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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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## TODAY'S READING

### First Reading:

See, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
(Is 43:19)

### Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

### Second Reading:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things (Phil 3:8)

### Gospel:

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7)

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**5th Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022**

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Phil 3:8



*Neither do I condemn you.  
Go and from now on, sin no more.*

## From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! We have just one more week to enter the Holy Week. On this Fifth Sunday God calls us to celebrate our relationship with Him and make progress in this relationship. The Gospel speaks of the story of the woman caught in adultery. This story of sin committed and sin forgiven shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to us repentant sinners. At the same time Jesus demands sinlessness as the condition to throw stone at others.

Thus Jesus grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. Jesus confronts the self-righteousness of the accusers with the demand that they first examine their own consciences before they accuse another. At the same time Jesus did not shrink from calling her deed a sin, inappropriate and against the design of God. He upheld the justice of God by not excusing sin. He valued repentance and conversion more than simple reprisal. Not only did Jesus not condemn the woman, he also gave her hope for the future.

Let us continue to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness everyday and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, home is the first Christian school where one learns love and repeated forgiveness (CCC#1657). May we be enlightened to have the sight of our faults and opportunities to forgive!

😊 Always  
😊 Keep  
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION.

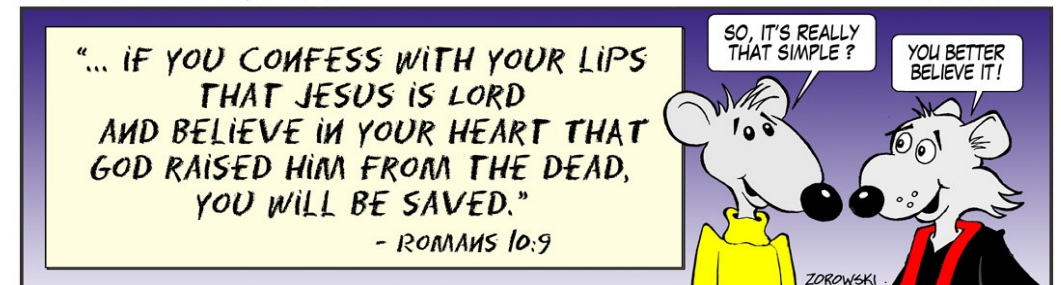
Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussy willows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory, even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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March Birthdays

25--Carol Hatchett  
31--Cameron Malone, Frank Fulton

April Birthdays

3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,  
Bobby Hardin  
6--Marshall Williams  
21--Kathi Skidd  
23--Misty Sanford



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5th Week of Lent

How can we fast this week: Fast from avoiding those we tend to dislike. Each time, we want to judge, say a decade of the Rosary for them.

How can we pray this week: Keep a Rosary in your pocket. Pray for anyone you want to judge--not that they change but that we change.

How can we give this week: Give an open mind to all. Open our hearts where they have been closed.

Mass Intentions

April 3--Helen Miles  
April 10--Richard Clouse  
April 14--Herbert Millay  
April 17--Stephen Hall  
April 24--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) Natalie Clark, Darlene Fennewald, Larry Allen, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary’s daughter) Tom Johnson, Colin Holahan, 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.

***Let us not forget that the Lord always watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him! He has a merciful heart. If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive us. It is pure mercy. Let us go to Jesus.***  
--Pope Francis

Coming Events  
CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- April 7--Scripture Sharing 5:30 PM
- April 8--2nd Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- April 12--Chrism Mass 6:30 PM
- April 14--Holy Thursday Mass--7 PM
- April 15--Good Friday Service 6 PM



March 27--\$1547  
Weekly Budget--\$962  
MTD Collection--\$5345  
MTD Budget--\$3848  
YTD Collection--\$45,372  
YTD Budget--\$37,518

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

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Biblical Brainteaser

There are names of sixteen books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. See how many you can find:

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts... and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Rest assured, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

**Solution:** (No fair peeking before trying:)

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	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>April 3:</u>	Layson Brooks Alexis Hatchett
<u>April 10:</u>	Aubrey Ottofy Connie Clary
<u>April 17:</u>	Jacques Williams Kathi Skidd
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<u>April 3:</u>	Cindy Clark
<u>April 10:</u>	Vivian Higgs
<u>April 17:</u>	Misty Sanford

About Judgment and Forgiveness

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*” Have you ever felt harshly judged by someone? Have you ever judged others based on their appearance, friends, social status, job, or because of gossip you have heard? As disciples, we can practice gratitude as a powerful antidote to thoughts of judgment, envy, or bitterness that can creep into our hearts.

Observing the three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—can help us as we journey through these last weeks of Lent.

**Pray:** In prayer, ask the Lord for wisdom to refrain from judging others. Ask for forgiveness and the strength to forgive others; pray for those who are judged unfairly; receive Reconciliation.

**Fast:** Fast from gossip and grudges. Fast from selfishness; practice random acts of kindness: write a thank-you note to someone who has made a difference in your life, let the person behind you in line at a store go in front of you. Fast from comparing yourself to others; say something positive and encouraging to *yourself!*

**Give:** In gratitude, share your God-given blessings by volunteering your time in parish ministries or support Catholic Relief drive.

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 13:41-62/Ps 23:1-3-6/ Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/ Jn 10:31-42

Observances for the week of April 3

Monday:	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

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• We continue our journey through the sea-	•
• son of Lent to the joy of Easter. As we	•
• move through the second half of Lent, let	•
• us put on the life of the virtues that work	•
• against the “Seven deadly sins.” They	•
• thrive in the garden of humility, service,	•
• and sacrifice for another where no weeds	•
• of darkness can dare grow.	•
• ◇ Against Pride wear Humility	•
• ◇ Against Envy wear Love	•
• ◇ Against Wrath/Anger wear Kind-	•
• ness	•
• ◇ Against Sloth wear Zeal	•
• ◇ Against Avarice//Greed wear Gener-	•
• osity	•
• ◇ Against Gluttony wear Faith and Tem-	•
• perance	•
• ◇ Against Lust wear Self-control	•
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God’s Actions Now

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events; when we were prisoners in Egypt, when God brought us out of slavery ad through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ’s work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed--forgiveness. Of course, one can sin no more is one is dead, caught in one’s sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Lent Opportunities**

**Reconciliation:**

**April 7: Carmel Home 3 P.M..**

**Immaculate 6:30 P.M..**

**April 10: St. Stephen 2 P.M.**

**April 12: Chrism Mass at Sportscenter 6:30 PM**