

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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.

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Confessions: Call the parish office.

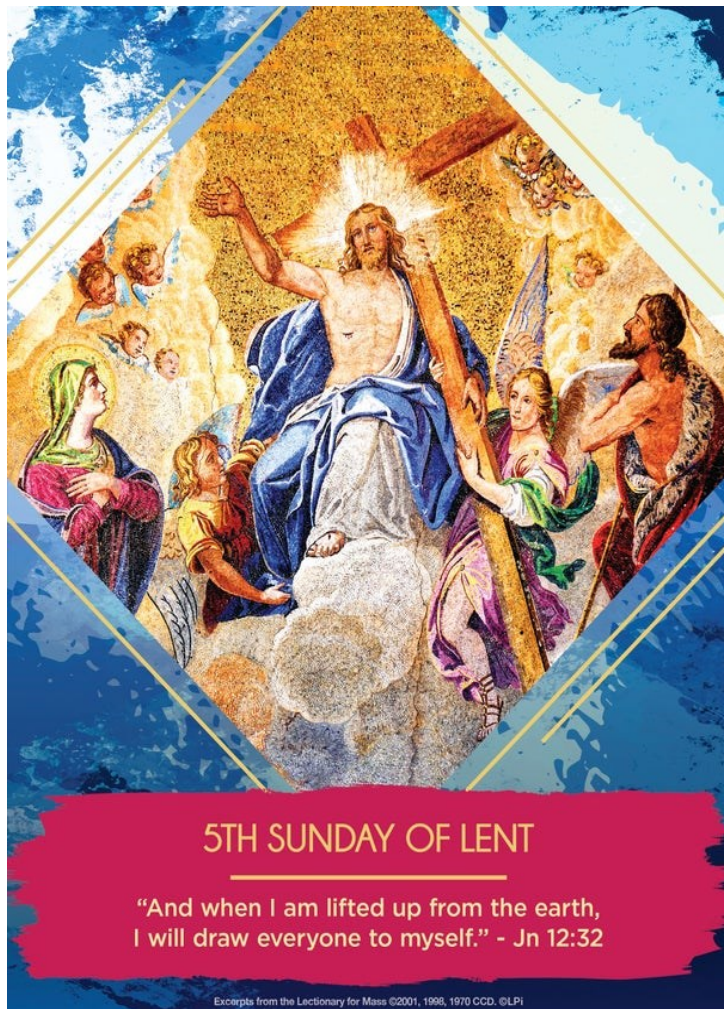
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:32

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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, 3/16 - 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**Eucharistic Encounter Night after 4pm Mass****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****Monday, 3/18—Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

9:00am † Kevin Nwaru**Tuesday, 3/19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**

First Day of Spring

School Mass, West Campus

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

9:00am Intention of the priest**Wednesday, 3/20—Lenten Weekday,**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

9:00am All Souls**8am-8pm -12 hours of Reconciliation at Margaret Mary Parish****Saturday, 3/23 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

4:00pm Parishioners**Sunday, 3/24—Palm Sunday of the Passion**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

9:00am † Rita Hohensee**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

In today's gospel, some Greeks who came for the annual celebration of the Passover Feast in Jerusalem desire to see Jesus. They came to Philip, one of Jesus' disciples with the request, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Rather than taking them directly to Jesus, Philip told Andrew, and the two informed Jesus.

Many people in our world today are seeking God. Some may have invested a lot of time pursuing material things under the illusion that material possessions would bring enduring happiness and fulfillment, only to realize the futility of materialism. We can imagine the disappointment that comes from accomplishing one's goals in life, only to find out that they do not mean much after all, and no one really cares. The search for meaning and a real sense of purpose often lead some to church doors in search of God. They are the lucky ones as some do not even know where to begin.

Whenever people come looking for the Lord, it is an opportunity for evangelization and we are obliged to be kind and gentle. Sometimes people turn to God or the church when everything else had failed them. We should not judge or question the genuineness of their search. It is conceivable that Philip was unsure whether these Greeks who came looking for Jesus were friends or foes. Recall that those who came to arrest Jesus also came as a group looking for him (John 18:5). After consulting with Andrew, the two quickly determined that this group meant no harm.

Jesus' response upon learning that the Greeks were looking for him leaves us wondering whether they were truly harmless. He used the opportunity to address the impending paschal mystery - his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus told them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

We are left wondering about the real intention of those visitors. Were they genuinely seeking Jesus for spiritual guidance or seeking to entrap him like the Scribes and Pharisees? The fact that they came for the Passover Feast suggests that they were familiar with the Jewish tradition. They could have been Greek descendants of Jews in diaspora and must have heard about the confrontations with Jesus on the issues of law and tradition. That may have prompted Jesus to use the opportunity to teach about his dying and rising. The symbolism of the grain of wheat teaches that Jesus' death would not be an experience of annihilation, but of transformation. As a grain of wheat appears to die before germinating, so will be his experience of dying and rising.

Jesus also uses the opportunity to teach about sacrificing one's life for a greater good. He died for us so that we might live and learn to die for others. Through Jesus' sacrifice we come to understand the tremendous value of sacrifice. We sacrifice for others when we serve the poor, sick, elderly, the less fortunate in society, and the Church. We also sacrifice when we are true to our vocation as parents, teachers, and guardians. I cannot even begin to mention the numerous ways parents sacrifice for their children. Therefore, one does not have to be a priest or nun to understand sacrifice.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



Eucharistic Encounter Night

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**

CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

Contribution envelopes will be available later. If you prefer to use a "Rice Bowl Box" during Lent, they are available on the round table in the Villard hallway.



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.



Message from the Mouse

Why should you not iron your four leaf clovers?

You don't want to press your luck!

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.

**3/16, 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*



St. Vincent de Paul

For the week of March 24th, the pantry needs Knorr Rice, Noodle Side Dishes, Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti O's, jelly or jam & hand soap.