

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 20, 2025

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office for communion and/or anointing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Last Sunday of the month
Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

Funerals: Call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

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

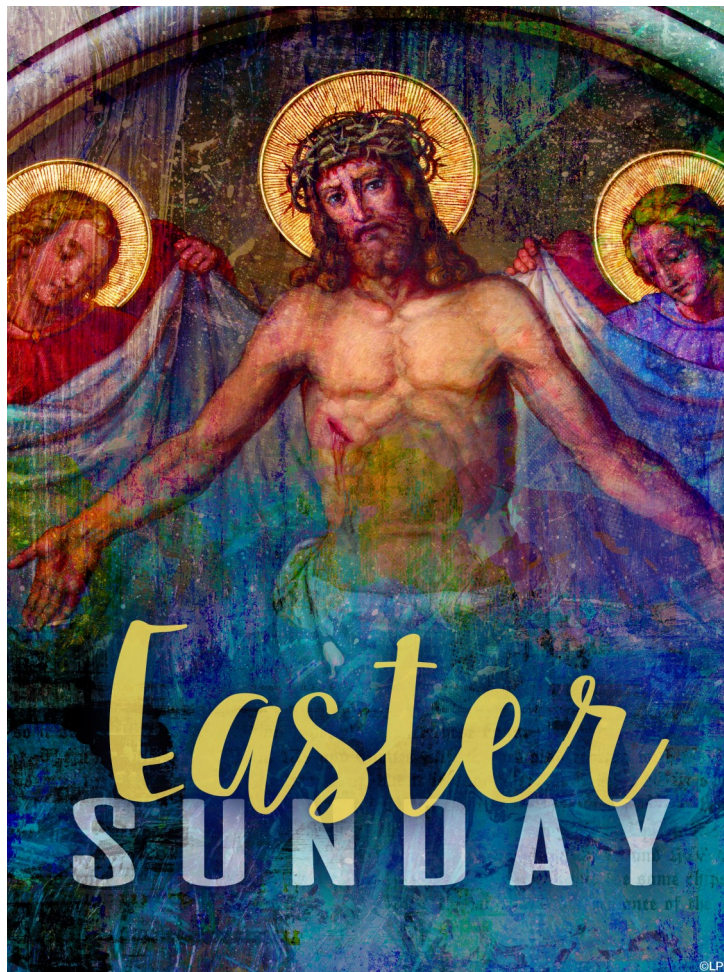
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4/19 Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Is 55:1-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

8:00pm † Thomas Alioto

Sunday, 4/20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

9:00am † Faustino & Eliza V. Piana
Baptism: Xiomara Yamilet Zavala

No Weekday Masses

Saturday, 4/26 Easter Saturday

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

4:00pm † David Walden

Sunday, 4/27 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

9:00am † Cynthia Clemente

Happy Easter from Fr. Romanus and the Blessed Savior Parish and School Staff.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 21st. In the event of a funeral or other emergency, please leave a message at 414-464-5033



Please pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy starting on Holy Friday April 18th at 3pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th after the 9am Mass.

- Simon Biagui

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION
Invites you to a special

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

WHO: Missionary Childhood Members in the United States and all students who feel called to join us!

WHAT: Virtual Praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

WHEN: Wednesday, April 23, 2025
11:30 AM EST

WHERE: Register [HERE](#) for Zoom Link
Registration will close 24 hours prior to the start of the event

The Lord Is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!!

This has been a busy week with several intense liturgical experiences. **Palm Sunday**, the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, coupled with the proclamation of the passion narrative, set the tone for the rest of Holy Week.

Holy Week has a long history that dates back to the early church. There was mention of Holy Week observances in early church documents like *The Apostolic Constitutions*, *the Canonical Epistle of Dionysius of Alexandria*, and *the Pilgrimage of Egeria*. Though some things have changed over the years, Holy Week remains a time of intense prayerful devotion and celebration of God's sacrificial love.

Celebration of the Passover meal on **Holy Thursday** marked the institution of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is at the center of the Church's liturgical life. It is the 'source and summit of the Christian life' (LG, no. 11). While instituting the Eucharist, Jesus also instituted the Priesthood. The two go hand-in-hand since we cannot have one without the other. Priesthood in the Church has its origin in Jesus Christ, our Most High Priest. Another remarkable event of Holy Thursday was the washing of feet. This existed as a separate rite from 1570 until 1955 when Pope Pius XII inserted it into the rite for Holy Thursday. By washing the apostles' feet, Jesus underscored his teaching on leadership as service.

On **Good Friday**, we celebrated Jesus' redemptive suffering by venerating the cross. The passion narrative reminded us of the intense suffering, public humiliation, and death of Jesus for our salvation. The solemn celebration on Good Friday began with the priest and assisting ministers prostrating before the altar as a sign of humility before God. Of course, there was no Mass on Good Friday and during the day on Holy Saturday because the Church can only pray effectively through the "living" Christ. Hence, like famished and petrified children, the Church prayerfully awaited the Lord's resurrection with solemn anticipation.

Easter Vigil is a breath of new life as the Church proclaims with uttermost gusto that the Lord is risen, and the universal Church echoes glorious songs of victory. The service of light, which includes the blessing of fire and lighting of the Easter candle, marks the transition from darkness to light. The renunciation of sin and renewal of baptismal promises captured the sense of re-birth. This year's celebration includes the welcoming of our new members in the RCIA program through the Sacraments of Initiation.

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Easter Sunday is the oldest and most important feast of the Church's liturgical calendar. Pope Leo the First referred to it as "the Feast of all Feasts," *Festum Festorum (Latin)*. *Jesus' resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel and overshadows the preceding events of Holy Week. The resurrection gives us tremendous hope that when we are done with this life, God will raise us to a new life in Christ. The thought of sharing in the resurrection emboldens us when faced with death or the prospect of dying. St. Paul stated that if our hope in Christ was limited to this life, we would have been the most pitiable of all people (1Cor. 15:19). However, to rise with Christ, one must also learn to die with Christ.*

As we gather with family and friends for Easter, let us not forget the reason for the celebrations, that is, Jesus' victory over sin and death, the resurrection of Christ. We believe that if we die with him, we will also rise with him. I pray that God will fill you with the light of the resurrection and banish all fear, anxiety and despair. We also welcome our newly baptized.

Wishing everyone a glorious Easter!

Fr. Romanus

Easter Giving Basket

The Finance Council is sponsoring the Easter giving basket and has been set up in the back of church. It will be up through the Lent and Easter season. The ornaments will have designated budget items of Liturgy, Heat, and Snow removal. We ask you to take an ornament and make the suggested donation amounts of \$10.00, \$25.00 or \$50.00 or what you can afford. You can drop your donation in the collection basket. Please make this extra donation for the Lent and



It's time to shop for the babies. Our layette collection begins April 12 and ends May 4th, just in time to deliver these treasures to the mothers in need, before Mother's Day.

Please bring any new baby items to church and place into the baby bassinet in the back of church.



Items in need: diapers, onesies, wipes, bottles.....

Thank you very much,

The Human Concerns Commission

Easter Flower Offering

Please use the envelope from your weekly packet for your Easter flower memorials or pick one up from the table in the back of church.



If you are participating in Faith Direct and wish to have a loved one's name in memory or honor of, please fill out an envelope or sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 414-464-5033 with their names and they will be recorded. Remember to print clearly, indicating the name of those for whom the memorial or honor is intended.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns:

**Jantina Adriano , Jackie Ballering,
Gene Brunner, Rhey Clemente,
Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn,
Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Thomas Schmid,
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,
Lucia Rivera, Rosina Vungo, Paul Bina**

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

Multi-Cultural Commission Spring Event.

Mark your calendars!

Join us in the Parish Hall Sat. May, 3rd, following the 4:00 Mass.

We will be offering an entertaining and informative presentation by our Parish East Campus students. In partnership with the Human Concerns Committee, we will be providing a pot-luck buffet.

Bring any main dish, side dish or dessert, that might represent your culture, or just something to share.

Please use the signup sheets, so we know what you are bringing.

We could also use help with setup, serving and cleanup.

We will have signup sheets in the Villard Ave. hallway after each Mass this weekend, and the next 2 weekends. For more information contact Mike Malloy (414-464-3733) or Phil Kremsreiter (414-405-7823).

Thank You.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.
Use the east church door entrance.

From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.



A message from your bulletin editor:

How does the Easter bunny travel?

By hare-plane.