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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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Ascension May 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23)

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

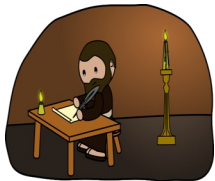
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May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know what is the hope that belongs to His call.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

By now you must have received a letter from Fr. Jerry Riney about his retirement. It is really heartbreaking and this is not the way any of us wanted it to happen. But we realize out of our love for him we have to accept and respect his decision. 46 glorious years in the Ministry of the Lord. What a blessing! He will retire on June 8th and till then he will continue to be on medical leave. We shall have him one day for our Mass. Let us continue to support him through our prayers and friendship.

Today is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This commemorates the departure of Jesus from this world to enter into the heavenly glory to which He made us also partakers. This Solemnity invites us to happily look forward to the “unclear” future. Let us seek the grace from God to grow in Faith and Trust in His promises.

Coming Saturday, May 22nd, Deacon Corey Dale Bruns will be ordained a Priest at the Cathedral. Corey has been part of our parish in his pastoral year and in most of the important occasions and has been of great help to us. All of us may not be able to participate in the Ordination Liturgy in person, but I encourage you to join him for the Holy Hour 5 pm on Friday, May 21st, and his second Mass of Thanksgiving 6 pm on Monday, May 24th. Let us continue to pray for Corey as he approaches the Sacred Order of Priesthood.

Next Sunday is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. We remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early community of believers. On this day 2 young members of our parish are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray for them. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, representing the Holy Spirit; you are welcome and encouraged to wear red at Mass on May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost!

(“~.~”) Always
~.~(“~.~”) Keep
~.~(“~.~”) Smiling!

God Loves You!!
Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

May Birthdays

- 7--Connie Clary
- 8--Mary Ann Terry
- 12--Cindy Clark, Brent Hatchett, Charles Brown JR
- 14--Steve Coble
- 18--Tina McHenry
- 19--Lad Ottofy
- 22--Charles Brown, SR
- 23--John Carson Malone
- 27--Herbert Millay



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

- May 2--Ann Denise Ward
- May 9--Betty Clark
- May 16--Mary Ann Calhoun
- May 23--Donald Moorman
- May 30--Grace Medley Ebelhar

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



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

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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

May 30--Father Jerry's last Mass with us

June 4-5 Yard sale

July 13--Father John Thomas arrives



May 9--\$905

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$1720

MTD budget--\$1904

YTD collection-- \$48,759

YTD budget--\$42,840



May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Prayer 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.

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. There's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness. It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home. That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave. But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113: 1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Saints and Special Observance

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day

Tuesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Smile of the Week: Kids of Israel

When Mr. Smith finished his Sunday school lesson, it was time for questions and answers. Up shot little Tony's hand. "According to the bible, Mr. Smith, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. Right?" "Right." "An' the children of Israel clobbered the Philistines, right?" "That's right Tony." "An' the children of Israel built the Temple right?" "Right again." "An' the children of Israel fought the 'Egyptians, an' the children of Israel fought the Romans, an' the children of Israel wuz always doin' something' important, right?" "All that's right too," agreed Smith. "So what's your question?" "What I wanna know is this," demanded Tony. "What wuz all the grown-ups doin'?"

MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.



June 4 and 5.

Blessed Sacrament is co-sponsoring a yard sale on June 4 and 5. We need items that will sell and workers. Workers are needed on Thursday (3rd) to price items and workers on June 4 and 5. We must have parishioners present for insurance purposes. If you can help, please volunteer for a couple hours or the day.

May 16: Layson Brooks
Jacques Williams

May 23: Barbara Bisel
Sarah Malone

May 30: Aubrey Ottofy
Kathi Skidd

Go Out to all the World

Jesus told the disciples to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” Think about this for a moment; how would you have felt if you had received that message from Jesus that day? The Gospel says that they “went forth and preached everywhere.” As followers of Jesus—as disciples—we, too, are called to proclaim the Gospel. How can we go about this in our own lives, in today’s world? Does this mean we have to travel to distant lands? This brings to mind the saying, “Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words.” (*Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*). There are countless ways to ‘preach the Gospel’! We can offer our time and talents by serving those in need or sharing our faith. There are many opportunities here in our own parish; if you aren’t already involved, pray about sharing your gifts. When we do, we express gratitude to the Lord for the bountiful blessings we receive and preach the Gospel through our generosity, kindness, and actions.

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-offaith/>

May 19

Lori Lewis



A big shout out to Sarah and Jarrod Malone and family for cleaning flower beds, planting flowers and putting fresh mulch on flower beds and Ron Moorman for trimming trees and bushes on the property.

Laudato Si (Praise be to You, my Lord)

Laudato si' (written 6 years ago) is the second encyclical of Pope Francis. The encyclical has the subtitle "on care for our common home". In it, the pope critiques consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action."

His message is one of urgency, stressing the need for personal and community conversion in order to address a climate crisis that threatens all of God’s creation.

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate progress and plan ahead. This week (May 16-24) is Laudato Si Week and the beginning of a multi year process aimed at making the communities around the world sustainable in the spirit of ecology.

This fall some communities will begin with the action **Response to the Cry of the Earth**. This entails greater use of clean renewable energy and reducing fossil fuels in order to protect and promote biodiversity, guaranteeing access to clean water for all. Each year this year’s participants will move to another goal and some others will begin with year one. *The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND’s) are part of this endeavor this fall.*



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Congratulations to Austin Gough, the recipient of the Diocesan Slim Award (Student Leader in Ministry) and a 2021 Graduate. Above Austin and his parents, Tina and Greg, are receiving a blessing from Father Sinoj and the congregation. Our prayers go with Austin as he goes to college at the University of Kentucky.

Church Mice

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