

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

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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.

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 an appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

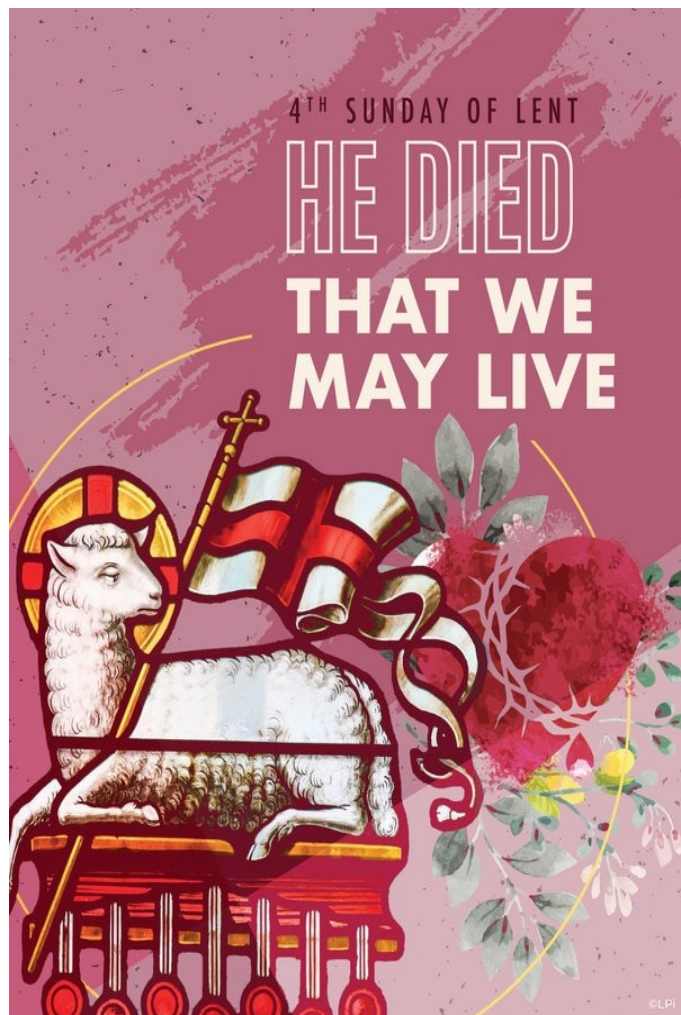
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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, 3/9 - Vigil of 4th Sunday of Lent - St. Frances of Rome

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

4:00pm † Carol Spychalski**Sunday, 3/10 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

9:00am † Christian Goudiaby**Rosary at 8:15am****Monday, 3/11 - Lenten Weekday**

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

9:00am Parishioners**Tuesday, 3/12 - School Mass, South Campus**

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

9:00am Intention of the priest**Wednesday, 3/13 - Lenten Weekday**

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

9:00am All Souls**6:00pm** Lenten Reconciliation Service**Saturday, 3/16 - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

4:00pm † Elsie and Alfred Koeppen**Sunday, 3/17 - 5th Sunday of Lent - St. Patrick's Day**

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

9:00am † Erlinda Torregosa**Rosary at 8:15am**

Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice
12 HOURS of
Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
At Margaret Mary Parish

Welcome to Blessed Savior Parish!

If you are currently not a registered member of our parish and would like to join, complete the form on the table at the Church entrance and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the weekend collection. You can also call the parish office at 414-464-5033, or email us at parish@blessedsavior.org. We will follow up with a call.



We hope you decide to become a member of Blessed Savior. We welcome the chance to get to know you!

Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15).

Chapter three of John's gospel begins with the introduction of Nicodemus, a Pharisee and one of the leaders of Israel, possibly a member of the Sanhedrin - the highest court of the land. The Pharisees were among the most devout Jews who believed in the resurrection, unlike the Sadducees who neither believed in the resurrection nor in spirits and angels. Jesus' main problem with the Pharisees was their hypocrisy. They loved to do pious things in public for others to see and acknowledge, regardless of what they did in private. Pharisees were in the habit of asking Jesus for a sign to prove his divinity.

Nicodemus knew that Jesus was unique and could provide the answers to his questions, but was not yet ready to put his reputation on the line. He came to Jesus at night to avoid detection, and to maintain his public image as one of the leaders of Israel. The dialogue with Jesus shows his limited knowledge and understanding of the new realities Jesus represented. He had no idea what it means to be born of water and the Spirit. And because the Pharisees put a lot of weight on signs, Jesus proceeded to give him a sign - the sign of the cross.

We recall that when the Israelites were invaded by fiery serpents in the wilderness, God told Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. Everyone who was bitten and looked up at the serpent on the pole was healed (Numbers 21:7-9). Jesus references this passage as the sign for Nicodemus. Being lifted up, of course, is a reference to the crucifixion. The message is that through his crucifixion, death, and resurrection, Jesus will bring healing to all who have experienced the pain of sin.

Many Pharisees were present when Jesus was crucified. It is likely that Nicodemus was among them. As he looked at Jesus being raised on the cross on the hills of Mount Calvary, he had to see the picture of Moses raising the bronze serpent mounted on a pole. It is plausible that Nicodemus was persuaded at this point to become a believer. If he was already a believer, his faith must have been confirmed or strengthened by that experience.

It is no coincidence that the serpent on a pole has become the symbol of the medical profession in our time. I wonder if the medical profession and other related industries that use the symbol understand its true meaning and connection to the cross. As people of faith, we know there is little difference except that one points to physical healing while the other points to spiritual healing.

Perhaps, that distinction explains why the medical profession chose the serpent on the pole as opposed to the cross

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to represent their profession. Considering the tendency for most science-based professions to reject religion, they deserve some credit for taking their symbol from the Scriptures. My hope is that this Lent will present immense opportunities for us to focus on the cross. It seems we are already doing that with our weekly stations of the cross.

Have a great week!
Fr. Romanus



Please join us for an evening of Eucharistic Encounter to deepen our love and understanding of the Holy Eucharist

**Saturday, March 16, 2024
After the 4:00pm Mass**

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.



St. Vincent de Paul

For the week of March 17, the pantry needs Mac & Cheese, Elbow Macaroni (1 lb. Size), Noodles, Canned Ham or Spam, Canned Chicken, Mouthwash (no alcohol)



Message from the Mouse

How do you wash a lamb?
In the baa-th tub.

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:

**Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner,
David Cheever, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber,
Katie Flynn,
Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,
Mike Hubbard,
Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Karla Klaybor,
Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Sr. Gina Redig, SSND, Wayne Ring,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec
Mary Frances Williams**

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.

Lenten Season at Blessed Savior

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent, 6:30pm

CRS Rice Bowl collection during Lent. Remember to return your envelope or Rice Bowl box before Easter.

3/10, 4th Sun of Lent, 9am Mass, Rite of Continuing Conversion

3/13, 6pm, Lenten Reconciliation Service

3/16, After 4pm Mass, Eucharistic Encounter Night

3/20, 8am-8pm, 12 Hours of Reconciliation, at Margaret Mary parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

3/23, 4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms

3/24, 9am Mass with Blessing of Palms



Easter Triduum takes place from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday, 3/28, 6pm Mass

Good Friday, 3/29, 1pm Service with Communion

Easter Vigil, 3/30, 8pm Mass

Easter Sunday, 3/31, 9am Mass. *Easter*