

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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 - Suspended for now.
Individual - Call the parish office.

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.

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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, 4/8 - Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1-2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a / Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) OR Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b) / Gn 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b) / Is 54:5-14 / Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a) / Is 55:1-11 / Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3) / Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c) / Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2) / Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Mt 28:1-10

8:00pm † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru

Sunday, 4/9 - 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 Mt 28:1-10

9:00am † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru

Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 4/15 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

4:00pm † Brian Blanchette

Sunday, 4/16 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

9:00am † Noel Senghor
† Elizabeth Sambou

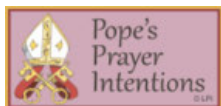
Rosary at 8:15am



When the three women arrived at Christ's tomb to anoint him, they were greeted by an angel who said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen."

- Matthew 28:5-6

**Happy Easter from Fr. Romanus
and the Blessed Savior Parish and School Staff**



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2023

- For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord Is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!!

This has been a busy week with several intense liturgical experiences. **Palm Sunday**, the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, coupled with the proclamation of the passion narrative, set the tone for the rest of Holy Week.

Holy Week has a long history that dates back to the early church. The earliest mention of Holy Week observances are found in some early church documents like *The Apostolic Constitutions*, the *Canonical Epistle of Dionysius of Alexandria*, and the *Pilgrimage 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.

The celebration of the Passover meal on **Holy Thursday** marked the institution of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is at the center of the Church's liturgical life. It is 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 for we cannot have one without the other. Priesthood in the Church has its origin in Jesus Christ, our Most High Priest. Another remarkable event of Holy Thursday was the washing of feet. By washing the apostles' feet, Jesus underscored his teaching on leadership as service.

On **Good Friday**, we were invited to appreciate and celebrate Jesus' redemptive suffering by venerating the cross. The passion narrative reminded us of the intense suffering, public humiliation, and death of Jesus for our salvation. The solemn celebration on Good Friday began with the priest and assisting ministers prostrating before the altar as a sign of humility before God. Of course, there was no Mass on Good Friday and on Holy Saturday (during the day) because the Church can only pray effectively through the "living" Christ. Hence, 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 with uttermost gusto that the Lord has risen, and the universal Church echoes glorious songs of victory. The service of light which includes the blessing of fire and lighting of the Easter candle marks the transition from darkness into light. The feeling of re-birth is symbolized in the renunciation of sin and renewal of baptismal promises. This year's celebration includes the welcoming of our new members, Jackie Bell-Brown and Michael Nwachukwu, candidates in the RCIA program, who would receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

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' resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel and overshadows the preceding events of Holy Week.

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The resurrection gives us tremendous hope that when we are done with this life we will be raised to a new life in Christ. The thought of sharing in the resurrection experience emboldens us when faced with death or the prospect of dying. However, to rise with Christ, one must also learn to die with Christ.

As we gather with family and friends for parties this Easter, let us not forget the reason for the celebrations, that is, the resurrection of Christ. We believe that if we die with him, we will also rise with him. I pray that God will fill you with the light of the resurrection and banish all fear, anxiety and despair.

Wishing everyone a glorious Easter! Fr. Romanus

Parish Registration

Question: Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer: Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

To join our household of faith, please see an usher for a registration packet or take one off the round table in the Villard hallway. You can also call the parish office at 414-464-5033 and the necessary paperwork will be provided.



Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Because of your generous donations of food and money, our clients will truly have a much happier Easter! May God bless you and your families.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

You have mail. New schedules will be in your mailbox on April 15.



An Easter Proclamation

The hosts of heaven exult and sing
aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights
and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory
of her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and
bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever. Amen.



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, David Cheever,
Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn,
Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,
Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Terri Iverson,
Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Karla Klaybor, Edward Richard John Kurhajetz,
Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Joe Ratke, Sr. Gina Redig, SSND, Wayne Ring,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Judith Scheible,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik,
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.*

**Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of
"Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.**

Blessed Savior School - Open Enrollment

Have you considered registering your children for Blessed Savior School? Seats are available in K3-8th grade.



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