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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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3rd Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

TODAY'S READINGS

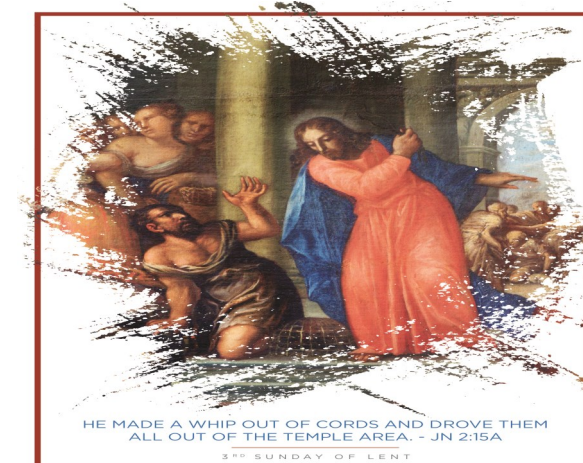
First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17).

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19).

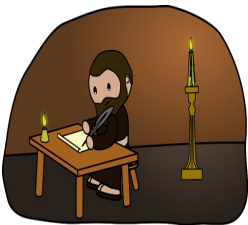
Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) .

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The weakness of God Is stronger than human strength.



From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! This Sunday, the third Sunday of Lent, we are given an opportunity to reflect on sanctification of our souls and lives. Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temples of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship through our repentance. The Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of His death and Resurrection.

The Temple in Jerusalem was the place where God made His Name or Glory to dwell, a symbol of God's relationship with His people. Jesus' promise of a new Temple suggested that God's glory would be manifested, not in a building, but in a Person. Jesus replaces and supersedes everything the temple had formerly symbolized. Jesus is the Temple in Whom His followers come into contact with God.

As Christians we also have this vocation to be Temples, the medium of relationship with God. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity and injustice. We are expected to cleanse our hearts of all evil and welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives by repentance and renewal of our lives. I encourage you to make use of the opportunities for confessions in neighboring parishes.

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

March Birthdays

- 2--Marsha Allen
- 6--Jax Malone,
Alizabeth Hatchett
- 7--Britney Carmona
- 18--Jean Higgs
- 19--Dennis Mayfield
- 25--Carol Hatchett
- 28--Stephen Hall
- 31--Cameron Malone,
Frank Fulton



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

It's Not Too Late To Begin Again

How's your Lenten journey going? Perhaps you're well on your way. Or maybe you started off on the right foot on Ash Wednesday but have gotten sidetracked, or despite good intentions you haven't yet taken those first steps toward renewal. The good news is that no matter where you are along your Lenten journey, it's not too late to begin. The Church shows us the way and gives us the signs to follow: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As disciples, our journey to the foot of the cross may sometimes feel like an all-uphill trek or strewn with obstacles. Sometimes we stray off the path. **It's not too late to begin again.**

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March 7 Black History Program 6:30 PM

March 14--Collection for Heralds of Good News



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



February 28--\$1786

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$5028

MTD budget--\$3808

YTD collection--\$38,435

YTD budget--\$33,320 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.

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

Our final tally after the fish fry is \$994.89. We have some food left that we did not open so our expenses should be a little less for the one on March 26. Start promoting it now. That makes a big difference. Many positive comments!!

Thanks to each of you who contributed to the success of our fish fry. We had donations of fryers so we no longer have to rely on people bringing them up for the day. We couldn't have served a nice meal without the donations of deserts, beans, and cornbread--AND ALL THE WORKERS--THE BREADERS, FRYERS, SERVERS, CLEANER-UPPERS!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21;

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. John of God, Religious
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome,
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins



THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

FORGIVENESS

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.

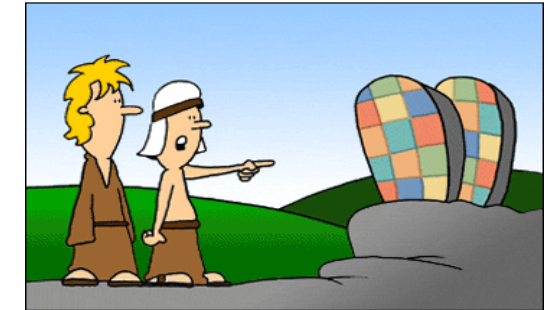
KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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March 7: Layson Brooks
Sarah Malone

March 14: Kathi Skidd
Aubrey Ottofy

March 21: Barbara Bisel
Jacques Williams

Year of St. Joseph

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared that the Church will be celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and will end on December 8, 2021. This is a historic event for the Church because it is the first time celebrating a Year of St. Joseph. Pope Pius IX declared him as “Patron of the Universal Church” (Sacred Congregation of Rites, Quemadmodum Deus, Dec. 8, 1870). Pope Pius XII proposed him as “Patron of Workers” (Address to ACLI on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the Worker; May 1, 1955). Pope John Paul II called him “Guardian of the Redeemer” (Apostolic Exhortation Redemptoris Custos, August 15, 1989). Saint Joseph is traditionally considered the “Patron of a happy death” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1014). Pope Francis calls him “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty”; he also considers St. Joseph the “protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying” (Patris Corde, 5). St. Joseph, pray for us!

Gospel Reflection

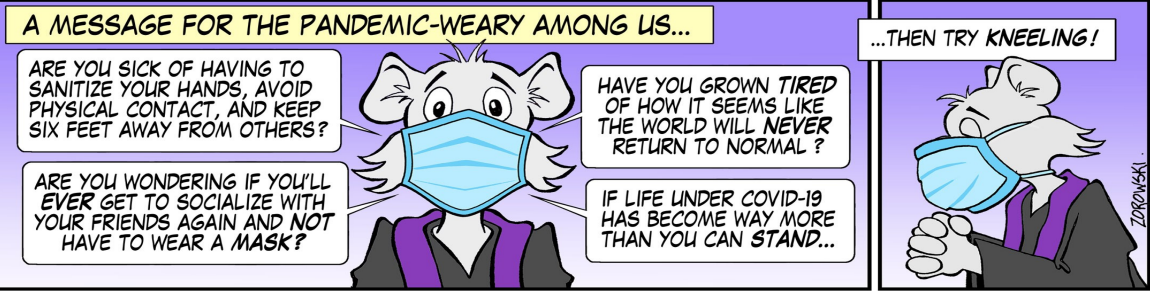
We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s pre-occupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod’s temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician’s dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to “depart from error” and declare that “Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God.” In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

Church Mice



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Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he’s just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he’s ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers. “Hello, I’m Brother Michael and this is Brother Francis.” “I’m very pleased to meet you . I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I’ve every tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?” Brother Michael replies, “Well, I’m the fish friar.” Father turns to the other brother and says, “Then you must be...” “Yes, I’m afraid I’m the chip monk..”

At the end of our lives we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.

--Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta