

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

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Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal: Seasonal as announced.

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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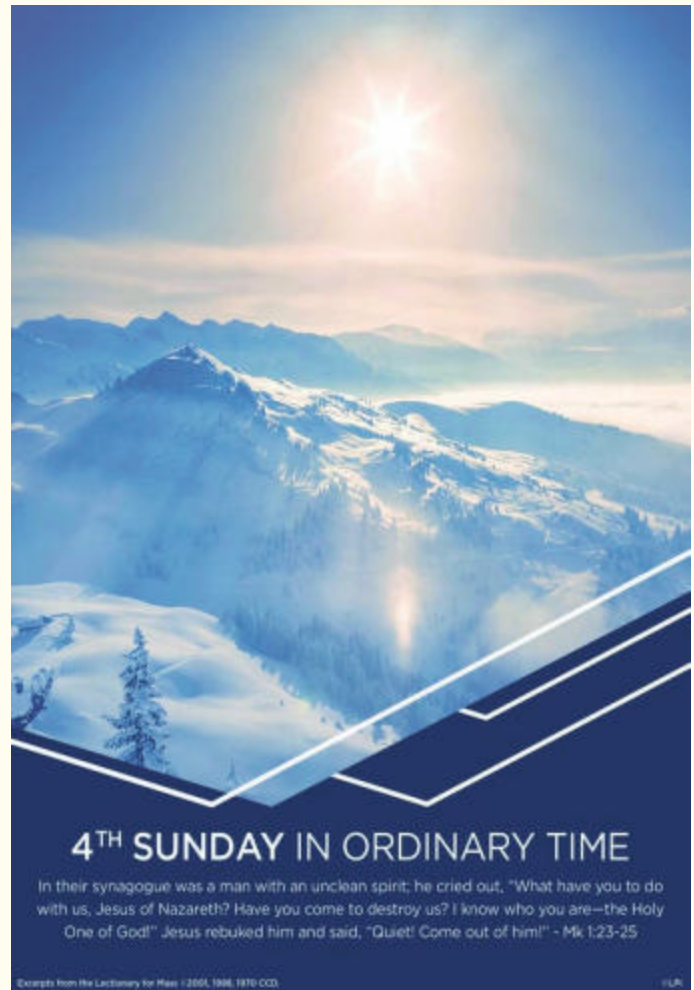
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Mission Statement

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, 1/30 - VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 4:00pm † Kenneth Berninger
 Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 1/31 - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 9:00am † Frances & Edward Kupkowski
 Rosary at 8:15am

SATURDAY, 2/6 - VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
 4:00pm † Deceased Sisters of the Former Merged
 Parishes of Blessed Savior
 Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 2/7 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
 9:00am In Thanksgiving - -
 Serge & Sabine Memiague
 Rosary at 8:15am

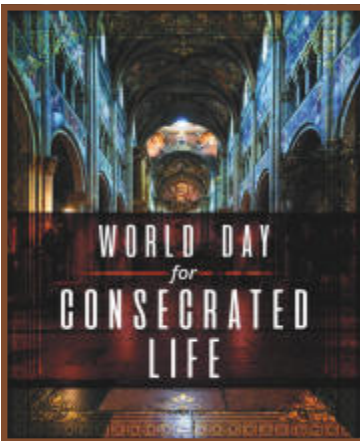


Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the families of:

Gerald Schiller, parishioner
Harding Bond, parishioner

May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn them and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

**TUESDAY
 FEBRUARY 2,
 2021**



Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable.

All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this. St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

Liturgical Publications

Christ is the light of the world, and it is He who will guide us through the darkness. His light is so powerful that it has even conquered the darkness of death, for when we die we will be invited into Christ's kingdom of light.

PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

O Christ, our Teacher, You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor.



We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where the message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed, Christian community is experienced, service to our brothers and sisters is modeled, and worship of You is cultivated.

Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation. *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us. Amen*



February 3 is the Feast of Saint Blaise. Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later.

According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and

physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.



A message from your bulletin editor:
I want to be like a caterpillar. Eat a lot.
Sleep for a while. Wake up beautiful.

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, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz
Dennis Claas, Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke,
Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Larry Kenny, Amber King,
Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Barb Moroder
Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman,
Anton Schleiss, Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent
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, 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, call the parish office.

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



*Ash Wednesday is Coming Soon
February 17, 2021*

The name of the day comes from the custom that churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ash to symbolise death and regret for past sins. The priest will

accompany the marking with a recital of Genesis 3:19 - "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The tradition of marking with ashes began in the early church as a way for persistent sinners to outwardly show their desire for repentance. By the end of the 10th century, the custom had spread to all the faithful. Traditionally the ashes are created from burning the palms used in the church on Palm Sunday the previous year. Palm Sunday marked the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem after his 40 days and nights in the desert.

We are strictly speaking obliged to keep the order of the abstinence (no meat) on two days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If people choose to abstain on other Fridays during Lent, that is considered commendable, not necessarily obligatory.

This is intended to remember the fasting of Jesus, who spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his ministry. In the Catholic Church, Lent gets off to an appropriate start with Ash Wednesday as it is a day of fasting, abstinence from meat and repentance.

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