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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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13 Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27, 2021

You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, forever will I give you thanks.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43)

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Your faith has saved you!

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Greetings! On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time the Gospel reading gives us two miracles for our reflection – healing of a woman who suffered from a chronic bleeding disease and raising Jairus’ daughter from death. They reveal Jesus’ will for our wholesome healing and our need to trust in Him and confess our Faith through our lives. Our sufferings and imperfections shall become the means by which we are guided to the Providence of God to be made whole by His blessing. Life has a strange way of evening things up. Therefore the difficulties in life shall be seen as the providential part of the wholesome design of God. This truth shall help us to be patient with the sufferings and confusions we face and take them in Faith to Christ who accepts us as we are and will revive us to fullness, wholeness, and holiness.

This wholesome design of God shall be in our minds as we prepare to celebrate our Nation on July 4th. We as a “united” nation have an identity in ourselves to live the wholesomeness of life and society. The differences and variety of us shall not be a cause of division and non-integration. We shall rise to the design of God revealed through our ancestors to be united and complementing each other to strive to bring everyone together to the fullness of meaning and prosperity.

This week we also celebrate three great Apostles, Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) and St. Thomas (July 3). They had their varied ways of witnessing Christ and his Gospel. But they are united in their willingness to sacrifice their life for the spread of God’s Kingdom and strive to attain eternal reward promised by Christ to those who love and serve Him. Festal Blessings!

☺☺☺ Always
☺☺☺ Keep
☺☺☺ Smiling!

Father Sinoj, HGN

June Birthdays

25--Father Jamie
30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett

July Birthdays

3--Ray Higgs
8--Alexis Hatchett, Calvin McHenry
10--Chelis Carmona
13--Francine Epison
15--Georgia Holland
18--Lori Carman
20--Tina Gough
22--Marcia Wilhite
24--Lori Robinson



Picnic Update:

At our parish meeting on May 2, we decided on what seemed feasible for the picnic. We will sell bar-b-q ribs, chicken, and pulled pork. Pre-sale orders will be taken. We will have a drive-through chicken dinner. We also will have a 50-50 raffle drawing. Tickets are on sale now. Please turn in as soon as you sell.

THE GREATEST NEED

The world’s greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

Mass Intentions

June 27--Grace Medley Ebelhar
July 4--Mary Ann Calhoun
July 11--Donald Moorman
July 18--Ann Denise Ward
July 25--Grace Medley Elbehar

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 Millau 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.

IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament’s # is WX799 Thank you. It does not affect your fuel point or any other rewards. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Thanks to the 37 households that have registered for Blessed Sacrament, we will receive \$152.89;

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

July 13--Father John Thomas arrives

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



June 20--\$823

Weekly budget--\$952

MTD collections---\$2,969

MTD budget--\$2,856

YTD collection-- \$54,594

YTD budget--\$48,552

Candles--\$1



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



Touching the Cloak of Christ

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand. So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ...we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1-4, 8-11 /Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 / Jn 20:24-29

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	St. Irenaeus, Martyr
Tuesday:	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Thursday:	St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Saturday:	St. Thomas, Apostle

Does Not Believe.

St. Thomas July 3

Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord." It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it, promised it: "On the third day I will rise." He wants to see; he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side. And how does Jesus react? With patience Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time; he does not close the door; he waits.

How are we like St. Thomas sometimes?

O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through earthquakes and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

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We look forward to meeting our new pastor, Father John Thomas, who will arrive on July 13th. Please pray that together we spread the Word and love of God.

Lectors

June 27: Greg Gough
Sarah Malone

July 4: Veronica Wilhite
Barbara Bisel

July 11: Jacques Williams
Aubrey Ottofy

Eucharistic Minister

June 27: Cindy Clark

July 4: Vivian Higgs

July 11: Barbara Bisel

PICNIC NOTES

Our picnic is only a month away. You should have received your 50-50 tickets. Please sell them and return the ticket stub and money ASAP. We want to update our FB every few days. Money will go toward updates in church.

How can you be involved?

- ⇒ **Sell raffle tickets and get more**
- ⇒ **Donate a pork butt for pulled pork sales**
- ⇒ **Make another donation since you will not be asked for donations of cakes, and drinks.**

WE NEED YOU!

Give Yourself a Break

Summertime is here! Are you planning any time for rest and relaxation? Everyone needs to take a break now and then, whether it's time at a beach or lake, visiting loved ones, or simply enjoying a "staycation" at home. Life in today's world is hectic for almost everyone, and it's easy to get so busy that we neglect to give ourselves permission to rest. Do you believe that rest, even in small amounts, is important? Resting is not the absence of action, or being lazy, though many of us are conditioned to perceive it that way. Of course our obligations and jobs are important and it can be difficult to make time for rest and self-care, but it is crucial to being the best version of ourselves. One way to be a good steward of God's many gifts is making the best use of His precious gift of time. Why not take a short break each day to rest quietly in God's presence? Use the time for prayer or simply clear your mind and allow yourself to rest in the Lord.

Consider offering some time to someone you know who could use a break, such as new parents or perhaps a caregiver of an ill or elderly family member.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! This past week we celebrated the Birth of St. John the Baptist. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and the birth of the Baptist (June 24). This date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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Thomas the Apostle also called **Didymus** ("twin") was one of the [Twelve Apostles](#) of [Jesus](#) according to the [New Testament](#). Thomas is commonly known as "[Doubting Thomas](#)" because he doubted [Jesus' resurrection](#) when first told of it; later, he confessed his faith ("My Lord and my God") on seeing Jesus' crucifixion [wounds](#).

According to traditional accounts of the [Saint Thomas Christians](#) of modern-day [Kerala](#) in [India](#), Thomas is believed to have travelled outside the [Roman Empire](#) to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as the [Malabar Coast](#) which is in modern-day [Kerala](#) State, [India](#). According to their tradition, Thomas reached [Muziris](#) (in [Kerala](#) State, [India](#)) in AD 52. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to [Abruzzo](#), Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is often regarded as the [patron saint](#) of India among its [Christian](#) adherents, Feast is July 3.