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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:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

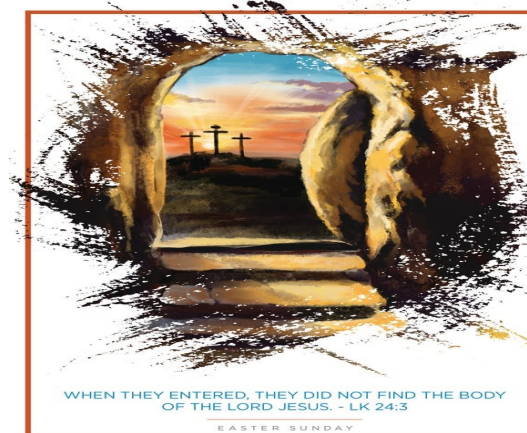
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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Easter Sunday April 17, 2022
When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Col.3:4



*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

Happy Easter! This is the day we commemorate the most glorious event of our Salvation history and world history - Jesus Christ is Risen. In the Resurrection we celebrate the glory of Christ and the fulfilment of his promises. It is the basis of our Faith. Therefore in our vocation as missionary disciples of Christ, we shall boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead to sustain us in our Faith.

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Easter gives us hope and encouragement in times of pain, and suffering. Resurrection is the sign that shows us the worth of this life along with its weakness and frailty. "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." We shall strengthen our Faith in the Lord who will give us new life when we surrender ourselves completely to Him. Wish you all a grace-filled Easter Season.

Being the children of the Resurrection, we are blessed to live a life of hope constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord. This conviction of the living presence of Christ with us shall discipline our lives in Christ. This shall inspire us to keep our bodies holy and free from all evil.

I request your prayers for me as I will be away for visiting my family in India. Wish you all a grace-filled Easter!

😊😊😊 Always
😊😊😊 Keep
😊😊😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

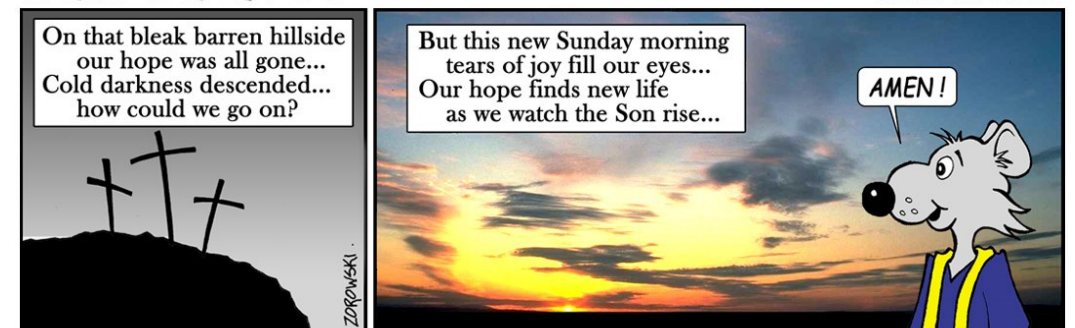
Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION.

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given us as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us." --James Field, Copyright @J.S.. Paluch Co.

Church Mice

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Picture of parishioners who served at reception when Archbishop Fabre visited Owensboro 2019.

LET US FEEL THE JOY

At dawn, they went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and found the first sign: the empty tomb. Their meeting with a messenger of God followed. He announced: "Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified One, has risen; he is not here." The women were motivated by love and were able to accept this announcement with faith: they believed and passed it on straight away; they did not keep it to themselves but passed it on...

This should happen in our lives too. Let us feel the joy of being Christian! We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to "come out of ourselves" to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life!
--Pope Francis

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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Archbishop Fabre, new archbishop in Louisville, pictured above with some of our parishioners when he gave a talk in Owensboro. In 2019

Mass Intentions

April 10--Richard Clouse
April 14--Herbert Millay
April 17--Stephen Hall
April 24--Kathleen Meyer
May 1--Betty and John Clark

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 looking at 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



Happy Easter

May the Risen Lord enrich each of you with His joy and blessings! Let Him transform you with His power and magnify your acts of love.

Father John, Father Sinoj, HON,
Sister Jeannette, SSND



April 10--\$1153

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD Collection--\$2365

MTD Budget--\$1924

YTD Collection--\$47,737

YTD Budget--\$39,442

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

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Continuing the Journey

Our journey through Lent has brought us to the joy of Easter. How was your journey...was it difficult at times? Do you believe you grew or changed spiritually in any way through embracing the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Did your Lenten sacrifices or experiences reveal anything unexpected?

So we welcome and celebrate Easter, but we continue our journey, now with the hope and joy of the Risen Savior. We can use our Lent experiences to make choices as we go forward. We can:

- choose to begin each day with a grateful heart
- ♦ make time each day for prayer
- ♦ acknowledge all we have comes from God
- ♦ Recognize, accept the gifts God has given us
- ♦ cultivate and care for our gifts responsibly
- ♦ share our gifts and blessings with our parish and greater community
- ♦ serve and pray for those in need
- ♦ pray for our parish, our community, our nation, our world
- ♦ choose JOY!

Nurturing our God-Given Gifts

Like the flowers in our yards and gardens, our gifts from God—our time, talents, and treasure—need to be cared for and nourished. This Easter season, as we enjoy the beautiful flowers and blossoms around us in God's creation, we can think about the seeds we plant in our lives. Are we aware of the gifts God has given us? Are our gifts being nurtured to bear beautiful blooms, or are they waiting to be cultivated?

	Lectors
<u>April 17:</u>	Jacques Williams Kathi Skidd
<u>April 24:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Sarah Malone
<u>May 1:</u>	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel
	Eucharistic Minister
<u>April 17:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>April 24:</u>	Vivian Higgs
<u>May 1:</u>	Rita Moorman

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out. “I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.” He says it a little more elegantly, I’ll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you’d better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth. I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I’m pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it’s just easier to stay in the tomb. It’s easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there’s anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It’s a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn’t rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the Light. He is waiting for you.
Tracy Welliver

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:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18--20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2and 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22--27/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14 --21/Mk 16:9-15

Observances for the week of April 10

Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St. Anselm, Bishop
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy);



Happy Easter

Happy Easter! Or a most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch--Passover! Pasqua! Israel’s Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus’ Passover through the Cross to Resurrection! Our catechumens’ Passover last night and ours once upon a time, through Baptism’s waters to our family’s Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, “Here comes everybody!” So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own St. John Chrysostom’s Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: “Let everyone enjoy this radiant feat! You who fasted from Lent’s beginning and you who didn’t fast at all, rejoice! The table’s richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again; pardon has risen from the tome! Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

Thanks!

Thanks so much to each and everyone of you who helped with the fish fries. (Many compliments on the fish, slaw, and potatoes!) Thanks also to you who brought food or helped serve at the funeral last Monday. Our prayers are for Vince McCarter and his family.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, there will be Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and confessions at Blessed Mother Church 1-3 PM