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# Blessed Sacrament

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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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**4th Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

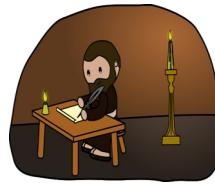
**Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* ©



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# I will lay down my life for my sheep.



## From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Let us continue our prayers for our Pastor Fr. Jerry as he is recuperating well. He has decided to take a leave from work for a few days. This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. We reflect on our Risen Lord Jesus Christ who is Living with us to guide us, provide for us and protect us as a Good Shepherd. This Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us remember in a special way to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and consecrated life.

Jesus in today's Gospel claims that He knows His sheep and loves them so much that He is ready to die for them. This gives us both comfort and challenge. It is comforting to us to feel His love, care and protection. The challenge is that we are also called to be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care.

Jesus also refers to "other sheep" and "one" flock. This points out to the universality and unity of the community of believers. This "other" could be anyone whom we find difficult to consider one with us. It could be anybody with differences. We are called to the fullness of Truth and Unity found in the Catholic Church. Our task is to spread the Good News and be united to make "one flock" of Jesus Christ.

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

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

### April Birthdays

- 21--Kathi Skidd
- 23--Misty Sanford
- 25--Charlene Meadows
- 26--Vivian Higgs
- 27--Ruth Coble
- 29--Jeff McCarter

### May Birthdays

- 7--Connie Clary
- 8--Mary Ann Terry



### 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

- April 25--Charles E. Thompson
- May 2--Ann Denise Ward
- May 9--Betty Clark
- May 16--Mary Ann Calhoun

*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: Father Jerry, Stephen Hall, Linda Connors, Doris Smith, Jarrod Malone. Sr.,** 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 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. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

### Special Happenings Prayer Requests

- 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**



## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

May 2--Parish meeting

May 23---Confirmation of Aubrey & Ethan at SSC 11 am

June 6--Father Paul's last Mass with us

June 13--Father Michael Charles at BSC



April 18--\$855

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$3,085.60

MTD budget--\$2856

YTD collection--\$45,780.80

YTD budget--\$39,984 Candles--\$3



*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.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPER-SIZE THAT TODAY?

We praise the Lord for all our benefactors. God has been so good to us as a parish. I am sure each of us can think of many blessings that have come to Blessed Sacrament in the last months. (and many that we are not aware of.). Remember them in our prayers.

Thanks to Charlene Meadows for bringing beautiful flowers each Sunday to decorate our worship place. Thanks also to Marsha and Larry Allen for supplying some of the blossoms for the bouquets from their plants.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Gn 1:26—2:3, Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-14 and 16, Mt 13:54-58

## Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort,

Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena

Friday: St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



**Christianity is Jesus at work in the world.**

## SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and live-stock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

## Celebrate Easter

Easter season extends to Pentecost (May 23rd). Each Sunday is to be a day of rest but make the Easter season Sundays special. Use it as a time to participate in Eucharist, a time to relax, re-create, read a book, spend time with your family, visit loved ones. Allow Sunday to refresh your spirit.

April 25: Layson Brooks  
Kathi Skidd

May 2: Jacques Williams  
Aubrey Ottofy

May 9: Sarah Malone  
Kathi Skidd

### Good Shepherd Sunday

Today's Gospel offers the familiar and comforting message of the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd knows and cares for each of his sheep, leading them and protecting them. Like a flock cared for by a shepherd, we are a faith community, sharing our trust in the Lord. We strive to listen for the Good Shepherd's voice and follow Him. Are we, as sheep of His flock, listening for His voice? Do we trust in Him, or do we doubt because of the difficulties that inevitably arise in life? Trusting is not always easy; we are, after all, only human. We can learn to hear His voice, building trust by persevering through prayer, reading Sacred Scripture, receiving the Sacraments, and opening our hearts and minds. Are there areas in your life where you need to place your trust in God more fully?

Please keep in your prayers the shepherd of our Diocese, Bishop Medley, and the shepherds of our parish, Father Jerry and Father Sinoj. They are called each day to guide and care for us through commitment, sacrifice, and leadership.

### Scripture Opportunity Calling All Adults

To celebrate the Easter Season, the diocese is offering a Wednesday night Easter Series titled "Stories of Faith." Each Wednesday will feature a story from the Acts of the Apostles sharing the witness and faith of the early Church, and each week will offer a witness from a leader around our diocese. As disciples of Jesus, we need to hear and share our stories of faith to inspire others to experience the gift of God's love. So join leaders from around the diocese, to pray and grow together as we share, "Stories of Faith." The series will be held on Zoom and you can register at: <https://owensborodiocese.org/stories-of-faith/>

April 28	Fr. Larry McBride-
May 5	John Knight
May 12	Zach Alt
May 19	Lori Lewis

### Photographer's Mercy

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice."

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

### Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 25, 2021

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen



**Baptism of Luke Bisel,  
son of Brett and Jamie Bisel  
Congratulations!**

