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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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TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my
beard; my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned
me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Because of this,
God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

[Jesus cried out in a loud voice.](#)

"Father, into your hands I commend my
spirit"; and when he had said this he
breathed his last. (Lk 23:46)

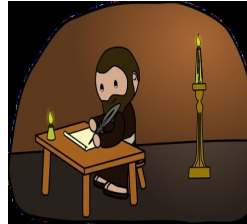
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The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced. (Is.50:7)



*The whole multitude
began to praise God aloud with joy.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Palm Sunday Greetings and God's gracious blessings in this Holy Week! This week we more specially remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. Wholehearted participation in the Holy Week liturgies shall help us strengthen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and nourish our lives as God's children.

Today's liturgy commemorates Jesus' royal entry into Jerusalem and the glorious reception he received from his admirers. We receive palm branches as a reminder that Jesus Christ is the savior and the King of the Universe. Thus we acclaim him as the King of our hearts, our lives. We also remember today the contrasting moments of Jesus' suffering – trial, condemnation, crucifixion, death and burial. We read the Passion Narrative to remind ourselves of the true glory Jesus celebrated through his suffering and death on the Cross.

Let us eagerly participate in all the liturgies of the Holy Week and receive God's graces of forgiveness and peace into our hearts. Please note the time of the liturgies and come together to celebrate. May Christ enter into our lives and allow us to share in His suffering, death and Resurrection!

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION.

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every diocese in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a Bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desired for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

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Church Mice

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A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass? *My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?*

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that. Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

April Birthdays

3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,
Bobby Hardin
6--Marshall Williams
21--Kathi Skidd
23--Misty Sanford
25--Charlene Meadows
26--Vivian Higgs
27--Ruth Coble
29--Jeff McCarter



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6th Week of Lent

How can we fast this week: Thinking of Jesus painful steps, give up a close parking spot. Walk a little further with our bundles and burdens

How can we pray this week: .Let us pray with song. Fill moments with spiritual music.

How can we give this week: Just as Jesus was stripped of his clothes, let us strip our closets of some of our shoes and clothes. Donate to the needy.

Mass Intentions

April 3--Helen Miles
April 10--Richard Clouse
April 14--Herbert Millay
April 17--Stephen Hall
April 24--Kathleen Meyer

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 Varghese (Father Paul's sister) **Larry Allen, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby** (Connie Clary's daughter) Natalie Clark, Tom Johnson, Colin Holahan, 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.

*As you might be aware we are looking at ways to Growing Forward in Christ. We are planning renovations. Part of any moving forward has to be to invite people to join us and to pray. **We usually have a Scripture Sharing group on Thursdays, praying over the Sunday readings.** It will resume on April 21 at 5:30. Put it on your calendar.*

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 12--Chrism Mass 6:30 PM at Sportscenter
April 14--Holy Thursday Mass--7 PM
April 15--Good Friday Service 6 PM
Day of Fast and Abstinence



April 3----\$1212

Weekly Budget--\$962

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YTD Budget--\$38,480

Candles \$1

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

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Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum--from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The Triduum days are the days leading up to the biggest feast of the year: Easter. Join us for Holy Thursday at 7PM. This day commemorates the Last Supper when Christ instituted the Eucharist and the day the Apostles were ordained. The oils which were blessed at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday and will be used during the year are carried up in procession. Father washes feet to remind us of how Christ ministered to His apostles during the Last Supper. After Mass there is a time for prayer, just as Jesus invited His apostles to pray in the Garden of Olives. Good Friday is the only day of the year when the Eucharist is not celebrated. The liturgy consists of readings, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion. The Passion according to St. John is read on this day.

We will not have a Holy Saturday celebration at Blessed Sacrament so check other parish's schedules. The service begins with the lighting of the fire. This is the night when new members are baptized and received in the Church.

	Lectors
<u>April 10:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Connie Clary
<u>April 17:</u>	Jacques Williams Kathi Skidd
<u>April 24:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Sarah Malone
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>April 10:</u>	Vivian Higgs
<u>April 17:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>April 24:</u>	Jarrood Malone

As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we can ask ourselves: Have I made changes or observed the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare my heart for Easter? Have I reconciled with the Lord? Is there someone in my life with whom I should reconcile? Lent is a wonderful opportunity to let go of fears or grudges and make amends with someone in your life with whom you need to reconcile.

Pray: Set aside time quiet time during Holy Week to spend time with the Lord in prayer. Come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation; a Lenten Communal Penance Service is 2:00 pm today, Palm Sunday, at the Cathedral.

Fast: Fast from “busy-ness;” put aside usual routines or to-do lists to participate in and focus on Holy Week liturgies. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday offer us the opportunity to walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and Resurrection.

Give: Prayerfully consider a donation for the CRS Rice Bowl. Give of your time and talents to serve in ministry; our parish needs and appreciates your participation! Give your time to a friend, family member, or fellow parishioner who could use a call or visit.

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.

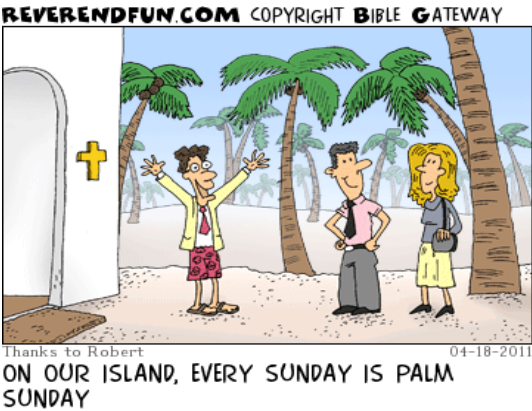
Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love,
you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.
Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat 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:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-6, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 18/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14- 16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 /Gn 22:1-18, Ps 16:5, 8, 9-11 /Ex 14:15:1-6, 17-18 [1b/Is 54:5- 14/ Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6 /Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16- 18-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 / Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16- 17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Observances for the week of April 10

Monday:	St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr
Thursday:	Holy Thursday
Friday:	Good Friday; Tax Day
Saturday:	Holy Saturday



The Story of Our Redemption

We begin this final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bid farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again.

ALL FOR US

At the last Supper with his friends, He breaks the bread and passes the cup round “for us.” The Son of God offers Himself to us: He puts His Body and Blood into our hands, so as to be with us always, to dwell among us. And in the Garden of Olives, and likewise in the trial before Pilate, He puts up no resistance, He gives Himself; He is the suffering Servant, foretold by Isaiah, who empties Himself, even unto death. --Pope Francis

THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.