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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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**2nd Sunday Ordinary Time January 16, 2022**

Nations shall behold your vindication and all the kings your glory. Isaiah 62:2

## TODAY'S READING

### First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

### Psalm:

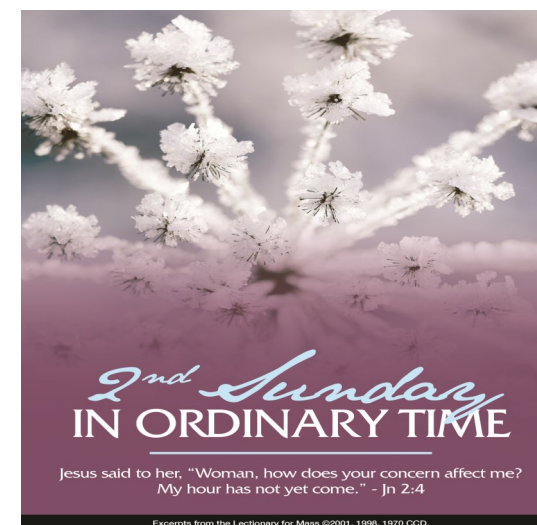
Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

### Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

### Gospel:

Jesus did this as the start of his signs at Cana in Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)



*You shall be called*

*“My Delight.”*

## From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings! We are in the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year. This Sunday the liturgy takes us to the Wedding at Cana which is recorded as the occasion of Jesus' first miracle, “sign” in the Gospel according to John. In this incident we see Mary steering the whole situation for Jesus to reveal himself and pursue fulfilling his mission of incarnation.

“Do whatever he tells you.” This is the only recorded command of Mary in the New Testament. This command shall be our refuge for miracles in our lives. Mary knows that when you fulfill your God-given role, you prepare the way for miracles to happen. By virtue of her position as the Mother of God and our Heavenly Mother, Mary's intercession for us with God has great power.

Tomorrow, January 17<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We continue to pray to end racial discrimination in our society and do our best to live in peace with our brothers and sisters living the communion of the children of God.

Thank you all for your wishes and prayers on the Anniversary of my Ordination to Priesthood. I humbly, gratefully acknowledge your share in making me what I am today.

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

### It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word? Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then listen to whatever He tells us.

### Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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### THANK YOU:

To everyone who has contributed their time and talents to enhancing our Christmas liturgy. We heard some inspiring homilies. The music was uplifting. The decorations added to the festive atmosphere. It takes many hands to decorate and take down decorations. Without each of you, young and old, Blessed Sacrament would not be the same. God bless you!



## December Birthdays

### January Birthdays

3--Parker Malone  
7-- Jacques Williams II  
10--Whitney Williams  
14--Burnell Hamilton  
20--Janet Clark  
22--Vaughn Williams  
25--Louise Johnson  
26--Frank Adams  
27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone  
30--Pam Wilson

## Mass Intentions .

January 2--Dottie Monarch Clark  
January 9--Charles E. Thompson  
January 16--Herbert Millay  
January 23--Betty and John Clark  
January 30--Paul Bender

*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:**  
**Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt, Hank Pardon,** Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, 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 at One Park Place and Shirley Schmidt at Hermitage. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis 1360 Copergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

## IMP—Kroger

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## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

January 16--Synod Listening Session  
#1 11 AM  
February 13--Synod Listening Session  
#2 11 AM  
March 11--1st fish fry 5-7 PM



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

January 9--\$823  
Weekly Budget--\$962  
MTD Collection--\$1477  
MTD Budget--\$1924  
YTD Collection--\$32,422  
YTD Budget--\$26,936

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### Synod Listening Sessions

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be participating in a two-part listening session as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversation. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together. This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church. Please join us January 16 after Mass. The second listening session is scheduled for February 13.

**Invite someone you know to join us. The Holy Father wants to hear from everyone, especially those on the margins-- maybe people who feel excluded or not heard.**

We will try to get a count of who is attending on January 9th as we will have a light lunch after Mass before we begin the listening and sharing. Please try to arrange your time so we hear how you think the Church can be more alive in our lives and how we can reach out. You have a wealth of experience and ideas to make the Church more vibrant.



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Lector	
January 16:	Aubrey Offofy Kathi Skidd
January 23:	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
January 30	Alexis Hatchett Wayne Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	
January 16	Vivian Higgs
January 23:	Cindy Clark
January 30:	Barbara Bisel

Safe Environment

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has [a history of over 100 years](#) , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*) .The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 originates from the churches in Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

The theme, taken from the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, is the Epiphany. Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God’s invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is joined to the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, a baptism all Christians hold in common as testimony to their faith in the Son of God.

*God of every nation, creator of every human life, the Lord Jesus Christ has been made manifest in human history by becoming one of us and one with us. Born in a stable, born in homelessness, he is our King and Lord. The Magi bore witness to the Light of hope coming into the world as they faithfully followed the star, coming from foreign lands in the East, until arriving in Bethlehem of Judea.*

*The solidarity of God with created humanity in this gift of Epiphany calls us to a life of solidarity with the homeless, the refugee, the weakest and the rejected. Help us, O gracious Lord, to do this in unity and peace. Help your Church, to be a light for unity within itself and a beacon of hope for all humanity. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign as One God for ever and ever. Amen.*

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Observances for the week of Jan. 9

- Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
- Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

A Visible God

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds ad the magi and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign.” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesu, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day., nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

Day of Prayer

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

January 22 is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

