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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 of Lent March 13 2022

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear? Ps.27:1**

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:

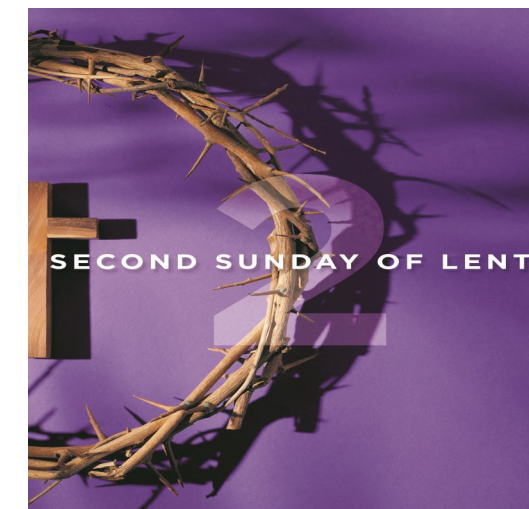
The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body. Our citizenship is in heaven. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:

Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Lk 9:28b-29)



*Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I appreciate all of you who participated in our Fish Fry. Special thanks and congratulations to all who worked! May our parish events like this increase our enthusiasm to be united as a Blessed Sacrament Chapel parish family!

This Second of Sunday of Lent gives us Jesus’ Transfiguration for our Gospel reflection. Through Transfiguration Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, consulting with God and His major servants about His suffering, death, and Resurrection. This also was a learning opportunity for the disciples to have the vision of God’s glory in order to be strengthened to face trials of their lives. Through this Gospel Jesus gives a glimpse of Heavenly glory awaiting us who do God’s will by putting our trusting Faith in Him.

This incident also shows us how we could be overwhelmed with God-experiences. The Gospel says, Peter “did not know what he was speaking.” Each God-experience shall lead us to the fact that we are in a pursuit of reaching the fullness of God’s glory. We shall not let ourselves be overwhelmed and overexcited by our personal God-experiences, lest we might not know what we think, speak, or do.

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION.

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall; we get up; we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice, so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being *hangry*. I’ll give you a quick description of *hangriness*, though I warn you, it doesn’t come from the Oxford English Dictionary. *Hangriness* is when you’re so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can’t get anything done and you’re probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It’s so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is “occupied with earthly things” — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it’s even better than grabbing an energy bar.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

March Birthdays

2--Marsha Allen
6--Elizabeth Hatchett, Jax Malone
7--Britney Carmona
18--Jean Higgs
19--Dennis Mayfield
25--Carol Hatchett
31--Cameron Malone, Frank Fulton



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2nd Week of Lent

How can we fast this week: Fast from wasting water. Only use water needed and appreciate the gift of it..

How can we pray this week: Pray Sunday psalms for Lent: Psalms 91, 27, 95, 34, 126, 22.

How can we give this week: Pick up some bottled water and extra cans of soup and pasta (pop tops recommended) and donate to food pantry.

Mass Intentions .

March 6--Betty and John Clark
March 13--Shirley Schmidt
March 20--Hugh Moorman
March 27--Stephen Hall

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:
Siji (Father Paul's sister) **Dorothy Fennwald,**
Larry Allen, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin,
Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby Tom Johnson,
(Connie Clary's daughter) **Larry Clark, Colin Holahan, Colton Braungardt, Hank Pardon,**
Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul ,
Merle Griffith, 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. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

SHOUT OUT

A HUGE SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE FISH FRY A SUCCESS. ON A COLD MARCH NIGHT, YOU BRAVED THE COLD. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 8.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March 21--Listening Session with Bishop @Blessed Mother 6-8 PM
March 24--Scripture Sharing 5:30
March 25--SSC Fish Fry 5-7:30 PM
April 8--2nd Fish Fry 5-7 PM



March 6--\$1625

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

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LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Reconciliation:

At Cathedral: Each week

Saturdays 9:30-11 AM

Chrism Mass

April 12 6:30 pm

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*As you might be aware we are looking at ways to move our parish forward. We are looking at renovations and soon will have an illustration to show you better what is being planned. Part of any moving forward has to be to invite people to join us and to pray. **We will begin a Scripture Sharing group on Thursday, March 25, praying over the Sunday readings. Put it on your calendar. Thursdays at 5:30.***

	Lectors
<u>March 13::</u>	Greg Gough Wayne Stephens
<u>March 20:</u>	Jacques Williams Sarah Malone
<u>March 27:</u>	Barbara Bisel Kathi Skidd
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>March 13:</u>	Barbara Bisel
<u>March 20:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>March 27:</u>	Misty Sanford

Lent: A Conversion of Mind and Heart.

During Lent we are called to seek a transformation—a conversion of our hearts and minds. Only God can truly bring about this type of conversion, but we need to place our trust in God and be open for a change to occur. The transformation journey can present challenges, but also offer joy! Discipleship challenges us to make mindful, thoughtful decisions about our lives. Each of us is called to be accountable to not only to become gratefully aware of how God blesses us, but also to listen to how He calls us to share those blessings. Lent offers opportunities to grow closer to Jesus and become more aware of our blessings through observance of the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

PRAY: Set aside time each day to spend quiet time in prayer. **FAST:** Trade fast-food meals for something simple at home; take a break from TV, phones, and social media to spend time with family or friends; call someone who may need a kind word; give up the worries or annoyances of the day and instead write down three things for which you are grateful. **GIVE::** Check all the places where you keep spare change and use it for a Rice Bowl offering; keep the Rice Bowl on your kitchen table as a reminder.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
We have tried so many times and over so many years
to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and
by the force of our arms.
How many moments of hostility and darkness
have we experienced?
how much blood has been shed?
how many lives have been shattered?
how many hopes have been buried?
But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!
Grant us peace, teach us peace;
guide our steps in the way of peace.
Open our eyes and our hearts,
and give us the courage to say: "Never again
war!"; "With war everything is lost".
Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete
steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets,
God of Love,
you created us and you call us to live as brothers
and sisters.
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of
peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our
path as our brother or sister.
Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens
who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into
implements of peace,
our trepidation into confident trust,
and our quarreling into forgiveness.
Keep alive within us the flame of hope,
so that with patience and perseverance
we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.
In this way may peace triumph at last,
and may the words "division," "hatred," and
"war" be banished from the heart of every
man and woman.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16- 17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14- 16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-4-46
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Observances for the week of March 13

Thursday:	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick’s Day
Friday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

.St. Patrick | March 17

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized in the name of Christ.

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul say, “Many...conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction...Their minds are occupied with earthly things. (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (3:20) He will “change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.” (3:21) Note that he says “body” rather than “bodies.” He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So “stand firm in the Lord.” (4:1)

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Let us think of St. Joseph, who watched over Mary and Jesus, of his care for the family God had entrusted to him, and of the attentive gaze with which he guided it to avoid the perils on the way.
St. Joseph is a great model for all of us. What can we learn from his example of uncomplaining obedience to God’s call and his readiness to serve?