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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**

**St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office:** 270-683-6525

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**12 Sunday in Ordinary Times June 20, 2021**

Do you not yet have faith?

## TODAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,  
 (Job 38:1, 8-11)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)

### Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
 the old things have passed away; behold  
 new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

### Gospel:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:40-41)



**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
 The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
 "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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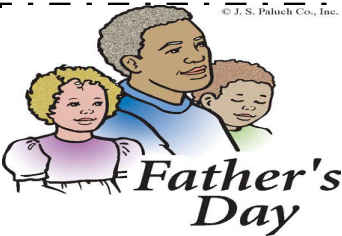
# Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

## June Birthdays

- 2--Anthonia Hagan
- 13--Charles Brown III (Buddy)
- 15--Lea Ann Johnson
- 16--Sister Jeannette
- 23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter
- 25--Father Jamie
- 30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.



## Mass Intentions

- June 13--Louie Moorman
- June 20--Mary Ann Calhoun
- June 27--Grace Medley Ebelhar
- July 4--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, Herbert Millay, Stephen Hall, Doris Smith, Margaret Wilkes, Maddie Forsyth, 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: Herbert Millay who is at Hermitage, 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.

## Thank you!

Thank you for remembering my birthday with the gathering in the hall. Our first gathering back symbolizes a return to time when we can gather and just talk. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. You are special to me and I treasure these past 6 years as I have had the opportunity to get to know you and work with you. Through our prayers and works may we bring each other closer to Christ. You are in my daily prayers; please pray for me.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Thank you all for coming together after the Mass last weekend to tell Sr. Jeannette how much we appreciated her, and wish her a happy Birthday. Let's continue to pray for her. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers! While a mother's love and sacrifice have been recognized and hailed by many literary and social expressions, a father's role and importance in our lives have been found getting comparatively less voice and glamour. Our fathers take up struggles and pains without visible tears. They stand as rocky foundations for us to build our lives. Let us take some effort to acknowledge and appreciate them. Declaring Father's Day as a national holiday, President Richard Nixon stated, "Let each American make this Father's Day an occasion for renewal of the love and gratitude we bear to our fathers, increasing and enduring through all the years." Let us also pray for all the fathers to be empowered with God's graces and inspired by St. Joseph, to be faithful in fulfilling their vocation to be the guardians of the souls of all in the family. Dear fathers, Thank you for your "yes" to the call to be the shepherds of the domestic Church.

The liturgy on this Twelfth Sunday in the Ordinary Time gives us a reflection on the role of God in bringing the storms of life into calm. The Gospel describes how Jesus, by a single commanding word, stilled a storm on the Sea of Galilee, while the apostles were scared to death. How often have we been scared over tensions and troubles of life? How often have we allowed the happenings of life to take away our peace of mind and replace it with anxiety? When all things are going on well in life, it is easy to be a Christian; it is easy to be at peace. But when experiences of storms arise, we can forget that the same God who was with us in the good times is also with us in these difficult ones. The true worth of our courage is seen in times of fear; of our hope, in times of despair; of our faith, in times of suffering and difficulty.

Always  
Keep  
Smiling!

Father Sinoj, HGN



# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

July 13--Father John Thomas arrives

August 7--Picnic (Drive-through)  
50-50 raffle ends



June 13--\$1123

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$2146

MTD budget--\$1904

YTD collection-- \$153,771

YTD budget--\$147,600



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



## Bless Our Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy, holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one be day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.

Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20 and 22 /Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-5,/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 /Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 /Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66,  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128 1-5/Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-50 and 53-55 /Mt 8:5-17

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Refugee Day; Father's Day

Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, ; Sts. John Fisher, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Thursday: The Birth of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: BVM

### How do you live the Eucharist?

Father Jason's homily recently gave us much to think. Do we realize the great gift we have in the Eucharist? Here is a reflection of Pope Francis. *The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion that brings us out of individualism so that we may follow him together, living out our faith in him. Therefore we should ask ourselves: How do I live the Eucharist? Do I live it anonymously or as a moment of true communion with the Lord, and also with all the brothers and sister who share this same banquet?*

### Calm and Choppy seas

Maybe the storms and the waves of life are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?



**We look forward to meeting our new pastor, Father John Thomas, who will arrive on July 13th. Please pray for him as he is praying for us.**

### Lectors

June 20: Aubrey Ottofy  
Kathi Skidd

June 27: Greg Gough  
Sarah Malone

July 4: Veronica Wilhite  
Barbara Bisel

### Eucharistic Minister

June 20: Misty Sanford

June 27: Cindy Clark

July 4: Vivian Higgs

### Keeping the Faith

Today's Gospel offers some great opportunities for reflection. Most of us can understand the fear the disciples felt on that boat during a terrifying storm. We can relate to their frantic plea, *"do you not care that we are perishing?"* Have you experienced storms—difficult times in your life—when you have cried out this question to the Lord? We read of the great power of the Lord to calm the ferocity of storms, if only we have faith. Yet like the disciples, we are human and need to be reminded of the great need to have faith. Through perseverance in prayer, receiving the Sacraments, and striving to live out God's will in our daily lives, we can deepen our faith so that we can realize, as the disciples did on that stormy evening, who is here to accompany and calm us through those storms of life that will inevitably arise.

### Diocesan Liturgy Directives

This past week we received liturgy directives that take effect June 12th-13th.

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated. Those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill. These persons should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church.

St. John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." **The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church — the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.**

**You are welcomed back with great joy and eagerness!**

- Masks are not required.
- Physical distancing is not required.
- Sign of Peace is offered without physical touch.
- Communion in the hand is strongly recommended. No Precious Blood distributed.



**We continue to remember Father Jerry in our prayers. Transitions often aren't easy, especially when they are unanticipated. We were very blessed to have him as our shepherd for eight years. He certainly shared with us his love of the Eucharist and his concern and care for the poor.**

Dear Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Chapel,

It was such an honor to celebrate Mass with you on the feast of Most Holy Trinity. The mystery of the Trinity is not about philosophical theorems or theological formulae, though the mystery of the Trinity is a doctrine of our faith—three distinct persons in one God sharing the same divine nature. "The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a central mystery of our Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God. The inner life of God is wider and richer and deeper and more awesome than we could ever capture in words" (The Catechism of the Catholic Church). It is a profound mystery about the relationship between the Father (Creator) and the Son (Redeemer), giving birth to the Spirit (Sanctifier). The Trinity is our home. It is the gift of relationship. Therefore, the more we are in relationship with God, the more we will be in good relationship with our neighbor.

To be honest, the Mass on May 30 was bittersweet for me. I have always loved celebrating the Eucharist with you at Blessed Sacrament, but it is the last time I will preside and preach as your pastor. Three out of four Sundays of the month Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN, was your shepherd. I thank him for his spiritual care, concern, passion and friendship over the past three years.

Sister Jeannette Fennwald, SSND has shepherded this faith community of Blessed Sacrament well as our Parish Life Coordinator. I personally thank Sister Jeanette for her collaboration, insights, dependability, faith, and leadership during her tenure with us. You are a jewel!

Furthermore, I want to thank YOU, the community of Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Your hospitality is the best! Continue to make hospitality the hallmark of your faith community, and it is everyone's privilege and mission to be hospitable, that no one leaves feeling as lonely as when he/she came. Continue to make the banquet in November the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day happen—it says a lot about your being Church, especially for the poor and needy.

Finally, be proud of your faith. Be proactive in nurturing your faith. If your faith grows, you will want to be active! I appreciate your cards and words of affirmation, and I love the picture of Blessed Sacrament Chapel surrounded by your names! Thank you for these past eight years. I will miss you. Your active faith has strengthened mine!

How can I not ask you to pray for me as I transition toward my unexpected retirement. Health is such a gift, which I will never take for granted again. I love being a priest—that is all I have known! Grateful for God's call to minister to his people, I have truly been blessed! May I stay open to God's plan for me during this next season of my life.

Love and peace, Father Jerry Riney