

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 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 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.

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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, 8/31 Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 la/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,
27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
4:00pm † Beatrice Smith

Sunday, 9/1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 la/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,
27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9:00am Parishioners
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 9/2 - Labor Day, No Mass
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, 9/4
1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
9:00am † Cornelia & Wencel Bina

Saturday, 9/7 Vigil of 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
4:00pm † Frances & Edward Kupkowski

Sunday, 9/8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
9:00am Parishioners
Rosary at 8:15am



Anointing of the sick will take place in the chapel
Saturday, August 31, after the 4pm Mass.

Anointing may also be done any time by appointment.
Please call the parish office.
We also remember in our prayers those who are sick
and cannot attend Mass.

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

Kingsley Ike,

Son of our parishioners, Edward and Felicia Ike.

May God comfort those who mourn him and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



The Parish office will be closed, Monday Sept. 1 for Labor Day. In the event of a funeral or other matter, please leave a message at 414-464-5033.



A message from your bulletin editors:

Who is the leader of school supplies?

The ruler

Pastor's Gospel Reflection

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus asked us to make a choice to either follow him or walk away. For some, that choice could be dramatic, involving radical conversion, but for others it could be a gradual or incremental spiritual growth. Each day, we make so many choices and each choice either brings us closer to God or separates us from God.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus continues to invite us to make a choice that would fundamentally affect our future. The choice is to either be genuine believers or be hypocrites who put on a show for others. The Pharisees were preoccupied with the finest details of the Mosaic Law. In addition to the Law, they also added numerous interpretations and practices that complicated the Law and made it burdensome for ordinary people to follow. They relished their social status as the knowledgeable ones frequently consulted to clarify the Law for other.

Jesus could not stand the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. He disagreed with them, not because he undervalued the Mosaic Law, but because he understood that God's Law is primarily about love. He made clear that his mission was not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them. He challenged the Pharisees not to be preoccupied with the letter of the Law but to embrace the spirit of the Law.

The gospel states that the Pharisees and Scribes in question came from Jerusalem. We know that Jerusalem was the center of Jewish faith and religious authority. You get the sense that these Pharisees and Scribes were there as religious police to keep an eye on Jesus and his followers. They hoped to catch them contravening the Law one way or another. They did not have to wait too long. It is like being trailed by a cop car. You could be pulled over for any number of reasons. Sure enough, they caught the disciples eating meals without first washing their hands. We may be thinking - who cares if you eat without washing your hand? Why would God care whether or not one washes hands before meal?

The ritual hand washing before meal has its origins in the commonsense practice of washing one's hands for the sake of hygiene. It is something any sensible person would do. By Jesus' time this custom had become part of the Law. It also became more elaborate and accompanied by prayers as a way of consecrating the whole day and all one's actions to God. It also has to do with their self-image as God's chosen people, different from any other nation. Contact with Gentiles in public areas like market places were considered defiling. Hence, upon returning home, one would purify oneself to get rid of the defilement.

Jesus expressed discomfort about some of these practices that found their way into religious practices. He quickly came to the defense of his disciples, not because of any disregard for the rules of hygiene, but to confront the

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self-righteousness of the Pharisees and Scribes. He condemned them for disregarding the commandments of God in favor of their traditions. He went on to teach that what matters most is not what goes into someone's mouth but what comes out of it.

The Pharisees and Scribes serve to illustrate the grave danger of superficial and hypocritical observances. One may be scrupulously concerned with all kinds of pious practices, but lack love, compassion, and forgiveness. We are like the Pharisees and Scribes when we engage in self-righteousness and judgmental disposition towards other people. Phony religiosity manifests illusion of piety devoid of deep personal conversion. Genuine conversion and holiness hinges on the realization that God loved us first and invites us to a loving response.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus

Thank You Blessed Savior!

Dear Friends of Blessed Savior,
How can I thank you for such a beautiful send-off celebration last Sunday? My gratitude to all who were able to attend and to those who sent cards, gifts, well-wishes, flowers and prayers! My heart is full with the love and support you have each shared with me over these many years!

To the crew who decorated, set-up, took-down, prepared and served food – the hall was transformed into a place of welcome and beauty (and wonderfully air-conditioned!) What a blessed moment of community coming together!

To the choir – you sang so beautifully at Mass and extended yourselves with video, a song, a plaque and your ever-present friendship and support. I will never forget each of you! May I humbly say – you truly are the best choir!

To our amazing parishioners and Father Romanus, I thank you for our years of worshiping together and allowing me to serve as your music minister. I will miss you all and I pray that as I was blessed at the Mass I can return this prayer - "Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

With God's love,
Christy

Communion Ministers & Lectors Sign-Up

We are looking to establish the Communion Ministers and Lectors schedule for September 14th through December 29th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Villard hallway after Mass. Thank you! *Doyin*

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, 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,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
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.

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.



Labor Day Blessing

Let us pray...

Lord of work and
play, we pray to you today.
You worked for six days,
creating all that we see and sense around us.
On the seventh day you rested
and saw that everything you had made was good.
Today on our national day of rest from labor,
we thank you for the gift of leisure,
and remember all who have gone before us,
working hard, long hours without break and good pay
so that we can appreciate the gifts of family and friends
and enjoy safety and prosperity in the work of our hands.
Amen.



Saint Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

For the weekend of **Sept 7th and 8th** the Food Pantry could use your help filling the shelves with **Canned Soup & Crackers**
Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless you.