people. Jesus preached the Word of God through his words and actions, performing miracles so that people could witness or hear testimonies and believe.

Do we believe in miracles in our present-day lives? What is your definition of a miracle? This might be challenging to reflect upon if you have ever prayed for a miracle that did not happen. As disciples, we strive to hold on to hope, to find the small miracles of everyday life which can be discovered if we pay attention enough to realize them. In prayer, reflect on your week and think of some things that could be considered small miracles; offer gratitude to God for them. Offer prayers for those who are suffering heartbreak or hardship, and ask the Lord to heal their wounds. As disciples, we are called to offer hope to each other. Do you know someone who needs an everyday miracle? Give them a call, send them a card, or take them a meal or treat. Let them know that they're in your prayers.

February 8- International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. This is the second International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. The day is intended to raise awareness and encourage reflection on the violence and injustice that impact victims of human trafficking.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.



The Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita – the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking is celebrated on 8th February. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

St. Josephine was kidnapped at the age of nine and sold into slavery. Flogging and maltreatment were part of her daily life. She experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery.

It was only in 1882 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul. This event was to transform her life. In this family and, subsequently in a second Italian home, she received from her masters, kindness, respect, peace and joy.

A change in her owner's circumstances meant that she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters and her next fifty years were spent witnessing God's love through cooking, sewing, embroidery and attending to the door. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. As she grew older she experienced long, painful years of sickness, but she continued to persevere in hope, constantly choosing the good. During her last days she relived the painful days of her slavery and more than once begged: 'Please, loosen the chains... they are heavy!'.