

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish



26th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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October 1, 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, 9/30 - VIGIL OF 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

4:00pm † Elaine Ewe

Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick

SUNDAY, 10/1 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

9:00am Parishioners

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 10/2 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10

9:00am † Raymond & Florence Haase

TUESDAY, 10/3 - WEEKDAY

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56

9:00am † Audrey Manz

WEDNESDAY, 10/4 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62

9:00am † All Souls

6:30pm Blessing of animals in front of church



THURSDAY, 10/5 - SCHOOL MASS, NORTH CAMPUS

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12

9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 10/7 - VIGIL OF 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

4:00pm † Verena Schroeder

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 10/8 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

9:00am † John & Mary Kozak

Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is **Thursday, 10/5/17, 9am at the North Campus**. Enter through the **WEST** side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Stewardship Prayer

*"Heavenly Father,
help us to learn your*

*Word on finances and generosity and to trust
You to guide us and provide for us all the days of
our lives. Amen*

B.L.E.S.S.E.D. Adult Ministry



*Being
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Every
Day*

The fall All Commissions Day is next **Saturday, October 7th** from **9-11am** in the Parish Hall. If you are part of a commission or want to become more active in your Parish, you are welcome to attend. **Please RSVP** to the parish office at 464-5033.



Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling

before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings.

Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God; to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. If Jesus weren't speaking the truth, this would seem like a nasty insult. To the ears of the chief priests and elders to whom he was speaking, it was as good as saying, "You're bigger sinners than the biggest sinners around." Jesus had a way of cutting to the heart of matters. In this case, he was calling out these religious leaders for their stubborn resistance to the revelation of God. At least the "sinners" heard and heeded John the Baptist's message of repentance. But those who considered themselves too righteous to repent were missing the opportunity to experience the healing power of mercy.

As we know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to his children. Just as any good parents want what's best for their children, God wants us to see the truth and follow it. But he won't force our hand. God always respects our freedom. He invites, encourages, assists, and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a perfect example of God's desire to extend forgiveness. But if we don't take advantage of this gift, we miss the grace that it offers us.

Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness we, become like the chief priests who closed themselves off to God's healing. It doesn't matter how far we may have fallen-this is why Jesus specifies that even "big" sinners can enter the kingdom of God-rather, what matters is that we have hearts open to recognizing and responding to God's love.

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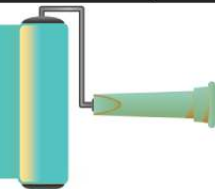
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