

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

May 7, 2023

## 5th Sunday of Easter

Blessed Savior Parish Worship Site  
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Mass Times: Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 9am  
Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel



### Congratulations, Noel, on your Confirmation!

May the Holy Spirit continue to bless you with the gift of faith and guide your lifelong journey with God.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at St. Agnes Parish

Junior, Veronica Tabifor, Fr. Romanus (Pastor)  
Most Rev. James T. Schuerman, Auxiliary Bishop  
Noel (Newly Confirmed), Collins Tabifor  
(left to right)

### Congratulations to Francisca and Young Obinna who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the 9am Mass

May God's blessings continue to fill your lives with happiness and your love grow ever deeper and richer with each passing year.

Chidera, Francisca Obinna  
Fr. Romanus (Pastor), Young Obinna  
(left to right)

#### Parish Staff:

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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday by Noon**

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm

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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, 5/6 - Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter**  
*Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22) / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12*

**4:00pm** Parishioners, both living and deceased  
**Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary at 3:00pm**

**Sunday, 5/7 - 5th Sunday of Easter**

Our Lady's May Crowning

*Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22) / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12*

**9:00am** † Gontran Gueye  
**Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary at 8:15am**

**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**

There will be no 9am morning Mass on  
 Monday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

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



*Eva Ochs, parishioner*

*May she find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn her and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**Live the Liturgy  
 Inspiration for the Week**

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy.

To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

**Thank You for Your Generosity**

Your participation in **CRS Rice Bowl** will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the year. The total for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl was \$1,503.00. The Blessed Savior St. Vincent de Paul Pantry received \$375.25.

The **Good Friday Holy Land** collection amounted to \$125.00. These funds benefit Christians in the Holy Land and help to preserve the sacred shrines.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Sunday Reflection:**

This Sunday's gospel from John (14:1-12) is among the most frequently selected gospels for funeral Masses. It is a beautiful passage that underscores God's comforting presence in our moments of sorrow. It was as though Jesus was comforting his disciples in anticipation of his own death and the grief it would bring. He said to them: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" Perhaps, the disciples remembered those words during their moments of grief following Jesus' crucifixion and death.

As we know, life is so full of tragedies. When we turn on the television or the radio, browse the Internet or flip through newspaper pages, we are bombarded with so many tragedies in our cities, nation, and the world. It is likely that you know someone who is dealing with tragedy. It is also likely that we will experience tragedy sometime in life.

Jesus' invitation to not let your hearts be troubled is a reminder that we are people of hope. That hope is rooted in the realization that there is more to life than meets the eye. Jesus' statement is an invitation to transcend the world by overcoming the anxiety caused by life's events or uncertainty about the future. It is an invitation to look beyond our sorrows and painful experiences. But, how could our hearts 'not be troubled' by some of the tragedies of life? Simply by placing our hope and trust in God, and contemplating a future devoid of pain and suffering. This is the essence of faith. Sometimes, we wonder how people who have no faith deal with life's tragedies and anxiety-causing experiences.

Anxiety is a general term for several disorders that cause nervousness, fear, apprehension, and worries. These disorders affect how we feel and behave, and they can manifest real physical symptoms. Mild anxiety is vague and unsettling, while severe anxiety can be extremely debilitating, having a serious impact on daily life. People often experience a general state of worry or fear before confronting something as simple as a visit to the doctor or dentist, or as challenging as a major surgery, loss of employment, death of a family member or friend, etc. These feelings are easily justified and considered normal. Anxiety becomes a big problem when symptoms interfere with one's ability to function. Generally speaking, anxiety is manifested when reaction to a given situation is grossly disproportionate with what could be considered normal.

In the gospel, Jesus provides a spiritual remedy for anxiety, namely, faith in God and in his son, Jesus Christ. Faith is about trusting that God is in charge of life's events and whatever the future holds. That takes the huge burden of uncertainty off our shoulders. Moreover, worrying about problems is not the same as solving them. Faith is about entrusting our life to our creator and the vanguard of our destiny.

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When is is all said and done, the ultimate tragedy is eternal separation from God. The good news is summed up in Jesus' response to Thomas: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Equally important is Jesus' response to Philip: "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves." Bottom line: through faith in God we will transcend life's tragedies.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and Godmothers!

*Fr. Romanus*

**Nominations are Open for Pastoral Council**

Councilors must be baptized, practicing members of Blessed Savior Parish and over the age of 18. The term of office is 3 years. Nominations will be accepted until May 14. Nomination forms (found at the end of each pew) can be put in the collection basket, or returned to the Parish Office.



You may nominate yourself or any other parish member. You may nominate more than one individual. Discernment will be May 16. Nominees are expected to watch the Archdiocesan video before discernment. See the parish webpage ([www.blessedsaviorparish.org](http://www.blessedsaviorparish.org)) for a link to the video and more information on the role of Pastoral Councilors.

**Theology of the Holy Spirit**

Do you want to fan into flames the gift of the Holy Spirit you received at Confirmation? Please join our Charismatic prayer group for a 7-week lecture series on pneumatology to stir the Holy Spirit in you. The sessions are on Fridays at 6:30pm at Blessed Savior. Use the west church door entrance. Call Simon Biagui, our Interim Christian Formation Coordinator, through the parish office at 414-464-5033, if you have any questions.



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**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 11 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



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