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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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6th Sunday of Lent March 28, 2021

Christ Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

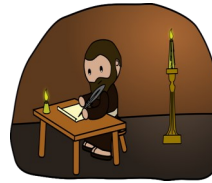
Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47)



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God bestowed on Him the name that is above every other name.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear friends in Christ,
Greetings of God's blessings as we begin the Holy Week on this Palm Sunday! This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.
The liturgy this Sunday combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the trial, crucifixion, death and burial of Christ. The royal reception given to Jesus symbolized the procession in which the sacrificial lamb is taken to the temple during the feast of Passover. The people's slogan of greeting "Hosanna" was a cry for salvation. Passion narrative challenges us to examine our lives in the light of some of the characters in it – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who condemned Jesus etc. Let us observe this Holy Week especially the Holy Triduum with a sincere intention to experience more of God's love and mercy and increase our Faith and love for Him!

(☺) Always
(☺) Keep
(☺), ☺ Smiling!

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

Church Mice

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March Birthdays

25--Carol Hatchett

28--Stephen Hall

31--Cameron Malone,
Frank Fulton

April Birthdays

3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,
Bobby Hardin

6--Marshall Williams

21--Kathi Skidd

23--Misty Sanford



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 28--Debbie Bellwood

April 1--Kenneth Higgs

April 4--Donald Moorman

April 11--Betty Clark

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 any-one 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

April 26--Father Paul leaves for a month to visit family/ friends in India (returns June 4)

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

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

June 8--Father Paul starts ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville

Father Michael Charles Abiero arrives at St. Stephen/ Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March 30--Chrism Mass (priests only)

April 1--7 PM Mass followed by
Adoration in church
Rice Bowls collected

April 2--7 PM service (Liturgy of the
Word, Adoration of the
Cross, Communion)

April 4--10 AM Easter Mass



March 21--\$694.20

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$2577.20

MTD budget--\$2856

YTD collection--\$41,012

YTD budget--\$36,176

Easter flowers--\$85



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** 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.

Did you know--Good Friday is the one day of the year when there is no Mass. We have readings (including Passion) Adoration of the Cross, Communion.

IMP—Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799

We just received notice that our quarterly check for end of Nov. to Feb. is \$146.81. We have 36 households designating Blessed Sacrament as their reward partner. Thank you for designating Blessed Sacrament as your community reward recipient. If you do not have a reward partner, please designate Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35;
b) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
c) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
d) Rom 6:3-11; e) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7

Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Friday: Good Friday: Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins

Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

Laugh of the Week: One Palm Sunday, a little boy had a sore throat and had to stay home from church with a sitter. When the rest of the family came home, they were carrying palm branches. The little boy asked what they were for. His father told him that people held them over Jesus' head when he walked by. In a sad, disappointed voice, the little boy said, "Wouldn't you know it? The one Sunday I miss, Jesus shows up!"

March 28:	Aubrey Ottofy
	Sarah Malone
Passion:	Kathi Skidd, Jacques Williams
April 1:	Layson Brooks, Sarah Malone
April 2:	Jacques Williams, Kathi Skidd
Passion:	Barbara Bisel, Layson Brooks
April 4:	Layson Brooks
	Barbara Bisel
April 11:	Aubrey Ottofy
	Jacques Williams

Thought for the Week

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, “hosanna to our King,” out of one side of their mouths and, “crucify him,” out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God’s name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

Palm Sunday

As we reflect on our experiences over these past weeks, we can ask ourselves: is anything different? Have I made changes or observed the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare my heart for Easter? Have I reconciled with the Lord? Is there someone in my life with whom I should reconcile?

Pray: Set aside time quiet time during Holy Week to spend time with the Lord in prayer. Come and pray the Stations of the Cross Monday evening at 6; attend our Lenten Holy Hour (Palm Sunday at 5 pm) to pray or receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fast: Fast from “busy-ness,” put aside usual routines or “to-do’s” to participate in and focus on Holy Week liturgies. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday offer us the opportunity to walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and Resurrection. For those who are not yet attending Mass in person, our Holy Week and Easter liturgies will be available via livestream. Access the livestream from the front page of our website at www.ststephencathedral.org.

Give: Prayerfully consider a donation for the CRS Rice Bowl. Give of yourself by giving the gift of forgiveness. Lent is a good opportunity to let go of fears or grudges and make amends with someone in your life with whom you need to reconcile. Is there something for which you need to forgive yourself?

.TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the “Road of Sorrows,” in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today’s usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion’s Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It’s less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim’s unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.



Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It’s okay for us to be excited for Easter. It’s going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let’s not “skip” Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book. Don’t rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most. These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them.