



We Welcome Newly Confirmed at Blessed Savior Parish, July 23, 2017

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Sacraments

Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Any time by appointment

Communal: Seasonal as announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal)

Monthly and also by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick

When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

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Mission Statement

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

Stewardship of Prayer

SATURDAY, 7/29- VIGIL OF 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

4:00pm † Al & Jean Siegel

Rosary at 3:15pm

Mission Appeal

Anointing of the sick in the Chapel after Mass

SUNDAY, 7/30 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

9:00am † Bernice Donahue

Rosary at 8:15am

Mission Appeal

MONDAY, 7/31 - ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35

9:00am Parishioners

TUESDAY, 8/1 - ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

9:00am † Audrey Manz

WEDNESDAY, 8/2 - ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI,

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

9:00am † All Souls

SATURDAY, 8/5 - VIGIL OF TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

12:00 Noon Wedding Mass

4:00pm † Theresa Somers

Rosary at 3:15pm



SUNDAY, 8/6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

9:00am † Anastazy, Anna & Sylvia Kaminski

Rosary at 8:15am

Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Prayer, Service & Sharing

"We know that all things work for good

for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes another one opens. Trust in God. His plan is always better.

May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints welcome

Karen A. Recklies, wife of John and member of our choir.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

May your family find comfort in knowing that their loved one is safe in God's care now, and that her friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow.



Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection:

The gospels these last two Sundays have been about the kingdom of heaven. In these gospels, Jesus uses parables to describe what the kingdom of God is like. Parables were very useful and efficient teaching tools in Jesus' time. In the search for truth, parables help to paint a mental picture of what is being described. They do not tell you explicitly what truth is, but enable you to discover the truth by connecting the dots. Parables help to make abstract concepts concrete and comprehensible.

There are seven parables in chapter 13 of Matthew's gospel, all dealing with present and future realities of the kingdom. They are commonly referred to as the kingdom parables. Two of the parables deal with the final judgment, namely, the parable of the wheat and the weeds from last Sunday and the parable of the net from this Sunday. The other five parables, namely, the parables of the sower, the mustard seed, and the leaven from last Sunday, and the parables of the treasure and the fine pearl from this Sunday all deal with the present reality of the kingdom. The church teaches that the kingdom is already present but not yet fully. The fullness of the kingdom will be realized in heaven.

This Sunday's parables present God's kingdom as something of great value. Jesus describes the kingdom as a treasure buried in a field which one finds and hides again. Then, out of joy, goes and sells all one has and buys the field. This parable has the same message as that of the fine pearl of great value that a merchant finds and sells everything to buy. These parables convey the message that the kingdom of God is a great treasure that needs to be discovered and not just taken for granted. The question is: How does one discover the kingdom of God? Well, through a life of holiness and devotion to God. We discover the kingdom through friendship with God in prayer, through the scriptures, sacraments, regular Mass attendance, etc. Most of what we do as church is aimed at discovering the kingdom. Proper use of earthly treasures invariably helps one discover God's hidden treasures.

It is not enough to discover hidden treasures, one must also make every effort to possess them. That is the idea behind selling everything to purchase the treasure field. It is about investment and risk-taking in anticipation of tremendous reward. One may ask: How do we do this? We do it through generous use of our resources, time and talent in the service of God. We invest in the hidden treasures of heaven through generous financial support of our parish and the archdiocese, volunteering our time for service projects, and by supporting human concerns efforts. Those who cling to their earthly treasures may find heavenly treasures rather elusive. To one who does not understand, these efforts at possessing God's hidden treasures might seem wasteful.

The parable of the net towards the end of our Sunday gospel deals with final judgment. References to final judgment are often unsettling and some preachers avoid it. Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a fisherman's net which collects fish of every kind. When full, it is hauled aboard and sorted out. You do not have to be in the fishing industry to understand the imagery of sorting good fish from bad. The fishes that were discarded convey a sense of worthlessness. They are not of value to the fisherman. What a tragedy it would be to invest all of one's time and efforts on worthless ventures. Our worth at the end time will be measured by the things in which we invested our time, energy and resources. We pray that when that time comes, God will find us worthy catches and invaluable gems.

Have a great week! Fr. Romanus



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