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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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9)

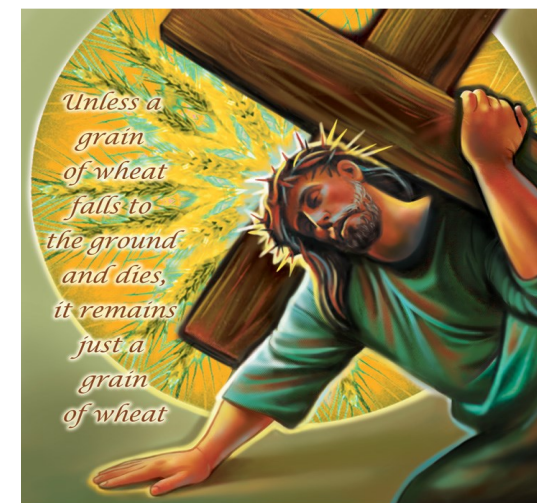
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

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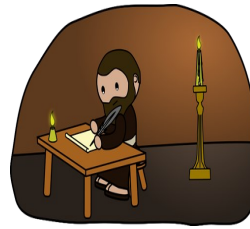
5th Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.



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The Father will honor whoever serves me.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! We are one week away from the Holy Week. It's time for us to make all the possible efforts to renew our relationship with God and His People. I would like to thank all of you for your participation in the special collections taken to support the missions of Heralds of Good News. Please continue your encouragement to the missionary endeavors in the Church.

The Gospel this weekend focuses on the approaching death of Jesus and his inner struggle in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. Jesus accepts the cross as the way of glorifying His Heavenly Father and being exalted and glorified by His Father. This is an assurance that Jesus gives us to be shares in His glory provided we are sharers in His cross.

Time has come for me to move on. I am appointed as the Parochial Vicar of Saints Peter and Paul Parish at Hopkinsville effective June 8th 2021. You all, especially Fr. Jerry and Sr. Jeannette, have been so kind and gracious to me. I will be always grateful to you for the warmth of your love and care. Hope to see you all these days before I go. God bless you!

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

March Birthdays

18--Jean Higgs

19--Dennis Mayfield

25--Carol Hatchett

28--Stephen Hall

31--Cameron Malone,
Frank Fulton

April Birthdays

3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,
Bobby Hardin

6--Marshall Williams



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

March 7--Mary Ann Calhoun

March 14--Mary Joyce Christian

March 21--Betty Clark

March 28--Debbie Bellwood

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, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, , Ruth Coble, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, 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 Place. 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.

Special Happenings Prayer Requests

March 20--Seminarist Martin Ling (from Myanmar)) is ordained a transitional deacon

April 26--Father Paul leaves for a month to visit family/ friends in India

May 22--Deacon Corey Bruns will be ordained a priest

May 23--Aubrey Ottoby and Ethan Gough confirmed at SSC 11 am Mass

Please pray for Joey Higgs, younger brother of Ray Higgs who died unexpectedly.

Coming Events
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel



March 26--Fish Fry (drive through)
5-7 pm
March 28--Palm Sunday
April 1--Holy Thursday Mass 7 PM



March 14--\$826
Weekly budget--\$952
MTD collections---\$1883
MTD budget--\$1904
YTD collection--\$40,318
YTD budget--\$35,224



Candles--\$2

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.

St. Stephen Cathedral offers the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Saturday 9:30-11:30. Also during Holy Hour on Sunday 5-6 pm. Blessed Mother Church will have Sacrament of Reconciliation every Monday 5-6 pm starting February 22 thru March 29th.

The Sunday School teacher asks, “Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?” “No sir,” little Johnny replies, I don’t have to, my mom is a good cook.”

An 89-year-old man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of the night. He replied, “I’m on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late.” The officer asked, “Really? Who’s giving that lecture at this time of the night?” The man replied, “That would be my wife.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-3-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Saints and Special Observance
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo,
Thursday: Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion



Blessed Sacrament Chapel will have Holy Services as follows;

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed and may be picked up at end of Mass.

Tuesday: Chrism Mass--livestreamed

Holy Thursday: 7 pm Mass followed by Adoration in church

Good Friday: 7 pm Service (3 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral)

Lauds (Morning Prayer) on Friday and Saturday 9 am at St, Stephen Cathedral

SAVED BY GOD’S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

Laugh of the Week

A daddy was listening to his child say her prayers. “ Dear Harold...” “Wait a minute, honey, how come you called God Harold?” The little girl looked up and said, “That’s what they call Him in church. You know the prayer we say, ’Our Father, who art in heaven, Harold be Thy name.’” And then there was this particular four-year-old who prayed, “And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our trash baskets.”

<u>March 21</u>	Barbara Bisel Jacques Williams
<u>March 28:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Sarah Malone
Passion:	Kathi Skidd, Jacques Williams
<u>April 4:</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it’s tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it’s okay to be scared, that it’s something we all feel. We want them to understand that bravery isn’t the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.”

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. ““Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

Discipleship: Dying to Self

Lessons about stewardship are plentiful in Scriptures, and today’s Gospel offers us more than one. Jesus explains that the grain of wheat that falls to the ground must die in order for new life to begin. Stewardship, or discipleship, calls for us to die to ourselves in order to bear fruit. If we do not, we remain unchanged, unable to produce fruit and offer those gifts to God. There’s still time during this Lenten season to shed our old selves.

Pray: Set aside time each day to spend quiet time with the Lord in prayer. Take advantage of parish opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross or attend a Holy Hour, or make time to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fast: Fast from self-centered ways; consider beginning new habits of serving the less fortunate, reaching out to the lonely, or offering your talents and skills in service to our parish or greater community.

Give: Make giving a habit all year through, not only during Lent. Your offerings of food, essential items, or monetary donations help ease the suffering of those in need.

The Gospel also says, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” As followers of Jesus, we are called to embrace a life of prayer, service, and giving all year through.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.



Feast of God Taking on Human Flesh! The Annunciation commemorates more than the angel’s announcement to Mary of her divine motherhood. It celebrates God’s taking on human flesh. Today the Church gives praise to God for becoming one of us. God does so not to understand our experience better as human beings, but so that we humans might know God more intimately, so that we might see how much God loves us. Becoming human, God also links us more closely to one another. Today’s feast reminds us that we have a mandate to love and care for one another. Remembering this exhortation to care for and love our neighbor, we say with Mary: “May it be done to me according to your Word”!

Mary said “Yes” to God, unreservedly showing her readiness to receive the Son of God in her life; this transformed her life. How can I relive Mary’s “yes” to what God wants for me?