

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal - Monthly)

Individual: Any time and also by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Confessions:

3rd Saturday in church, 3:15pm and by appointment

Communal: Seasonal as announced

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office in the event of the death of a love one.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling 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 to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

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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.



STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 12/14 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11***4:00pm** † Joseph Augustine

Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 12/15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11***9:00am** † Terry Leack

Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 12/16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27***9:00am** † All Souls**TUESDAY, 12/17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY***Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17***9:00am** † Pierre Dasylya**WEDNESDAY, 12/18 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY***Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25***9:00am** Parishioners**THURSDAY, 12/19 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY****SCHOOL MASS, EAST CAMPUS***Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25***9:00am** Intention of the Priest**SATURDAY, 12/21 - VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24***4:00pm** † Marge Wesling

Rosary at 3:15am

SUNDAY, 12/22 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24***9:00am** † Mary Lou Neuzil

Rosary at 8:15am

Anointing of the sick after Mass in the Chapel

This week's School Mass is Thursday, December 19, 9am at the EAST Campus. Enter through the **FRONT CENTER** door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

There will be NO Individual Confessions in church on Saturday, December. 21



Anointing of the sick will be on Sunday, December 22 in the Chapel after Mass.

Prayer shawls, bracelets will be available in the Villard Hallway for you to give to someone who is in need of them.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
BLESSED SAVIOR PARISH,
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 18 @ 6:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

This Sunday's gospel is the familiar story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman – the woman at the well. The encounter took place after Jesus left the region of Galilee in the north and was heading to Jerusalem in the south. Samaria, a Gentile city, happened to be located midway between the north and the south. It was not uncommon for Jewish travelers going to Jerusalem for pilgrimages to bypass Samaria through an alternative route to avoid contact with Gentiles. Jesus' decision to pass through this Gentile city may have been designed as a teaching moment. That decision set the context for the fascinating exchange between Jesus and this Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

That this conversation even took place was simply amazing given that Jews and Gentiles went to great lengths to avoid each other. Even more surprising is the fact that the conversation was between a Jewish man and a Gentile woman. However, it is not surprising that Jesus initiated the conversation by asking for a drink after a long and tiring journey. We know that part of his mission as Messiah was to break down barriers. He was not going to pass up this opportunity to teach us about the importance of reaching out to those we consider different. As Christians, we should strive to break down those artificial barriers based on gender, race, religion, age, culture, education, politics, economic status, et cetera.

After overcoming her shock that a Jewish man asked her for a drink, the woman was drawn to an understanding of God's graciousness. Jesus told her that if she knew the gift of God and who was asking her for a drink, she would be the one asking for the living water. It is a reminder that God often comes to us in disguise - as a homeless person, a destitute, or someone in dire need. How we respond to God in those situations could make the difference between salvation and condemnation. Fortunately, the Samaritan woman overcame her initial cultural resistance and embraced utter dependence on God. She turned the table on Jesus by asking him to give her the water of eternal life.

Realizing that Jesus was a Jewish prophet, she courageously engaged him in theological debate about the proper place to worship God. Whereas her ancestors worshipped God on "this mountain," that is, Mt. Gerizim, she accused the Jews of insisting that God should be worshipped in Jerusalem. Jesus points to a time in the future when true worshippers would worship God neither on Mt. Gerizim nor in Jerusalem, but in spirit and truth. It is another way of saying that what matters most is not where we worship God, but the spirit with which we worship. This strikes me as a call to sincerity and genuineness in our practice of faith. Are we genuine Christians or pretenders?

In the course of their theological debate, the woman expressed hope in the coming Messiah, the Christ, who "will tell us everything." Then, Jesus revealed himself as the expected Messiah by stating "I am he, the one speaking with you." The woman's response is remarkable. She left her water jar by the well and hurried back to the town to announced the good news that she had found the Messiah. Now that she had found the water of life, she no longer needed the temporary water of Jacob's well. At first, the Samaritans believed in Christ on account of the woman's testimony. However, after welcoming and listening to him, many came to believe not on account of her testimony, but on account of their personal experience of the Messiah.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus





We remember with prayerful respect
Augusto Palacios, non-parishioner
 who recently passed away.
*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 rest in peace. Amen*



TAX REMINDER... According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be received by December 31 to be considered donations in the 2019 calendar year. Parish Office will be closed
 Dec. 24, 25, 27, 31 & January 1.



During Advent we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. Perhaps even a trip out of town to visit friends. With all of those joyous celebrations, we might miss Mass. That's where e-Giving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. By supporting Blessed Savior Church, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You, John Henry, Parish Finance Director



"Adopt a Bill" Giving Tree

During the Advent season, the Finance Council has set up an "Adopt a Bill" Giving Tree in the back of church. Your donations will help with heating, snow removal and liturgical supply costs. Please take an ornament from the tree

with the suggested donation for that budgeted item. Return the ornament and your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generous support to Blessed Savior.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

All Announcements for the December 29 bulletin are due by Noon on December 16. Announcements for the January 5, 2020 bulletin are due by noon on Monday 12/23.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY

Food Drive for the weekend of

DECEMBER 21 & 22

we could use all goodies for a Christmas dinner.

For **DECEMBER 28 & 29** we can use packaged mashed potatoes

Thank you for ALL your generous donations.



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: **Jackie Ballering, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Karla Klaybor, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, Anton Schleiss, Rusty Tym, Mary Frances Williams**

Lord Jesus, You 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.

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

OPLATKI - This year we are once again selling Christmas Oplatki Wafers. The cost is **\$2.25 for a packet of 4 wafers.** They are available for purchase after Mass. See an Usher for help. They are also available at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ In your monthly envelope pack for December, there is a special Christmas flower envelope. Extra envelopes are also on a table in the back of church.



2020 Calendars are available during Advent. You can find them in the pews in the front of church & on the side tables in back of church or on the round table in the Villard hallway. Please help yourself.

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