

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## 6th Sunday of Easter

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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May 14, 2023

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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am  
Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel



### Congratulations to our First Communicants Sunday, April 30, 2023

*May you always know the peace of Jesus,  
the light of his love,  
and the joy of his life within you.*

**Fr. Romanus, Pastor, Dorothy, Ngardie, Daniella, Henry**  
(left to right)



### Our Lady's May Crowning Sunday, May 7, 2023

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

**Reyna Elena (Queen Helen) crowns  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

#### Parish Staff:

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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, 5/13 - Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1) / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21*

**4:00pm** † Raymond Toelle

**Sunday, 5/14 - 6th Sunday of Easter**

Mother's Day

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1) / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21*

**9:00am** † Joan Trinkl

**Rosary at 8:15am**



**Monday, 5/15 - St. Isidore**

*Acts 16:11-15 / Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b / Jn 15:26-16:4a*

**9:00am** † Pierre Diop

**Tuesday, 5/16 - Easter Weekday**

*Acts 16:22-34 / Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 / Jn 16:5-11*

**9:00am** South Campus Mass  
Intention of the Priest

**Wednesday, 5/17 - Easter Weekday**

*Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 / Jn 16:12-15*

**9:00am** † All Souls

**Saturday, 5/20 - Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord**

*Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20*

**4:00pm** † Al and Jean Siegel

**Sunday, 5/21 - The Ascension of the Lord**

*Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20*

**9:00am** Fr. Kenneth Anyanwu

**Rosary at 8:15am**

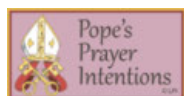
This week's School Mass is Tuesday, May 16, 9:00am at the South Campus. Enter through the south side door of the church.



### Ordination to the Priesthood

Our parishioner, **Kenneth Anyanwu**, will be ordained on Saturday, May 20 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 10:30am. His first Mass will be held at Blessed Savior Parish on Sunday, May 21 at 9:00am. Please join us for this wonderful celebration! Reception follows in the parish hall after Mass. All are invited.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2023** - For Church movements and groups



*We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.*

**Dear Parishioners,**

### Sunday Reflection:

This Sunday's gospel is part of what is known as the Last Supper discourse. The gospel is to be understood in the context of next Sunday being the celebration of the Ascension, followed by Pentecost Sunday the following week. Jesus tells his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth..."

Keeping the commandments is the irrefutable evidence of the disciples' love for the Master and a condition for the sending of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in turn reinforces the love of God and the ability to keep the commandments. It also means that those who do not keep God's commandments cannot claim to love God. The same could be said of human relationships. One should not claim to love someone while at the same time doing things that hurt the one loved.

In another passage, Jesus makes clear that the greatest of the commandments is love, that is love of God and love of neighbor. It means there is not getting around LOVE if we desire friendship with God. In essence, Jesus is telling his disciples that his Ascension will not mean the termination of their friendship nor the end of his advocacy on their behalf, as long as they keep the commandments.

Obviously, keeping the commandments could be a struggle. However, one should never stop trying. Once the habit is cultivated, it becomes a way of life. It is comforting to know that the Holy Spirit compliments our efforts and makes what is difficult easy and the impossible possible. The Church cannot do much without the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can be described as the life-blood of the Church.

As Jesus prepared to ascend to the Father at the conclusion of his mission, he sensed the fear of his disciples. They had reason to be afraid since those who put him to death were still seeking to destroy whatever is left of his movement. His assurance to the disciples was that he would not leave them alone as orphans. He promised to send them another advocate to protect and guide them.

To speak of another advocate is an acknowledgement that Jesus is not only the Messiah but also an Advocate. An advocate is one who argues the case of another before a tribunal or judicial court. As an Advocate, he pleads on behalf of the Church before the Father. In his absence, the Holy Spirit becomes our Advocate. The burden of sin and the weight of guilt make it almost impossible to represent ourselves. We need an advocate to speak on our behalf.

The persecution environment under which the apostles functioned necessitated an Advocate to stand on their behalf as they were dragged before tribunals and the Sanhedrin.

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The Advocate will give them the wisdom to say the right things and the courage to withstand intimidation from their adversary. Similarly, as Church and as individual members of the Church, we need the advocacy of the Holy Spirit to function and to accomplish our mission in the face of opposition. There is only one condition - keeping the commandments. To further assist us, Jesus also gave us the sacrament of reconciliation. When we fail, we have to keep trying until we get it right. Therefore, we should strive to take advantage of this sacrament of mercy.

Have a great week!

*Fr. Romanus*

Thank you to our volunteers and generous families who have participated in the Love One Another Campaign thus far. With our team efforts, we have made great progress!



#### Help us reach our goal and beyond!

- Blessed Savior will receive an added benefit if we exceed our goal!
- Every dollar raised beyond \$429,905 is split 80% to the parish and 20% to the Shared Ministries.
- We are hoping to see a participation rate of 25% or higher. Every pledge is important and moves us closer to our goal!
- Thank you for discerning your pledge and praying for the success of the campaign.

**Updated on 05/11/2023**

**Parish Goal: \$429,905**

**Parish 60% Share: \$257,943**

**Total Pledged: \$334,600**

**Percent Goal Pledged: 78%**

**Families Participating: 40**

**Participation: 10%**

#### Human Concerns Layette Collection

Thank you to our amazing parish family for providing an amazing array of baby care items. May you all be richly blessed by God for your kindness.

*- Human Concerns Commission*



#### May Crowning

Your "Talk About Committee" wishes to thank the eighty plus people from Blessed Savior and the Filipino Community who collaborated to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in our Filipino adapted May Crowning Celebration. We also thank all our guests who stayed to partake in the fellowship and light lunch. Thank you all for being a community that values hospitality and being with and for each other.

#### 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, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner, 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.*

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.**

**Love One Another  
Capital Campaign  
Volunteer Report Meeting**  
Thursday, May 18 at 6:30pm in  
the Parish Hall.




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