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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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November 16, 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.
(Mal 3:20)

Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
(Ps 98)

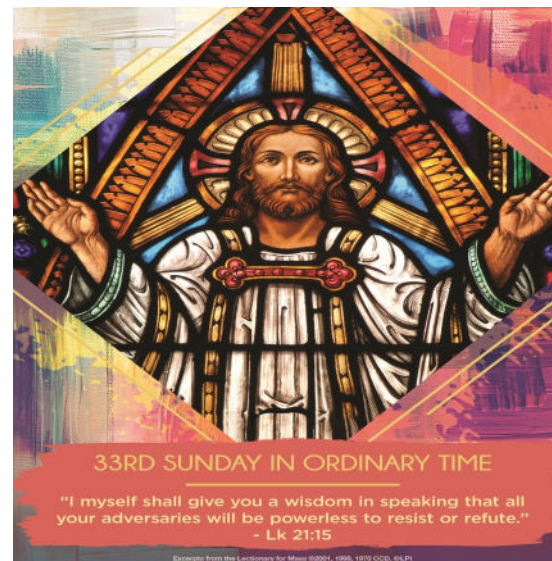
Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.
(2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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My Dear Parishioners:

Liturgical time began with the proclamation of The Word. The proclamation of the Word shaped the faith of the church concerning what God had done and was now doing in Christ.

Both Jewish and Christian worship include constantly retelling the memories from God’s faithfulness in the past (story) and ritually enacting those memories (liturgical practice) in order to kindle hope in God’s promised future and, thereby, be enabled to live freely in the present. Telling the story of God-with-us, and naming that presence in daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal, and annual cycles (ordered time) always have been and still are crucial to both Jewish and Christian worship.

The Gospel story proclaimed over a period of time spawned the church’s liturgical practices. That period of time, permeated by the proclamation of the Word and by people’s response to the Word, has come to be known as the liturgical calendar. What we hear in the Gospel stories of God-with-us is the redeeming work of Christ: incarnation-crucifixion-resurrection-outpouring of Spirit:

- Christ was born.
- Christ taught.
- Christ was crucified.
- Christ was raised up.

And the Spirit was poured out on us. The saving work of Christ is the story behind the story of Jesus’ life.

The liturgical calendar, therefore, commemorates not the historical life of Jesus but the redeeming work of Christ. Liturgy may be dramatic but it does not reproduce history. We are called not to reenact what Christ said and did, but to proclaim what Christ said and did.

In order to understand the shape of the liturgical calendar, we begin with the fact that from earliest times, Christians have gathered for worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, The Lord’s Day because it was the day of Jesus’ resurrection.

To honor God’s work in raising Jesus from the dead, Christians gathered on this day to recollect Jesus’ words and deeds, and celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among them in the bread and cup of The Lord’s Supper. Story and meal formed the heart of worship each Sunday. Sunday was and is a festival in its own right.

While the whole gospel is celebrated on each Lord’s Day, it is not surprising that early Christians found meaning in celebrating particular days that centered on a major event or aspect of the saving story. Gradually an annual calendar emerged. By the fourth century, its major features were in place. That basic shape remains today. Whenever it has focused on the saving events of Christ, it has played a major role in forming the faith of the people.

What we can faintly discern of God’s time in our present calendar may be portrayed as two recurring cycles of extraordinary time undergirded by periods of ordinary time. Each cycle of extraordinary time commences with a period of preparation and anticipation, and culminates in a season of celebration. One cycle spirals around incarnation (Christmas), and the other around resurrection (Easter). Together they lead us through God’s time.

On the backside of my ‘pastor’s corner’ this weekend is a basic outline of the liturgical year as it progresses.

THE CHRISTMAS (INCARNATION) CYCLE

- Four weeks of Advent
- Twelve days of Christmas
- The Epiphany of the Lord

ORDINARY TIME
(January 7 through Tuesday before Ash Wednesday)

THE EASTER (RESURRECTION) CYCLE

- “Forty days” of Lent
- Fifty days of Easter
- The Day of Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME
(Monday after the Day of Pentecost through Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent)

Particular days in and out of season offer a special focus or special occasions on which to begin or conclude a cycle:

- The Baptism of the Lord (begins our marking of Ordinary Time)
- The Transfiguration of the Lord (concludes our marking of Ordinary Time)
- Ash Wednesday (begins Lent)
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Thursday of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday) (concludes Lent)
- Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
- Saturday of Holy Week
- The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
- The Ascension of the Lord
- The Most Holy Trinity (opens our marking of Ordinary Time)
- All Saints’ Day
- Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe (ends our marking of Ordinary Time)

As we prepare to end our liturgical year next weekend with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King (The 34th or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time) we recognize the power of Christ in the Sacraments. We draw near to him at the altar of service and find strength in gathering in his name. Time marches forward to him who created us all.

Blessings,

Fr. John

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November Birthdays

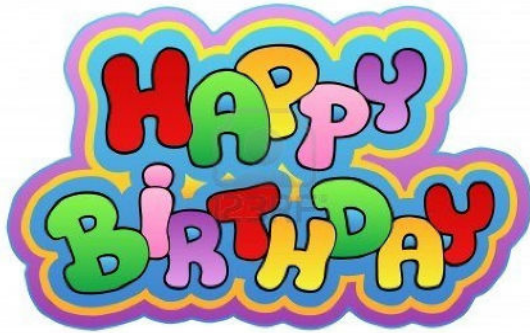
16—Joyce Moorman,
Greg Gough
19—Ron Moorman,
Barbara Bisel
20 – Gary Wahl
22—Trey Hatchett

Mass Intentions

November 16--Dan Halbig
November 23--Larry Allen
November 30--Jean Murphy

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died. 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: Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**



St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the “commoners” she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband’s family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband’s allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

November 16 -- Religious Ed

November 23 -- No Religious Ed

November 30 -- No Religious Ed

November 23 -- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



November 9--\$1,678.00

Budget--\$1,300.00

MTD Collection--\$2,965.50

MTD Budget--\$2,600.00

YTD Collection--\$36,190.09

YTD Budget--\$25,700.00

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

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I’d occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel regarding false messiahs: **“Do not follow them” (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn’t found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it’s real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It’s to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn’t about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It’s about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
	Lectors
<u>November 16:</u>	Wayne Stephens, Layson Brooks
<u>November 23:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough
<u>November 30:</u>	Jacques Williams, Misty Sanford
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>November 16:</u>	Greg and Denise Richardson Greg Gough
<u>November 23:</u>	Cindy Clark, Misty Sanford, Janet Clark
<u>November 30:</u>	Rita Moorman, Michelle Jones, Holly Hollis
	Collection & Gifts
<u>November 16:</u>	Jamie, Beau, Luke Bisel
<u>November 23:</u>	Burnell Hamilton, Steve Coble
<u>November 30:</u>	Dee and Brennah Brasher

Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to help make our annual thanksgiving community meal a success.

Please see the sign up sheet in the back of Church for sides, desserts, and drinks. We also need help with carving turkeys, serving, and clean up on Sunday November 23rd.

Thank you for your ministry of service to our parish and community!

Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

“What’s wrong?” my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

“She’s — going — to — die — someday,” I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

“Ohhh, honey.” I’ll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. “I think you might be tired.”

Ten years later, it’s a memory we laugh about. I hadn’t slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It’s funny. It’s absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Observances for the week of November 16

Monday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Friday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr



We Are Called to Be Saints

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One’s patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, “Look at me!” We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don’t sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!

— Tracy Earl Welliver
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Prayer in Seasons of Trust

O Lord,

Be with me now, I feel so alone.
Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness.

Wrap me in Your mercy,
give me strength to face every hardship.

Amen.

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