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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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**April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday**

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

## Sunday's Readings

### 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)

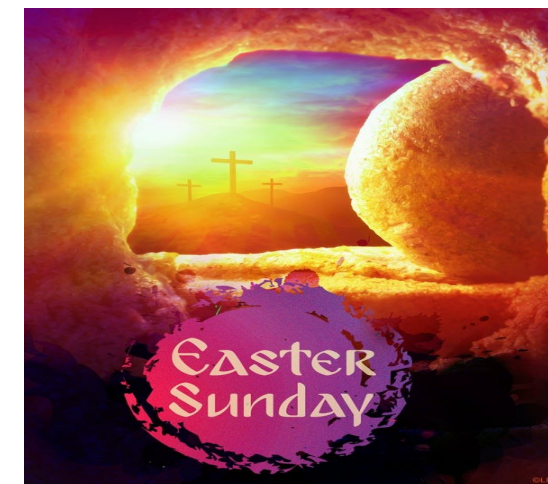
### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass



## DAWNINGS

I've learned--That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.  
I've learned--That when you are in love, it shows.  
I've learned--that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned--That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.  
I've learned--That being kind is more important than being right.  
I've learned--That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned--That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.  
I've learned--That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.  
I've learned--That sometimes all a person need is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned--That simple walks with my father on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.  
I've learned--That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.  
I've learned--That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned--That money doesn't buy class.  
I've learned--That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.  
I've learned--That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned--That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.  
I've learned--That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.  
I've learned--That love, not time, heal all wounds.

I've learned--That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.  
I've learned--That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.  
I've learned--That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned--That life is tough, but I'm tougher.  
I've learned--That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.  
I've learned--That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned--That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.  
I've learned--That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.  
I've learned--That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned--That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.  
I've learned--That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done. Andy Rooney

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of Baptism; we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promise to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water.  
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## Church Mice



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**Thanks to all who helped with providing food or working at the fish fry. A fantastic group!! In spite of the weather forecast, we made a profit of \$934.**





### April Birthdays

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



*The very first Easter taught us this:  
that life never ends and  
love never dies.*

Katie McGahan

### Mass Intentions

April 2--Brian Bumm  
April 6--Tom Riney  
April 9--Mike Coakley  
April 16--Betty Winsatt  
April 23--Ron Sullivan

*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: Brian Bumm, Philip Moorman, Jr., Wynter Keller, Larry Clark, Brent Hatchett, Gloria Savet, Rachel Mattingly,** Charlie Brown Sr, Carol Hatchett, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, , Camilla Greer, **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

**May the joy of Easter**

**Fill your heart with hope**

**And your life with  
happiness.**

**Father John, Father Shibu,**

**Sister Jeannette.**

## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

April 9--Easter Sunday  
Mass 10 am

April 12--Evening Prayer of Protection and Healing--6 pm  
St Stephen Cathedral

April 13--Scripture reflection 5 pm

April 30--Celebration of sacraments/graduation



April 2--\$1331

Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$.1331

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YTD Collection--\$50,809.35

YTD Budget--\$40,204

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

**CHRIST HAS RISEN** Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen and life reigns.

### Easter Sunday

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Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don’t. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did. Father John Muir ©LPi

**Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms**



LECTORS	
<u>April 9:</u>	Misty Sanford, Barbara Bisel
<u>April 16:</u>	Layson Brooks, Kathi Skidd
<u>April 23:</u>	Alexis Hatchett, Greg Gough
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>April 9:</u>	Cindy Clark, Greg Gough
<u>April 16:</u>	Vivian Higgs, Sarah Malone, Charlene Meadows
<u>April 23:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Misty Sanford, Kathi Skidd
Collection & Gifts	
<u>April 9:</u>	Sanford family
<u>April 16:</u>	Holly, Kelly, Samuel Hollis
<u>April 23:</u>	Connie Clary, Wonet Taylor
<u>April 30:</u>	Aubrey and Lad Ottofy

Laugh of the Week

St Peter meets three new potential Heaven Members and says, “Ok, tonight we’re going to have a quiz. Just a simple question: What is Easter?” The first guy says, “oh, that’s easy. It’s when the family gets together and have turkey and mashed potatoes and...” “No, no. That’s Thanks-giving! Ok, who’s next?? The next man says, “Very simple. It’s when you get a tree and presents for everyone and ...” “No, no, no! That’s Christmas,” says St Peter. “Ok, last person give it a try. The guy says, “Well, Easter is when Christ was crucified, his body was placed in a cave, and they rolled this HUGE boulder in front of it, and...” “Hey,” St Peter yells at the first two. Listen up and you’ll learn something!” “So,” the third guy continues, “then 3 days later they rolled that huge rock away from the cave opening, and if Jesus comes out and sees his shadow, we’ve got three more weeks of winter!!”

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— Father John Muir

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 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 8:2 and 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 9

Saturday:	Tax Day
Next Sunday:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



*It is the Resurrection itself that opens us to greater hope, for it opens our life and the life of the world to the eternal future of God, to full happiness, to the certainty that evil, sin, and death may be overcome. And this leads to living daily situations with greater trust, to facing them with courage and determination. Christ’s resurrection illuminates these everyday situations with a new light. The Resurrection of Christ is our strength.* --Pope Francis

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

“What do you know?” is the question linking all three readings today. Imagine the shock waves that shot through the city of Jerusalem that first Easter morning. Jesus’ body was missing! By the time Peter spoke the words found in today’s first reading, fifty days passed, so he began by saying, in effect, “I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth.” Of course they knew by then, but in today’s Gospel we are taken back to the first day. We meet Mary Magdalene exclaiming, “We don’t know where they put him!”

What do we know? In the second reading Paul asks, “Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?” Do we know the power of our own faith? Do we know the effect we can have on others? Copyright J.S. Paluch Co. Inc.

April is Child Abuse Awareness month. We set time aside to pray for victims and survivors of both child abuse and sexual abuse, especially for those that occurred in the Church. ***Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen***

Please pray for our parishioners who have important sacramental happenings in their lives this spring: Kelly Hollis who was received into full Communion of the Catholic Church last night. Lad Ottofy who will be confirmed and Lennox and Marshall Williams and John Carson Malone who will receive their 1st Communion.