



# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street  
Owensboro, KY 42303

## Our Mission Statement

Blessed Mother catholic church is a faith-filled community inspired by the Holy Spirit. Our parish family worships and grows together to accomplish the same God-given mission as Jesus through evangelization and active concern for all.

# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

---

## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. John Meredith, Pastor, phone ext. 22  
Russ Hayden, Administrator, phone ext. 21  
Brett Ballard, Music/Liturgy Director, phone ext. 27  
Roman Osowicz, Maintenance Mechanic, phone ext. 20  
Darlene Quinn, Office Assistant, phone ext. 25  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education ext. 26  
Christina Best, Youth Director, phone ext. 28

**OFFICE PHONE:** 683-8444

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** 601 East 23rd Street

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at Noon

## **PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:**

E-mail Line: Barbara Cecil - bwcecil@tds.net  
or phone 929-3690

**BAPTISM:** Parents must be registered in the parish and attend the Baptism Class. Call Nicholas Hardesty, the Director of Religious Education to set up an appointment for the Baptism Class. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made at that time.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance of the ceremony with Fr. John.

**ADULT CATECHUMENATE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for all who would like to inquire into our Catholic Faith. Call the Parish Office.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:** A program for returning Catholics  
Contact Josie Hagan, 926-1483

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 A.M.,  
5:30 P.M.

**WEEKDAYS:** 6:30 A.M. Monday  
6:00 P.M. Tuesday  
6:30 A.M. Wednesday  
Noon Thursday and Friday

**HOLY DAYS:** 6:00 P.M. Vigil Mass  
9:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

**ALL FRIDAYS:** Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.  
Any time by appointment.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** In order to meet the spiritual needs of our sick we ask that you please keep us informed of those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or a nursing facility. Our priest visits the hospital on a weekly basis. Arrangements may be made for Communion calls to the homes of our homebound parishioners on First Friday by the priest and/or weekly Communion calls made by lay ministers to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

During the school year for grades Kn-8th

## **BEREAVEMENT DINNERS**

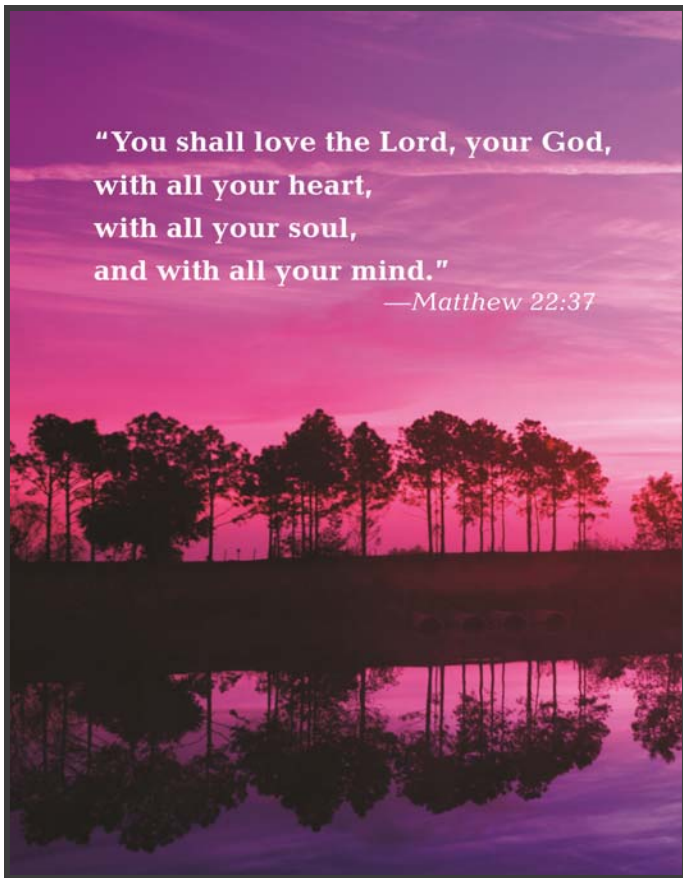
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

---

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Blessed Mother welcomes all newcomers to our Parish Family. We would be honored to have you as a member. Please fill out this section, cut out, and turn it in or mail it to the Parish Office. We will send you papers for membership and we will also have a member of our Welcoming Committee call you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.”  
—Matthew 22:37

**Intention for the Week**

- Monday,**      **October 24th**  
**6:30 AM**      **Chris Redd (dec, b-day)**
- Tuesday,**    **October 25th**  
**6:00 PM**      **NO MASS**
- Wednesday,** **October 26th**  
**6:30 AM**      **NO MASS**
- Thursday,**    **October 27th**  
**9:00 AM**      **School Mass**  
**Noon**         **NO Mass**
- Friday,**        **October 28th**  
**Noon**         **NO Mass**
- Saturday**      **October 29th**  
**4:00 PM**      **Janet Haynes (dec)**
- Sunday,**        **October 30th**  
                    **(Priest Appreciation)**  
**7:00 AM**      **Leo Thompson Family**  
**10:00 AM**     **Mary & Lester Nalley (dec)**  
**5:30 PM**      **Blessed Mother Parish**

**Liturgical Ministers for October 29th & 30th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SATURDAY 4PM** Ethel Watrous, Fran Watrous, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Edith Johnson, Rose Clark, Joan Collins, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder

**SUNDAY 7 AM** Dennis Sandefur, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Darlene Kazlauskas, Charlene Baumgarten, Don Cecil

**SUNDAY 10 AM** Tony Powers, Mary Howard, Eric Vaughn, Elaine Williams, Mark Church, Jim Hagan, Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Darlene Church

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Stephanie Hayden, Susan Hale, Christopher Hayden, Pat Hale, Janice Bumm, Rick Moman

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM** Bonnie Snyder
- Sun 7:00 AM** Joy Bach
- Sun 10:00 AM** Sabrina Johnson
- Sun 5:30 PM** Sarah Malone

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM** Allison Williams, Lauren Williams
- Sun 7:00 AM** Brittany Estes, Will Sandefur
- Sun 10:00 AM** Elizabeth Cason, Olivia Cason
- Sun 5:30 PM** Emily Marshall, John David Marshall

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM** Gerald Coomes
- Sun 7:00 AM** Steve Hoffman
- Sun 10:00 AM** Charlie Kase
- Sun 5:30 PM** Carl Goodman

**Children’s Liturgy**

- Preschool** Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)
- K-3rd Grade** Stephanie Frey, Lauren Zambrano (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Richard Whitehouse, Wil Wigginton, Jeffrey Williams

**Hillcrest:** Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

**Ministers of Hospitality for October**

- 4:00 PM** Keith Best, Jackie Russell, William Shelton, Tony Fiorella
- 7:00 AM** Russell Corley, Bernie Dotsey, Alex Dotsey, PJ Ebelhar
- 10:00 AM** John Bell Sr., John Bell Jr., Bruce Martin, Ed Higdon
- 5:30 PM** Kenny Buckman, Aaron Buckman, Caleb Buckman, Logan Buckman

## Catholic Q & A

**Did St. Thomas Aquinas deny that Mary was immaculately conceived?**

In short, yes, but let's not make more out of this than is really warranted. It is true that in his *Summa Theologiae* (Third Part, Question 27), Thomas denied that Mary was sanctified from original sin *at the moment of her conception*. He was wrestling with an apparent conflict: How can Jesus be said to be the Savior of all mankind, including Mary, if Mary had no sin to be saved from? The only way he knew how to resolve this issue was to say that Mary was sanctified not at the moment of her conception, but some time between when she was conceived in the womb of her mother and when she was born.

A Franciscan, John Duns Scotus, was the one who finally resolved this question. He pointed out that there is more than one way to save mankind from sin. In every case but one, God saves a person from sin by pulling him out of the pit of sin once he has fallen in. But, in the singular case of Mary, God saved her in a different way, by preventing her from falling into the pit of sin in the first place. God is still her savior, just in a different and, according to Scotus, more excellent way. Thomas could not have known of this solution, seeing that he died four years after Scotus was born.

But, that is okay. Thomas is the Church's greatest scholar, but he is still only human. We must also remember that Thomas was only struggling with *when* Mary was sanctified, not *if* she was. He still held that Mary was freed from the stain of original sin and that she remained sinless her entire life. Some people take Thomas' denial of sanctification *at the moment of conception* to mean that he thought Mary was a sinner like the rest of us. But, this is a gross distortion of what Thomas believed.

Ultimately, Thomas was simply doing what all theologians do with matters of the faith that have not been defined by the Church: He was wrestling with the implications of a belief, plumbing the depths of it, ironing out its finer details, seeing how the doctrine in question fits within the larger deposit of the faith. This type of theological work is how dogma develops, and it is a very natural and expected process, as the Holy Spirit leads the Church towards the full knowledge of the truth.

Instead of being scandalized by Thomas' words in the *Summa*, we should really be thankful for them. He contributed to the necessary work that brought the Church to a fuller understanding of Mary's sinlessness. St. Thomas Aquinas, the "Angelic Doctor" ... pray for us!

Peace of Christ to you,  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education  
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**Sunday, Oct. 23: "Standing Out"**

**Sunday, Oct. 30: Costume and Bunco Party!!  
Prizes, Cash and Gift Cards for best costumes and bunco winners!!**

**Questions, concerns, comments:** come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: [bmcyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcyouth@bellsouth.net) or 683-8444 Ext. 28

### COOKING TEAMS UP TO BAT:

**Oct. 23: Al & Molly Thompson,  
Sharon McPherson, Diane Hoffman**

**Oct. 30: Cliff & Suzanne Russell, Greg & Vickie Cash**

### "Congratulations" Mike & Rose Clark 2011 Sophia Award Winners



Mike and Rose have been members of Blessed Mother for almost 15 years. Mike has been a professional educator, primarily as a school administrator for 47 years. Mike most recently served as principal in Daviess County area Catholic Schools. Rose has been a nurse for 50 years the last 30 as a nurse educator. Mike and Rose have been very active in several ministries of our Church, including; Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, Renew, Koinonia, Bible Studies, teachers in Religious Education, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Rose is involved in the Hillcrest Nursing Home Ministry.

Mike and Rose have both been involved in various civic endeavors within our community such as Dram Riders of Kentucky (therapeutic horseback riding program serving individuals with special needs). Mike currently serves as a Daviess County Public School board member and Rose is teaching part time in the University of Louisville nursing program at the Owensboro Medical Health System.

Mike and Rose are both honored to be chosen as Blessed Mother's Sophia Award recipients for 2011. Both consider their Catholic faith life as being the most important aspect of their lives.

## Laugh for the Week

### “On the Phone”

**Stephanie had been talking on the phone for about a half an hour before she hung up. Her father said, “Wow! That was a short conversation. You usually talk for an hour. What happened?”**

**Stephanie replied, “It was a wrong number!”**

### Food Drive for the Help Office October 29-30-31

**“I was hungry and you gave me food”  
Matthew 25:35**

October is Blessed Mother’s month to supply food for the Help Office. They are very low on supplies and they are depending on our church to supply can goods, non-perishable food items, paper towels, and personal items for those in Owensboro who are in need of their services.

Please bring your items to church next weekend or you may drop them off at the Parish office by Noon on Monday, October 31st.

**“Thank You for Your Support”**

### The New Roman Missal

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshipping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

With the new translation of the Roman Missal, you’ll notice that, in many instances, the English translation of the Latin texts is more closely in line with the translations of other languages in the world. For example, in almost every other major language of the world, the response to “*The Lord be with you*” has always been “*And with your Spirit.*” This is how it is translated in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Polish . . . even in the African language of *isiZulu*. The translation of the Mass texts can serve as a beautiful reminder that, as the Scriptures tell us, we are all one in Christ Jesus.

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

“The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Mt 22:34-40

During the life of Jesus Rabbi Shamai and Rabbi Hillel [the uncle of Gamiliel, who taught Paul] lead two schools to study the Torah in Jerusalem. A man approached Shamai and asked if he could recite all of the laws and the prophets of Israel while standing on one foot. He said it could not be done. The man then went to Hillel, who raised one foot and said “What you would not want someone do to you, do not do to them” and then put his foot down. He added, “**All the rest is commentary.**” The Pharisees and Sadducees sent a scholar of the law to challenge Jesus with the same question. Jesus, cites Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 and adds that “The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandment.” Jesus is saying, “**All the rest is commentary.**” Imagine a world in which everyone loves God with their whole mind, heart, soul and strength; and loves their neighbor as themselves. Obviously, we cannot do it by ourselves. But if we do not do it, it cannot happen. So let it begin with us.

### October 9th, 2011

| Actual   | Budget   | MTD      | YTD      |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| \$20,688 | \$23,558 | \$22,700 | \$22,516 |

**New Member Brunch  
October 23, 2011  
After the 10:00AM Mass  
Everyone is invited  
Please come join in and give a  
Warm welcome to our new members!**

**October 30th  
Blessed Mother Celebrates  
Priesthood Sunday  
Brunch honoring Fr. John  
Follows the 10AM Mass  
All are invited to come celebrate  
The Gift of Fr. John to Our Parish**

**A Basket will be available at the main entrance at all Masses that Weekend for cards, and thank you, to Fr. John.**

**Remember in prayer those  
sick in our community:**

Frances Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Kellie Burch, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Don Cooper, Amy Cox, Chad Crabtree, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, Kinsey Dunn, Elena Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Donna Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Tony Keller, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Mike Koger, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Travis Martin, Dale Mattingly, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Judy Peak, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, Dorothy Schell, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, Marge Slack, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Lucille Vowels, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Deny Wheatley, Kamren White, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.  
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.**

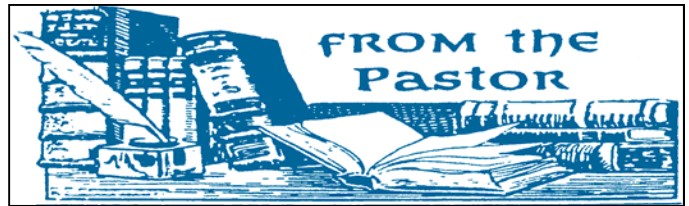
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army  
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of  
Russell & Virginia Corley)

**Afghanistan**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)  
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark  
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)  
CPL Whitney Corley (Marines) (granddaughter  
Russell & Virginia Corley)  
Nicholas Sandefur (Army) (grandson, Dessie Clark)  
PFC-NG-NGB Justin McDuffie (grandson  
Clarence & Carmen Elder)

**Other**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel story today Jesus once again is confronted by the Pharisees. They test Him about the commandments. He challenges them with more than they asked for. He challenges us to love God and neighbor.

The annual priest retreat is coming up this week. It is held at the Mount this time every year. The director this year is Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB. Please note the Mass schedule.

We welcome all our new comers today. There is a brunch after the 10am Mass that everyone is invited to. Come say hi to the new people. We thank Phyllis Bastin and the Welcoming committee for this ministry.

Next Sunday is Priest Appreciation Sunday. We thank God for the gift of Priesthood in the Church. Come join me at a reception in the parish hall after the 10am Mass.

Also next Sunday at 9:30am we are going to pray the rosary before the 10am Mass like we did when the picketers were here recently. We'll sing songs and pray together to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary.

RCIA has begun. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Catholic faith call the office and we will contact them. We meet every Thursday at 7pm in the youth room.

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the Joseph R. Hagan family on the death of their father, Joe. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**Lifting Up Mass**

Sunday, November 6th 2:30PM  
Wendell Foster's Campus Young Building  
7th & Triplett Street Owensboro  
Celebrant: Brescia University President  
Fr. Larry Hostetter  
Reception with Refreshments  
Immediately Following

**A unique celebration of the Mass for all Persons with Disabilities and their Families, Integrating those with Disabilities into the Liturgy and Worship.**

### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. No Mass 6:00 PM**

**Wed. No Mass 6:30 AM**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass  
No Mass 12:00 Noon  
RCIA 7:00 PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
NO Mass 12 Noon**

**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM  
Mass 4:00 PM**

**Sun. Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
Priest Appreciation after 10AM Mass  
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Mal 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131;  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

*Check out the NEW Catholic Radio Station!*

107.7 WIMM is now on 107.9! New call numbers, **BETTER SIGNAL**, same Catholic truth. For more information, see our website: <http://www.owensborocatholicradio.com>

### Safe Environment

Copies of the Diocese of Owensboro's policy dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable person is available in the Parish Office and on the Diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org](http://www.rcdok.org)) The Bishop and Diocesan Review Board want to help anyone who has been abused in the past or is currently suffering from abuse. You may phone the Pastoral Center, 683-1545, to report an allegation of abuse. **If you want to volunteer with minors you must complete the Safe Environment Training, and have a current Background Check. If you have any questions, contact Russ at the Parish Office.**

### TV Mass

Mass will now air on Channel 72 at 10:30 am. If you have Time Warner's digital cable the Mass can also be seen at **7 am on Channel 311**. It also broadcasts from News 25 (cable channel 11) at 6am. All those with satellite can get the Mass on local Channel 25 at 6am.

**Donations may be made to Gideon Productions.,  
515 East 22nd St. Owensboro, Ky. 42303**

### OCS Registration

**The Owensboro Catholic Schools Registration: Space still available for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information about OCS or to inquire about tuition assistance, contact Karen Gross at 686-8896 or log on to the website at: [www.owensborocatholic.org](http://www.owensborocatholic.org)**

### Winter Warmth

**The Social Justice Committee will sponsor the coat drive this year, beginning Saturday October 29th thru November 13th. The box will be placed at the main doors of church. Thank you for your support in this work of charity.**

### Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back to Blessed Mother Parish. We have a special ministry for people just like you who have been away from the church. Please join us for a six week series that begins Thursday, Nov. 10th at Blessed Mother Parish Center, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call Josie Hagan, 926-1483. after 5PM.

### Parish Council Members

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Camillia Baker       | 729-9094 |
| Angela Bell          | 729-9434 |
| Nancy Byrum          | 729-4362 |
| Charlie Castlen      | 683-3426 |
| Liz Francis          | 926-3148 |
| Richard Hayden       | 689-1422 |
| David Higdon (Chair) | 852-5321 |
| Rick Moman           | 683-6555 |
| Keith Osborne        | 689-0917 |
| Cliff Russell        | 685-4793 |
| Tony Powers          | 926-1803 |
| Dan Thomas           | 684-2120 |

**Daily Bible Reading: 683-8524**

**Visit our website!**

<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com>