



*Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the 9:00 A.M. Mass  
Baptism of Addison Mary Hoener*

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Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

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

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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.

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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, 5/13 - VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

4:00pm † Al &amp; Jean Siegel

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 5/14 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHERS DAY

Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

9:00am † Milton Hohensee

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 5/15 - ST. ISIDORE

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

TUESDAY, 5/16 - EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

9:00am Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, 5/17 - EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

9:00am † All Souls

SATURDAY, 5/20 - VIGIL OF 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the  
Brazell & Berezuik Families

Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick

SUNDAY, 5/21 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

9:00am † Leroy Anderson

Rosary at 8:15am



**Dear Parishioners,** This Sunday's gospel from John (14:1-12) is among the most frequently selected gospels for funeral Masses. It is a beautiful passage that underscores God's comforting presence in our moments of sorrow. It was as though Jesus was comforting his disciples in anticipation of his own death and the grief it would bring. He said to them: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" Perhaps, the disciples remembered those words during their moments of grief following Jesus' crucifixion and death.

As we know, life is so full of tragedies. When we turn on the television or the radio, browse the Internet or flip through newspaper pages, we are bombarded with so many tragedies in our cities, nation, and the world. It is likely that you know someone who is dealing with tragedy. It is also likely that we will experience tragedy sometime in life.

Jesus' invitation to not let our hearts be troubled is a reminder that we are people of hope. That hope is rooted in the realization that there is more to life than meets the eye. Jesus' statement is an invitation to transcend the world by overcoming the anxiety caused by life's events or uncertainty about the future. It is an invitation to look beyond our sorrows and painful experiences. But, how could our hearts 'not be troubled' by some of the tragedies of life? Simply by placing our hope and trust in God, and contemplating a future devoid of pain and suffering. This is the essence of faith. Sometimes, we wonder how people who have no faith deal with life's tragedies and anxiety-causing experiences.

Anxiety is a general term for several disorders that cause nervousness, fear, apprehension, and worries. These disorders affect how we feel and behave, and they can manifest real physical symptoms. Mild anxiety is vague and unsettling, while severe anxiety can be extremely debilitating, having a serious impact on daily life. People often experience a general state of worry or fear before confronting something as simple as a visit to the doctor or dentist, or as challenging as a major surgery, loss of employment, death of a family member or friend, etc. These feelings are easily justified and considered normal. Anxiety becomes a big problem when symptoms interfere with one's ability to function. Generally speaking, anxiety is manifested when reaction to a given situation is grossly disproportionate with what could be considered normal.

In the gospel, Jesus provides a spiritual remedy for anxiety, namely, faith in God and in his son, Jesus Christ. Faith is about trusting that God is in charge of life's events and whatever the future holds. That takes the huge burden of uncertainty off our shoulders. Moreover, worrying about problems is not the same as solving them. Faith is about entrusting our life to our creator and the vanguard of our destiny.

When it is all said and done, the ultimate tragedy is eternal separation from God. The good news is summed up in Jesus' response to Thomas: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Equally important is Jesus' response to Philip: "Believe me that I am in the Father and the father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves." Bottom line: through faith in God, we will transcend life's tragedies. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and godmothers!



Fr. Romanus



**SATURDAY, MAY 27, ANOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER THE 4PM MASS IN THE CHAPEL.**

## Prayer, Service &amp; Sharing

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."*

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.



We remember with prayerful respect  
**Fred Lofton**  
who died in April. May he find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

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

Fr. Romanus



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