

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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.

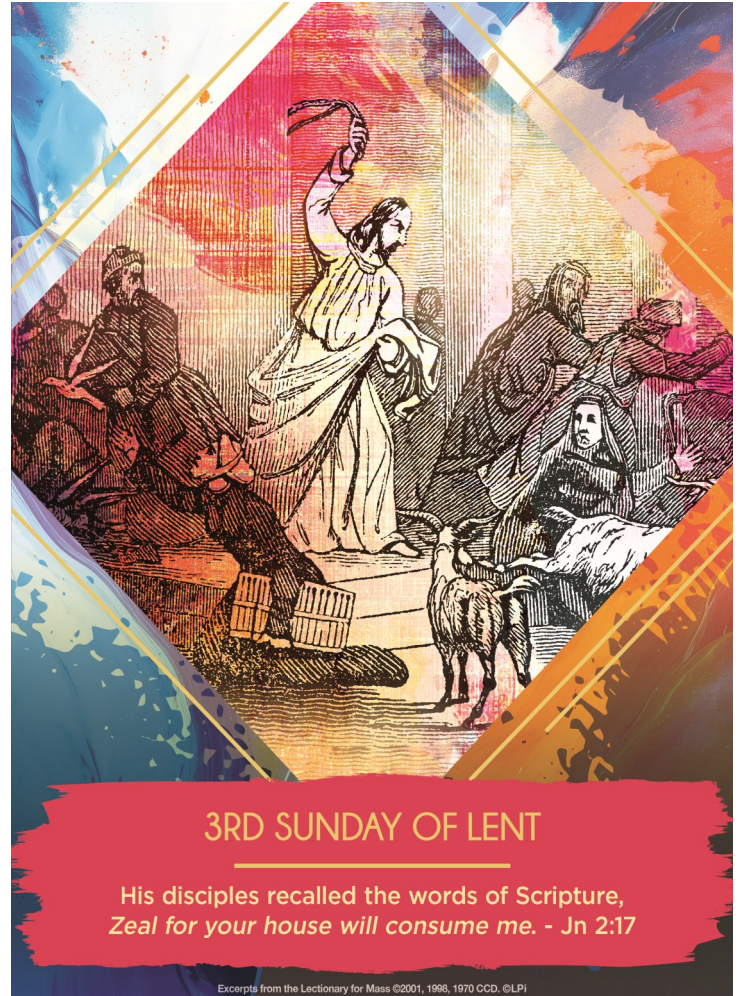
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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

Pastoral Council Officers:	Parish Trustees:
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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, 3/2 Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

4:00 pm † Carol Spychalski

Sunday, 3/3 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

9:00am † Lawrence & Athanasius Nwaru

Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 3/4 Lenten Weekday - St. Casimir

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

9:00am Parishioners

Tuesday, 3/5 School Mass, South Campus

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-3

9:00am Intention of the priest

Wednesday, 3/6 Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-1

9:00am † Carol Spychalski

Saturday, 3/9 Vigil of 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

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

This week's School Mass is Tuesday,
March 5, 9:00am at the South Campus.
South Campus: 4059 N. 64th St.

Enter through the south side door of the church.



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 phone call.

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

Sunday Reflection:

Some may be puzzled by the violence of Jesus' reaction in this Sunday's gospel. The first thing to keep in mind is the Church's teaching that Jesus was fully divine and fully human. That means he shared all the divine attributes of God and all human attributes, albeit sin. He shared the human emotions of pain and joy, disappointment and glory. Since he was sinless, the violence of his action should be seen as righteous anger. It is the kind of emotion one feels in reaction to the presence of sin and evil in the world.

We also need to keep in mind that his action in the temple is in sync with the tradition of prophetic outrage directed toward idolatry. As we know, idolatry contravenes the first commandment, which we heard in the first reading – "I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." Most instances of idolatry in the Scriptures got similar violent reactions, since idolatry is a sin against God himself.

Those who were buying and selling in the temple had knowingly or unknowingly placed money over and above God. Not only were they buying and selling in the temple, they were also cheating and manipulating others for gains, disrespecting God's presence in the temple. One may ask: What other gods do we have? There are those who find it excruciating difficult waking up for Sunday Mass while having no problems waking early for a hunting or fishing trip or a trip to Lambeau Field on a Sunday.

Our gospel is also one of those passages where Jesus highlights the nature of his relationship with God. He charges that they were making his Father's house "a marketplace." In a similar passage in Matthew's gospel, he was less forgiving, charging them with making his Father's house "a den of thieves" (Mt. 21:12-13). These statements underscore Jesus' understanding of himself as the Son of God.

Jesus' audience, which would include the temple authorities under whose watch the abuses were taking place, could not believe their eyes. It is likely that the authorities also profited from the buying and selling that went on in the temple, perhaps, kick-backs and such. They confronted Jesus by enquiring about the source of his authority. Jesus' response was equally puzzling: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." They could not understand how he could raise up in three days a temple that took forty-six years to build. However, Jesus was talking about the temple of his body, the three days in the tomb leading up to the resurrection.

Like Jesus, we have to be cognizant that our bodies are also temples – temples of the Holy Spirit. Not only do we have a responsibility to treat the place of worship with respect, we also have a responsibility to treat our bodies with respect. Treating the place of worship with respect entails a renewed awareness of the presence of the Eucharist in the tabernacle

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in Church. That calls for a sense of reverence when one enters and leaves the Church. It is important to avoid unnecessary conversation in Church that ends up distracting others who came to pray.

By the same token, respecting one's body calls for an end to all forms of self-abuse. It entails an understanding that the first temple destroyed by the sin of our first parents (Adam and Eve) has been restored through the dying and rising of Christ. If Jesus was so miffed by the actions of those who bought and sold in the temple, would he not be offended by the actions of those who abuse their bodies, the temples of the Holy Spirit?

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**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 2024 Lenten Food Drive

During this season of Lent, we are inviting all to lend our many open hearts and hands to further the SVDP Mission. SVDP has graciously provided a list of items that they are most in need of throughout the year.

If, possible, please donate each week from their suggested list.

For the week of March 10, they need Rice or Noodle Roni, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles (1lb. Size) and Deodorants.



Message from the Mouse

Why did the fish refuse to attend the baptism?

It didn't want to get caught in a religious net!

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, Dorothy Clemente,
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

3/20, 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 preludes with handbells at 8:40am.*

