

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

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Download our App:

For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888

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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.

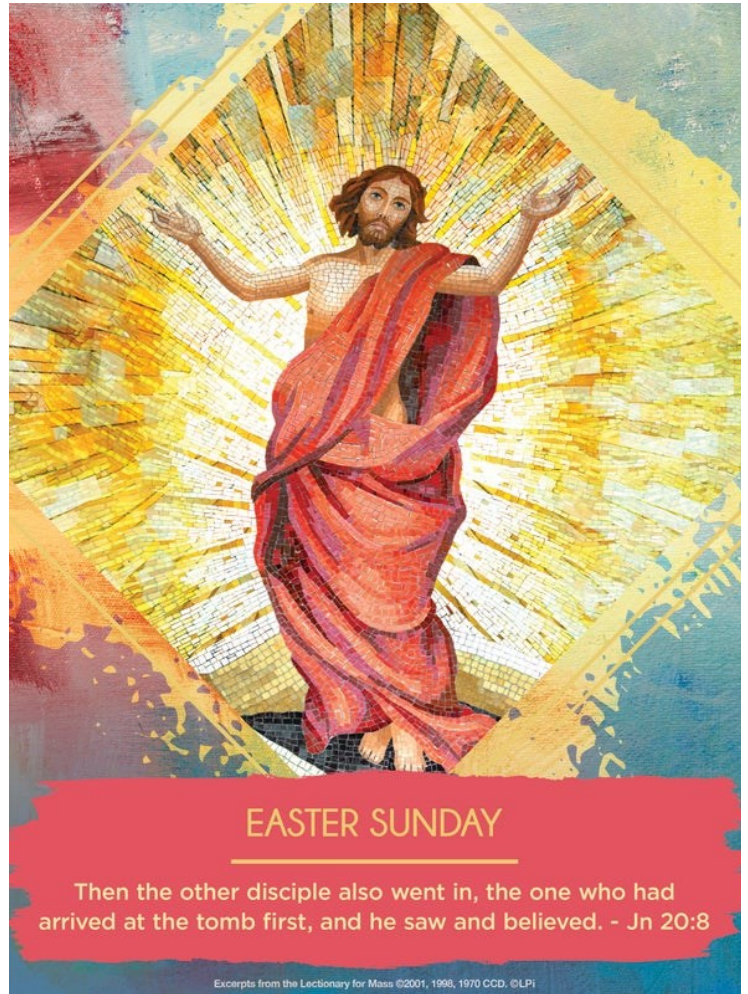
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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

Pastoral Council Officers:	Parish Trustees:
Paul Bina, Chair	Curt Kandel, Treasurer
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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, 3/30 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 † Joseph Valent

Sunday, 3/31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:13-35

9:00am † Theresa Nwaru

Rosary at 8:15am

No weekday Masses

Saturday, 4/6 Easter Saturday

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

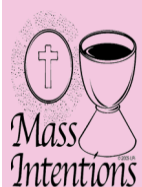
4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, 4/7 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

9:00am Special Intention of a parishioner
Divine Mercy devotion after Mass

Rosary at 8:15 am

Happy Easter from Fr. Romanus and the Blessed Savior Parish and School Staff**The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 1. In the event of a funeral or other emergency, please leave a message at 414-464-5033.****Mass Intentions for 2024**

We are still taking Mass Intentions for 2024. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033. The stipend for Mass remains at \$10.

Money given for Mass intentions is a beautiful way to remember the goodness and generosity of those who have died. An offering for Mass is a gift for the community who prays it, whether family is present or not.

We welcome **Bob Bracken**, our newest parishioner. We are delighted to have you and hope you will enjoy being part of your new parish family.

**Easter Sunday Gospel Reflection:****The Lord Is Risen, Alleluia!**

This has been a busy week with several intense liturgical experiences. **Palm Sunday**, the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem along with the procession with Palms and banners, coupled with the moving proclamation of the passion narrative, set the tone for Holy Week. We saw the irony of Jesus being joyfully welcomed to Jerusalem as King and Messiah, and later on prosecuted and crucified for claiming to be King and Messiah.

Holy Week has a long history that dates back to the early church. You will find the earliest mention of Holy Week observances in early church documents like *The Apostolic Constitutions*, *the Canonical Epistle of Dionysius of Alexandria*, and *the Pilgrim 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. It is about the victory of good over evil.

The celebration of the Passover meal on **Holy Thursday** marked the institution of the Eucharist which is at the center of the Church's liturgical life. The Church proclaims the Eucharist as 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, our Most High Priest. The presentation of the holy oils blessed by Archbishop Listecki, the washing of feet, and procession with the blessed sacrament to the altar of repose, were among the memorable moments of Holy Thursday celebration.

On **Good Friday**, we celebrated Jesus' redemptive suffering by venerating the cross, an instrument of torture and humiliation transformed by Jesus into a symbol of redemption. Again, the moving passion narrative reminded us of the intense suffering, public humiliation, and death of Jesus for our salvation. Mass was not celebrated on Good Friday and during the day on Holy Saturday because the Church can only pray effectively through the "living" Christ. 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 the risen Christ and the universal Church echoes glorious songs of victory. The service of light at the beginning of Mass was quite powerful. We gathered by the burnfire outside the Church entrance for the blessing of fire and preparation of the Easter candle. The lighting of the Easter candle coupled with the dimming of the lights in Church marked the transition from darkness to light. The renunciation of sin and renewal of baptismal promises captured the sense of rebirth.

Easter Sunday is the oldest and most important feast of the Church's liturgical calendar. Pope Leo I referred to it as the feast of all feasts - *festum festorum* (Latin). Jesus'

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resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel and serves as the culmination of the preceding events of Holy Week. This year's celebration includes the welcoming of our new member, Goodness Adaobi Obieze, who has been going through the Rite of Christian Initiation.

The resurrection gives us tremendous joy and hope that when we are done with this life, God will raise us to 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, we must also learn to die with Christ. I pray that God will fill you and your family with the light of the resurrection and banish all fears, anxieties and despair.

Wishing everyone a glorious Easter!

Fr. Romanus

Communion Ministry at Froedtert

How much time, other than an hour on Sunday, do you give back to God for the **many blessings that you have received?**

The Spiritual Services Department of Froedtert Hospital is seeking **Additional Volunteer Communion Ministers** who would like to be involved in the sacred and meaningful work of bringing Communion to Catholic patients. It will require approximately one to two hours per week. They are also seeking substitute Communion Ministers who would fill in for those who are away. If you would like to become a part of this fulfilling ministry, please contact Sister Helen Harry at (414) 805-4663. Thank you.

Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of

Jim Wieting, husband of Olga (deceased 2022).

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen
May God comfort those who mourn them and all who suffer the loss of loved ones.



Looking Ahead
The Human Concerns Layette for Babies Collection begins on April 20 and runs through May 5th. Watch for more information in a future bulletin.



A message from your bulletin editors

*"Easter eggs think you are hilarious...that is because you can easily crack them up."
Happy Easter.*

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, Tom Glorioso, 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.

**Join the Vocation Office on this
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 21, 2024 in praying
for an increase of Vocations in the
Archdiocese of Milwaukee.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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