

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4PM, Sunday, 9AM Weekdays: Mon. through Wed. 9am in the Chapel

February 9, 2020



Fr. Romanus
and
Raphaël

St. Blaise
Throat Blessing

Sunday
February 2, 2020

Through the
intercession
of St. Blaise,
bishop and
martyr, may
God deliver
you from
every disease
of the throat
and from
every
other illness.

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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, 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment.

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

Funerals: Please 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.

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, 2/8 - Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Marriage Day
Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 4:00pm † Faustino G. & Eliza V. Piana
 Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 2/9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Marriage Day
Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 9:00am † Lorraine & Stanley Staniszewski
 Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 2/10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
 9:00am Parishioners

Tuesday, 2/11 - Our Lady of Lourdes
 World Day of the Sick
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
 9:00am † Deceased Members of the Parish

Wednesday, 2/12 - Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
 9:00am † Connie Mueller

Thursday, 2/13 - Weekday
 School Mass - West Campus
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
 9:00am Intention of the Priest

Saturday, 2/15 - Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
 4:00pm † Helen Konrad
 Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 2/16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
 9:00am † Milton Hohensee
 Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, February 13th, 9am at the West Campus. Enter through the east side door of the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

There will be individual confessions in church on Saturday, February 15, from 3:15-3:45pm.

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."

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Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world." These are metaphors that describe the mission of discipleship. The two elements, salt and light, were integral parts of people's lives in Jesus' time and remain so today.

The primary purpose of salt is to make food palatable. There were other uses in ancient times, namely, as a preservative, to kill bacteria on wounds, etc. In the Middle Ages, salt was also used by victorious militaries to ensure that defeated territories remained barren. They would symbolically spread salt over a vanquished territory to ensure that it never becomes a threat again. This highlights a negative attribute of salt - the ability to destroy. Here in the Mid-west, we spread salt on our roads in winter to make them drivable.

Jesus states that when salt fails in its primary function of providing flavor, it may not be suitable for other applications. It might as well be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Doctors often caution that excessive use of salt is detrimental to health. For us Christians, there is no such thing as too much salt. We ought not to be concerned about doing too much good.

The symbolism of light is equally compelling. Light is meant to illuminate and dispel darkness. There is no use for light that is covered up and prevented from giving out light. Without light, one ends up with darkness. For that reason, darkness is often described as a privation, that is, the absence of light. Light remains burning or illuminating as long as the energy source is there. When the energy source is used up, the light goes out. That is true of wax for candlelight, kerosene for lamps, propane for stoves, batteries for flashlights, vehicle lights and so on. Pope Francis says that the battery a Christian uses to generate light is prayer. When we are true to our calling, this energy source never dries up.

Furthermore, salt and light are discernible by sense perception. We taste salt and we see light. Neither is meant to be the direct or main object of perception. They help other things realize their potentials. Salt does not give flavor to itself, nor does light illuminate itself. No one makes salt for dinner. Salt gives seasoning to otherwise bland food. Same goes for light. We do not turn on light to look at light, but rather to look at other things by means of the light.

If a Christian is the light of the world, he/she is enabling the world to see something other than himself/herself. Likewise, if a Christian is salt of the earth, he/she makes something else (God) appeal to the taste of earthly people. We help people savor the goodness of God when we are truly the salt of the earth.

The first reading from Isaiah highlights some of those qualities that make us salt and light. We are told, "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." It goes on to say that when we do these things, God's blessings are not too far behind. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wounds shall quickly be healed.... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am."

There are fundamental qualities that identify us as Christians - loving, caring, prayerfulness, holiness, etc. Any Christian who jettisons these qualities is no more useful than salt that has lost its flavor or light that is covered up. Retaining our qualities as salt and light entails that we are functioning in accordance with our calling as disciples of Christ.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



The Disciple Maker Index Survey

As pastor of Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The *Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey* allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form from **Sunday, February 23rd to Monday, March 23rd.**

At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth.

Fr. Romanus

Blessed Savior's 13th Annual Mardi Gras of Cultures

Saturday, February 15 following the 4pm Mass in the parish hall, featuring Italian culture. Sign-up sheets for set-up, clean-up and food to prepare and share are in the Villard hallway after Mass this weekend. All non-perishable food/personal care items collected the weekend of the event will be donated to the Congregation of the Great Spirit. All are welcome!



Lent Begins February 26
Ash Wednesday
A day of fast and abstinence.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the 9:30am Ash Wednesday School Mass at the East Campus. Enter through the front center door of the church.

There will also be a 6:30pm Mass at Blessed Savior Parish. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

It is our custom here at Blessed Savior to bring in our palms from Palm Sunday of last year. They will be burned at the Easter Vigil. There will be baskets at all of the church entrances for you to deposit your palms through March 1.



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 Bruskiewicz,
Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Ann Janke, Ray & Gertrud Kaegler,
Karla Klaybor, Ginny & Donald Naegele,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, 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.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, please call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, please call the parish office.

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

"Lakota Spirituality and Ignatian Spirituality Side by Side"

The Ignatian Associates Community of Milwaukee invites you to an evening and conversation with Fr. Rick Abert, SJ on Tuesday, February 18, 7pm at Gesu Parish, Herian Hall, 1210 W. Michigan St., Milwaukee.



"By His Wounds We Are Healed" Lenten Retreat

Sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis. Saturday, March 7, from 9am-4:15pm at St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. Milwaukee. \$75. Includes breakfast and lunch. Space is limited. Register before February 21. Call 414-385-5272.

Fašiangy / Pre-Lenten Dance

Sponsored by Slovak League Assembly #20, Milwaukee. Saturday, February 22, from 5-9pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 3100 S. 41st St., Milwaukee. Slovak cuisine. Tatra Slovak Dancers, "Bury the Basa" (Bass Fiddle), Ed Hause Band. Donation: \$5. For information, call Betty at 414-425-6137 or Ellen at 262-893-7483.

All African Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, February 23 at 3pm. St. Martin de Porres Church, 3114 N. 2nd St., Milwaukee. All are welcome



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