



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, promise to abide by the commandments and will of God, which is nurtured in us by our prayer life and by our worshipping together. We will proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing this, we will work to minister to the growth and needs of our neighbors and this community.

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**Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

Welcome **NEWCOMERS!**

We invite you with great joy to become a member of our parish by filling out an enrollment form and census form located in the vestibule. You may put the completed forms in the collection basket or mail to the office. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday after the mass at 6:45 – 7:15pm, and by appointment

Questions about other Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage)

Please contact Fr. Duane C. Trombetta

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New Mass Time - Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Monday – Thursday ----- Holy Mass----- 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days ---- 9:00 a.m.



Following 9AM Mass on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday

Journey of Faith: Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Soup & Scripture: Wednesdays @ 11:00 am

Christian Men's Group – Be A MAN - 2ND Saturday of the Month @ 11:00 AM

Third Order of the Secular Franciscans – 3rd Saturday of the Month 10:00 am

March 26, 2023



Second Collection: Building Maintenance

Please pray for the Sick and Homebound

Mary Howell, Mary Johnson, Connie Weber-Canada and Mark Thomas

Prayer for Renewed Strength

Oh Lord, my God, please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.



March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

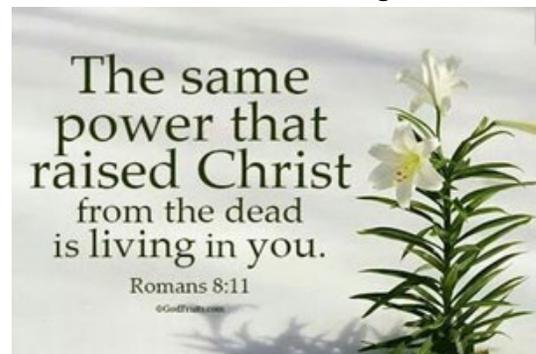
The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing donations in food, donations for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

First Reading



Second Reading



The Sanctuary Candle at the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament burns:

5th Sunday of Lent

Then Jesus said:
“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

JOHN 11:40



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

“Take; this is my body”

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.



“Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love.” (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)

“It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God.” (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist “makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior.” (CCC, no. 1330)

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Lector Ministry Schedule

March 25	Van Sanders
March 26	Youth
April 1	Lois Davis
April 2	Adrienne Williams

Attendance

March 11 ----- 20
 March 12 ----- 101



March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



St. of the day, March 28 - Saint Catharine of Bologna's Story

Some Franciscan saints led fairly public lives; Catharine represents the saints who served the Lord in obscurity.

Born in Bologna, Catharine was related to the nobility in Ferrara, and was educated at court there. She received a liberal education at the court and developed some interest and talent in painting. In later years as a Poor Clare, Catharine sometimes did manuscript illumination and also painted miniatures.

At the age of 17, she joined a group of religious women in Ferrara. Four years later, the whole group joined the Poor Clares in that city. Jobs as convent baker and portress preceded her selection as novice mistress.

In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence. As abbess, Catharine worked to preserve the peace of the new community. Her reputation for holiness drew many young women to the Poor Clare life. She was canonized in 1712. The liturgical feast of Saint Catharine of Bologna is celebrated on May 9.

Reflection

Appreciating Catharine's life in a Poor Clare monastery may be hard for us. “It seems like such a waste,” we may be tempted to say. Through prayer, penance, and charity to her sisters, Catharine drew close to God. Our goal is the same as hers, even if our paths are different.



“Second Homily” by Fr. Duane Trombetta

Our 2023 Lenten Parish Mission

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish has been pleased to announce in recent weeks, a 2023 Lenten Parish Mission! Hasn't it been too long since we've hosted one of these beneficial three-day opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sacraments in a heightened and intense way, while focusing on the major themes of our Catholic faith?

Well now the day has come for our 2023 Lenten Parish Mission. I pray that every parishioner will attend, starting at 5:30 pm on Wed., Mar. 30; 5:30 pm on Thur., Mar. 31; and 9:00 am on Sat., Apr. 1; right here in our church. Please join me in welcoming our renowned guest presenter, Dcn. Art Miller: a retired businessman, author, radio and TV host, and civil rights leader.

Have you lamented the troubled state of our world? Have you prayed for peace amid the troubled economy, the stressed education system, the declining civility in government, and the generally moral decline in our country? If so, take heart. By attending this Lenten Parish Mission, you'll receive clarity of focus and spiritual reinvigoration through God's infinite love.

In addition, all our parishioners will have opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this three-day Lenten Parish Mission. Remember, the Precepts of the Church specify that all Catholics should confess their sins at least once per year. The Lord God is waiting for you in the confessional, and he seeks to be reconciled with you.

We welcome all Catholics and those who are curious about the Catholic faith to our Lenten Parish Mission. Bring a friend or a few. Together we pray, “Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects” (Collect, First Sunday of Lent).

This promises to be an event you won't want to miss. I pray that every parishioner will attend – let's have 100% participation. Blessings!

Fr. Duane



The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A

Jesus Remember Me

On Saturday, March 25th we celebrated the feast of St. Dismas. The man called The Good Thief or The Penitent thief that was crucified with Christ on Calvary. We know very little about this Saint other than he asked for forgiveness and entered into eternal life with Jesus. Though he was a criminal, he believed Jesus to be the Christ, the Savior and prayed to Jesus to remember him on his returned with his Kingly power. St. Dismas knew he and Jesus was looking at death on the cross, Christ dying for us and Dismas having to pay for his crimes. And though he was a criminal he believed Christ to be the Son of God and asked him for salvation. Dismas realized that what he committed was a crime and the punishment of crucifixion was just for him and the other criminal. And as you know he rebuked the other criminal that was hanging with them when the other criminal told Christ. “That if you are the King of the Jews to save himself and us.”

This story of St. Dismas shows us that God is always waiting to forgive us and grant us eternal life even before death. St Dismas accepted his crime, accepted the punishment given for that crime as just. God’s will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. He had come to look for the lost sheep, he told us how that his Father in his goodness was move with pity for the prodigal son and welcomed him back with open arms. And finally he cries out: Come to me, all you that toil and are heavy of heart. Accept my yoke, talking about his way of life. To repent and shed the burden of sin and follow his will instead of our will and then we will find that his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

As we enter into the last two weeks of Lent, continue to reflect on what you can do to shed some of the burdens that you are carrying keeping you from a healthy relationship with the Lord. Contemplate what you can do through prayer, fasting, and going to reconciliation. It is said that there is nothing that you can say or do that the Lord will turn his back on you. And that is proven by the promise made to St. Dismas by Christ. " And Christ said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise".

Jesus, remember us when you come into your Kingdom. Amen - *Deacon Charles*



SAINTS

Stage II – Beatification

For the beatification of a Venerable, a miracle attributed to his intercession, verified after his death, is necessary. The required miracle must be proven through the appropriate canonical investigation, following a procedure analogous to that for heroic virtues. This investigation too is concluded with the appropriate decree. Once the decree on the miracle is promulgated the pope grants the beatification, which is the concession of limited public veneration – usually only in the diocese, eparchy, region, or religious community in which the Blessed lived. With beatification the candidate receives the titled of Blessed. For a martyr, no miracle is required. Thus when the pope approves the positio declaring that the person was a martyred for the faith, the title Blessed is granted to the martyr at that time.

Stage III – Canonization

For canonization another miracle is needed for both Blessed martyrs and Blesseds who lived a virtuous life, attributed to the intercession of the Blessed and having occurred after his or her beatification. The methods for affirming the miracle are the same as those followed for beatification. Canonization allows for the public veneration of the Saint by the Universal Church. With canonization, the Blessed acquires the title of Saint.

Contact for more information:
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Please continue to pray the Rosary daily for the People in Ukraine and for Peace throughout the World!



Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

This Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who

FINANCIAL STATEMENT				We appreciate your contributions! God bless all of you!	
Weekly contributions needed--\$5,000.00					
Mar 5	Weekly Col.:	\$3,876.00			\$983.46
Mar 12	Weekly Col.:	\$3,405.00			\$5,598.11
Mar 19	Weekly Col.:	\$2,725			\$3,734.14
Mar 26	Weekly Col.:	\$			\$
		Income:			Expense:
		\$7,281.00			\$6,581.57

O.L.B.S. 2023 Assessment Supplement

These donations are to help off-set the monthly assessment that we pay to the Diocese. We are asking each family to give at least \$200
 Our goal is to raise \$15,000.

As of March 22, 2023 - \$2,260.00

9 Families paid the full amount of \$200.00

4 Families paid a % of the \$200.00



To Request
Mass Intentions

Call the office or send in your intentions by mail. There are forms in the vestibule of church. Forms have also been sent to your email so you can send your requests to olbschurchsport.com.

*****Please submit your requests to the office no later than noon on Thursdays. Thank you and God Bless!**

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Father Duane and Nadalie Thomas - DRE



Spiritual Growth

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Reserved Meetings & Events Schedule

Center reserved:

March 29 – Ladies Auxiliary

March 30 – April 1 – Parish Lenten Mission

Sunday, April 2 – KPC Barbeque

Sunday, April 16 – Altar Society Bake Sale

Sunday, April 23 – Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast

1st Sunday every month after mass (KPC)

Tuesday 5:45 pm. (Journey of Faith)

Wednesday 11 am – 2 pm (Soup & Scripture)

2nd Sunday (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation) following mass

2nd Saturday 11 am (Christian Men's Group - Be A Man)

3rd Saturday 10 am (Third Order of the Secular Franciscans)

3rd Sunday every month (Bake Sale) Altar Rosary Society, After Mass

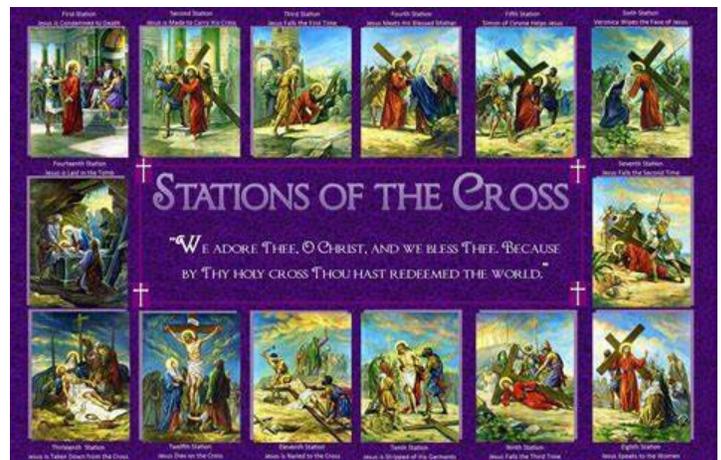
Last Saturday of every month 4:00 pm (St. Vincent de Paul)

Please call the office if you need to schedule an event or meeting anywhere on the church grounds.

Monthly Calendar

March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent



STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

March 31, 2023

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

April 7, 2023

Ushers

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

<i>Monday</i>		Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	John 8:1-11
<i>Tuesday</i>		Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
<i>Wednesday</i>		Daniel 3:14-52, 53, 54, 55, 56	John 8:31-42
<i>Thursday</i>		Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
<i>Friday</i>		Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
<i>Saturday</i>		Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56
Sunday		<i>Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11</i> <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	<i>Matthew 26:14-27:66</i>
Day	Date		Requested by:
<i>Sat.</i>	Mar 25	Mrs. Bennie Burd (Rest in Peace)	Nadalie and Charles Thomas
<i>Sun.</i>	Mar 26	Annie LaCour-Moore (Happy Birthday) Grace Rogers Brown (Deceased Birthday) Xavier Wilson (Health and Healing)	Sylvia LaCour-Williams Sherrie Allen Sherrie Allen
<i>Mon.</i>	Mar 27		
<i>Tue.</i>	Mar 28	The People of Our Parish	O.L.B.S. Church
<i>Wed.</i>	Mar 29	The People of Our Parish	O.L.B.S. Church
<i>Thur.</i>	Mar 30	The People of Our Parish	O.L.B.S. Church
<i>Fri.</i>	Mar 31		
<i>Sat.</i>	Apr 1		
<i>Sun.</i>	Apr 2	The People of Our Parish	Rev. Duane C. Trombetta



The church will be open on Wednesday for Adoration!
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please visit our Parish Facebook Page
for LIVE STREAM liturgy broadcasts!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Daily 3:00 p.m.

Fr. Duane

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
1923 - 2023

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lectionary: 34

Reading I

Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD:
O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,
O my people!
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.
I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading II

Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
But you are not in the flesh;
on the contrary, you are in the spirit,
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
But if Christ is in you,
although the body is dead because of sin,
the spirit is alive because of righteousness.
If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

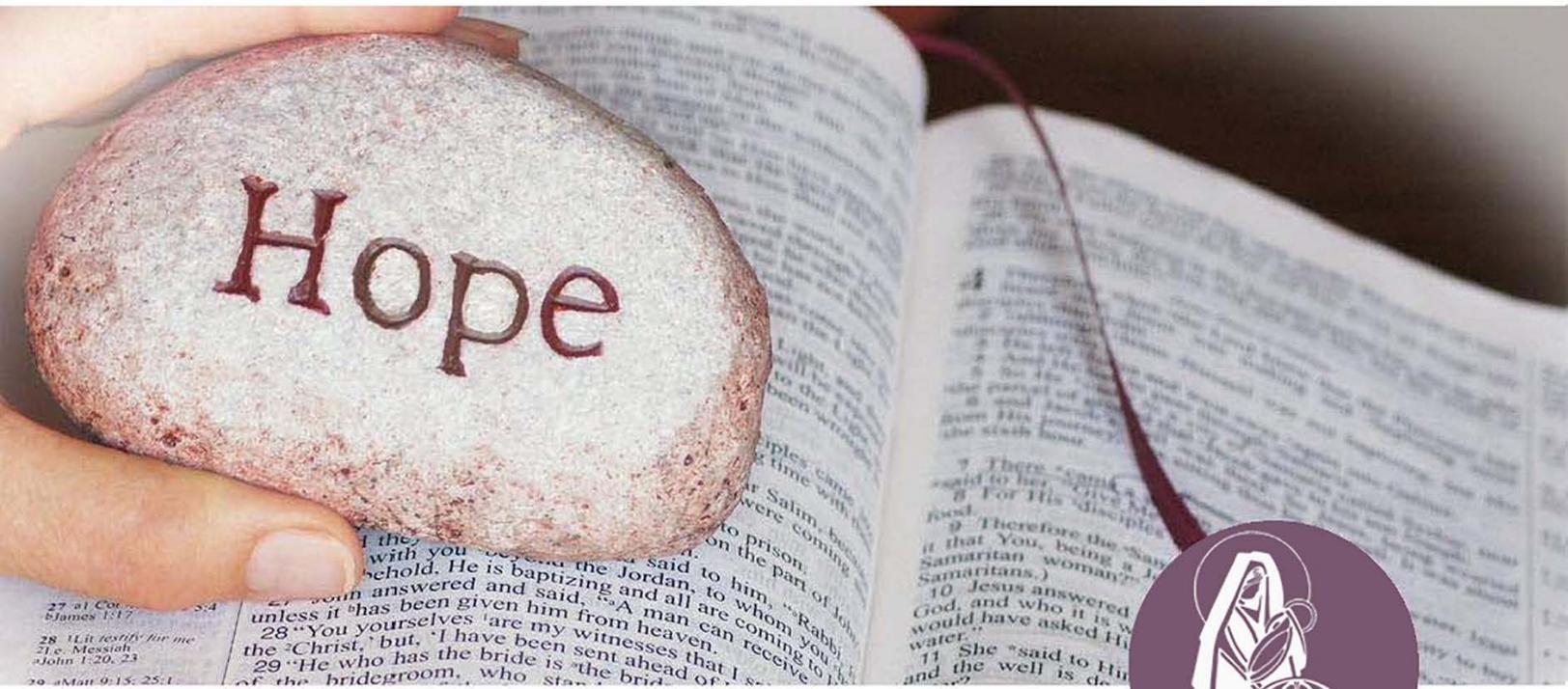
Gospel

Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany,
the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil
and dried his feet with her hair;
it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.
So the sisters sent word to him saying,
“Master, the one you love is ill.”
When Jesus heard this he said,
“This illness is not to end in death,
but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”
Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
So when he heard that he was ill,
he remained for two days in the place where he was.
Then after this he said to his disciples,
“Let us go back to Judea.”
The disciples said to him,
“Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you,
and you want to go back there?”
Jesus answered,
“Are there not twelve hours in a day?
If one walks during the day, he does not stumble,
because he sees the light of this world.
But if one walks at night, he stumbles,
because the light is not in him.”
He said this, and then told them,

“Our friend Lazarus is asleep,
but I am going to awaken him.”
So the disciples said to him,
“Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.”
But Jesus was talking about his death,
while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.
So then Jesus said to them clearly,
“Lazarus has died.
And I am glad for you that I was not there,
that you may believe.
Let us go to him.”
So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples,
“Let us also go to die with him.”
When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.
Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.
And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them about their brother.
When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him;
but Mary sat at home.
Martha said to Jesus,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you.”
Jesus said to her,
“Your brother will rise.”
Martha said to him,
“I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day.”
Jesus told her,
“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?”
She said to him, “Yes, Lord.
I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world.”
When she had said this,
she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying,
“The teacher is here and is asking for you.”
As soon as she heard this,
she rose quickly and went to him.
For Jesus had not yet come into the village,
but was still where Martha had met him.

So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her
saw Mary get up quickly and go out,
they followed her,
presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.
When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet and said to him,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.”
When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,
“Where have you laid him?”
They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”
And Jesus wept.
So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”
But some of them said,
“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?”
So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.
Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”
Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,
“Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days.”
Jesus said to her,
“Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?”
So they took away the stone.
And Jesus raised his eyes and said,
“Father, I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me;
but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me.”
And when he had said this,
He cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”
The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.
So Jesus said to them,
“Untie him and let him go.”
Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.



Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament LENTEN MISSION

With Deacon Art Miller

"We pray for the wisdom to be free. Not from the mundanity of daily toils nor the mendacity that invades our lives, but the freedom to not be overcome by them and the wisdom to hold on to HOPE."

Session 1: Thursday, March 30, 2023, 5:30 pm

Catered dinner to follow

Session 2: Friday, March 31, 2023, 5:00 pm

No-meat dinner to follow

Session 3: Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9:00 am

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Knights of Peter Claver **PALM SUNDAY BARBECUE**



Sunday, April 2, 2023

**DOOR
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9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Donation - \$12.00 per plate

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church

Community Center

1558 Buena Vista Street

Shreveport, Louisiana

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