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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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January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday--Ordinary Time

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps. 25)

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

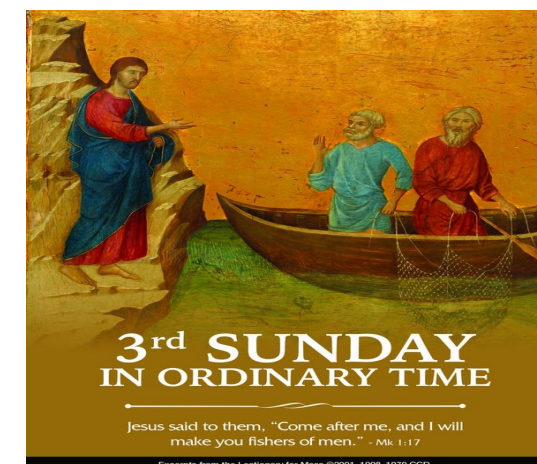
[Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:](#)

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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My Dear Friends:

We can all become rather set in our ways. We get into certain ways of doing things and it can be easy to stay with those ways and rather difficult to change from them. We develop routines and those routines keep us going. It often takes someone else to broaden our horizons a little, to open us up to areas of life that we would never otherwise have ventured into. We each might be able to identify such people in our own lives, those who introduced us to something that proved to be very enriching and that helped us to grow as human beings.

Jesus was such a person for the two sets of brothers in this morning’s gospel. Peter, Andrew, James and John lived in a world that was very much defined by the Sea of Galilee. They were fishermen. The tools of their trade were their boats and their nets; the fruit of their trade was the fish that they caught and the money they received for selling on the fish. They had every reason to believe that this would always be their way of life. Their lives had a very particular rhythm and they probably intended go on living to that rhythm until they were too old or sick to work. Then, one day Jesus entered their lives and the impact he had on them was such that they left their boats and their nets, and even their families, to follow this man and to share in his mission. ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of people’, he said to them. Instead of gathering fish into their nets, they would now share in Jesus’ work of gathering people to God. It is hard to imagine a greater change of rhythm than the one which today’s gospel puts before us.

The invitation Jesus gave to those two sets of brothers, ‘Follow me’, is addressed to each one of us. In our case that call will not mean leaving our jobs, if we are fortunate enough to have one, or, much less, leaving our families. Yet, the call of our Lord will always involve the opening up of some new horizon or other. In calling on us to follow him, Jesus is always opening us up to broader horizons, to God’s perspective on life. This will often mean looking afresh at the way we do things, the routines that we have built up and seem to keep us going. The Lord’s call to follow him is addressed to us every day of our lives. It will mean something different every day, but it is always a call to keeping setting out on a new journey, God’s journey, which is the journey towards other people in selfless love.

Peter, Andrew, James and John were called to leave their natural family to embrace a much larger family, the future family of Jesus’ disciples. The Lord’s call to us to follow him today will always involve some element of that call to open ourselves up to a wider family, the family of the church or of humanity. The first reading this morning is from the story of the prophet Jonah. He was a Jew and he had all the prejudices of some Jews at the time against non-Jews. Yet, God called him to head out and preach the message of God’s merciful love to the pagans, to the people of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire, the arch enemies of the people of Israel. Here was a call that was stretching Jonah’s horizon to breaking point and he ran away from it. Yet, God pursued him and did not give up on him until Jonah answered the call. In this morning’s gospel we find Jonah doing just that and his message met with tremendous openness from the people of Nineveh. God’s horizon is so much wider than ours. To answer the call of Jesus involves letting our own limited horizons be stretched to embrace God’s vision for our lives. Before Jesus called on Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him, he announced, ‘the time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the good news.’ The kingdom of God has no borders or boundaries. Our calling is to embrace the values of God’s kingdom. To do that we need to keep on repenting, to keep on dying to the narrowness of our vision and lifestyles. Saint Paul calls on us not to become engrossed in the world, not to give ourselves over completely to what is superficial. While living in the world we are called to look beyond it towards that endless horizon of God’s kingdom. Today is church unity Sunday. Regardless of the church to which we believe it is in responding to that fundamental call of Jesus that we will grow closer together Blessings, Fr. John

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary” is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your “Ordinary birthday gift,” or the “ordinary hospitality at the dinner party”? No restaurant advertises its “ordinariness,” no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, “Look how ordinary it is!” Yet here we are in “Ordinary Time.” The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means “ordinal,,” or “numbered” Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus’ life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the “ordinary Sundays” begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity to Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing “ordinary” about “Ordinary Time.” copyright J.S. Paluch, Co.

My Flesh for the Life of the World

Our bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”

The [National Eucharistic Revival](#) started in 2022 and will be continuing over these next few years, in hopes of restoring and strengthening our faith in Jesus Christ and the Eucharist. Together, we are reflecting on the Blessed Sacrament and the importance it holds in our Catholic faith as the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us as a gift of love and nourishment. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and with one another as members of His mystical body, the Church.

This will all lead up to the first [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in the United States in almost fifty years, where an estimation of 80,000 Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith July 17-21, 2024. From this journey we will follow with a year of going out on mission “for the life of the world.”

We are asking you to be a part of this historic event. Participate within your parish, deepen your hearts in prayer through Adoration, find spiritual growth in your community. Invite your friends and neighbors. This revival is meant to foster a spirit of unity, love, and compassion extending out past our parishes and families and into our daily lives. In rejoicing in the gift of the Eucharist and celebrating our Catholic heritage, may it strengthen you as you live out your faith in this world.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3--Parker Malone
7--Jacques Williams II
10--Whitney Williams
14--Burnell Hamilton
17--Adaira Hatchett
20--Janet Clark
22--Vaughn Williams
26--Frank Adams
27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone
30--Pam Wilson



MR CHEAPSKATE:

After being away on business for a week, Bill thought it would be nice to return home with a gift for his wife. So he went to the mall to do a little shopping. "How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50. "That's a bit much," said Bill, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30. "That's still quite a bit," Bill grunted. Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle. Bill grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something really cheap." So the clerk handed him a mirror.

Mass Intentions

January 7--Sandra Brown

January 14--Kenneth Higgs

January 21--William Tapp

January 28--David "Smokey" Millard

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:
Larry Allen, Charlie Brown Sr, Jim Fen-
newald, Karl Herzog, Steven Moorman, Ra-
chel Mattingly, Gina Kirby, Philip Moor-
man, Jr., Yuri Phen, Larry Clark, Ruth Co-
ble, Shaun Winchell, Jeeriah Cruite, Carol
Hatchett, Teresa Woods, Jordan Gertisen, Bud-
dy Adcock, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin,
Janice Taul, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Ad-
ams, Shelby Webster, Larry Conder, Andy
Evans, Gary Moorman, Wynter Keller, If
you know of anyone who is in need of prayer
or visitation, please notify the office.

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Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

January 19--Scripture--10:45

February 4--St. Blase Blessing of Throats at 10 am Mass

February 14--Ash Wednesday 6 pm Mass

February 24--Italian Dinner 6:30 pm

March 22--Fish Fry 5-7 pm



Jan. 14--\$825.50

Budget--\$1094

MTD Collection--\$2,451.50

MTD Budget--\$2,188

YTD Collection--\$39,804.69

YTD Budget--\$31,,696

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

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

January 21:

Layson Brooks, Sarah Malone

January 28:

Wayne Stevens, Barbara Bisel

February 4

Leland Herzog, Katie Goins

January 21:

Eucharistic Ministers

January 21:

Janet Clark, Katie Goins, Vivian Higgs

January 28:

Sarah Malone, Rita Moorman, Denise Richardson

February 4:

Cindy Clark, Holly Hollis, Greg Richardson

Collection & Gifts

January 21:

Jacques and Whitney Williams and sons

January 28:

Jamie Bisel and sons

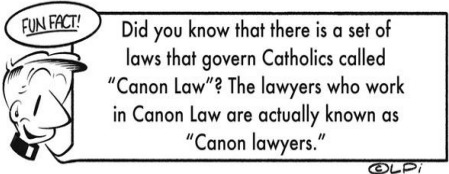
February 4:

Burnell Hamilton, Ron Moorman

“What do you call a Catholic priest who became a lawyer?”



“A Father-in-law!”



A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I’ve never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, “This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch.” I’ve never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn’t* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it’s the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, “Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I’m...” But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. “Come on,” He says, and He doesn’t mean “When you’re finished” or “When it’s convenient” or “Think about it.” He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that “the world in its present form is passing away.” He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You’re not who you thought you were, and you don’t need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

“Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment.’” — Mark 1:14

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, -22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 /Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Observances of Week of January 21	
Monday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday:	St. Vincent, Deacon ; St. Marianne Cope,
Wednesday:	St. Francis de Sales,
Thursday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Saturday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin

THANKS

To Neil at Neighborhood Mart

For the pizzas for the meeting last weekend.

- New Year Resolution**
- **The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.**

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:100). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing way.” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them--rather mysteriously--to live “as thought” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets--and even their father--and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

In a frail human being, each one of us is invited to recognize the fact of the Lord, who in his human flesh experienced the indifference and solitude to which we so often condemn the poorest of the poor, whether in developing countries or in wealthy societies. Every child, who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.

Pope Francis