



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.

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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

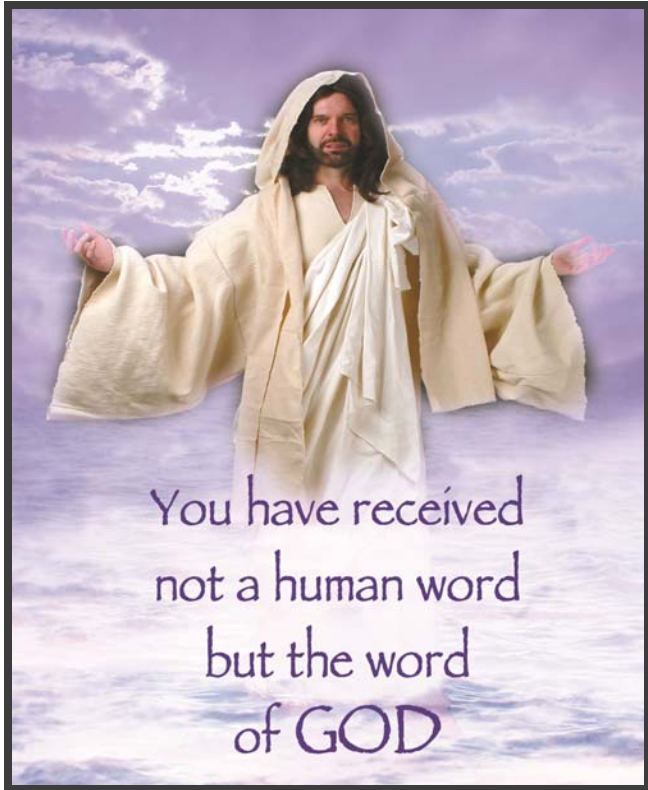
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 _____



Intention for the Week

- Monday,** **October 31st**
6:00 PM **Mary Simmons (dec)**
- Tuesday,** **November 1st (Holy Day)**
9:00 AM **School Mass**
12:00 PM **LD Farmer**
- Wednesday,** **November 2nd**
6:30 AM **LD Farmer**
- Thursday,** **November 3rd**
9:00 AM **NO School Mass**
Noon **Thomas Clark Hagan Family**
- Friday,** **November 4th**
Noon **W. A Mattingly Jr (dec)**
First Friday Potluck after Mass
- Saturday** **November 5th**
4:00 PM **Aloysious Smith (dec)**
- Sunday,** **November 6th**
7:00 AM **Blessed Mother Parish**
10:00 AM **Ben Onstott (ann of death)**
5:30 PM **Helen Payne (dec)**

Liturgical Ministers for November 5th & 6th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Shirley Kent, Joyce Pearl, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Jeannie Best

SUNDAY 7 AM Don Cecil, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Sr. Mary Timothy, Dennis Sandefur, Brenda Hagan

SUNDAY 10 AM Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Eric Vaughn, Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Sr. Marie Joseph, Katie Hayden, Russ Hayden, Ed Higdon

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Carlton Goodman, Sam Lilly

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Michelle Mayfield
Sun 7:00 AM David Payne
Sun 10:00 AM Karissa Riter
Sun 5:30 PM Greg Cash

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Allie Ford, Giovanni Digirolamo
Sun 7:00 AM David Dotsey, Harper Dotsey
Sun 10:00 AM Kevin Ralph, Hayden Riney
Sun 5:30 PM Jolee Hayden, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Gary Aull
Sun 7:00 AM Russ Corley
Sun 10:00 AM Brent Millay
Sun 5:30 PM Bill Wright

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden & Kara Trogden (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Natalie Hayden, Becca Greenwell (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Kathy Wilson, Ellen Wolford, Bea Wooldridge

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

Ministers of Hospitality for November

4:00 PM Tim Goetz, Eric Goetz
Josh Goetz, Rebecca Goetz

7:00 AM Clarence Elder, Tom Foster
Ed Hoskins, Joe Higdon

10:00 AM Charlie Kase, Janet Kase
Lacy Kase, Steve Frey

5:30 PM Ben Miller, Mason Miller
Lee Miller, Eli Miller

Catholic Q & A

What does the "IHS" stand for that one sometimes sees on the altar, or the priestly vestments, or the Eucharist?

The letters "IHS" are *iota*, *eta*, and *sigma*, the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. This symbol was used in the early Church, during times of persecution, as a code-word for the Holy Name.

Various other interpretations arose out of the Middle Ages. For example, some said "IHS" stood for the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator*, which means, "Jesus, Savior of Humanity," or *Iesus Hierosolyma Salvator*, which means, "Jesus, Savior of Jerusalem," or *In Hoc Signo (Vincens)*, which means, "In this sign (you will conquer)," from the vision that Constantine saw before the battle at the Mulvian Bridge. Some have suggested the Greek phrase *Iesus Hemeteros Soter*, which means, "Jesus our Savior." There are even some wacky anti-Catholics who think the "IHS" stands for the Egyptian Gods Isis, Horus, and Seb! But, all of these interpretations are incorrect.

Who wrote the Nicene Creed that we say at Mass?

The Nicene Creed, minus the statement about the Holy Spirit, was composed by the 318 bishops who attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. It was meant to be a profession of faith against Arianism and the other heresies that were floating about regarding the two natures of Christ. Later on, at the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD, the statement about the Holy Spirit was added, giving the Creed the form in which we have it today.

What is the role of a deacon in the Catholic Church?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers this question for us, in article no. 1570:

Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an *imprint* ("character") which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the "deacon" or servant of all. Among other tasks, it is the task of deacons to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting at and blessing marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity.

Deacons can also celebrate baptisms and perform the various pastoral works of the parish (for example, visiting the sick, bringing the Eucharist to the homebound, caring for the poor, pastoral counseling, etc.).

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

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

Sunday, Nov. 6: The Meal, The Mass, The Mystery

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

COOKING TEAMS UP TO BAT:

**Oct. 30: Cliff & Suzanne Russell, Greg & Vickie Cash
Nov. 6: Bernie & Lisa Dotsey, John & Ashlie Iracane**

The Giving Tree

Its that time again to be thinking about Our Giving Tree. If you know of a family in need of help this Christmas, please contact Russ at the Parish Office. We help families and individuals only if requested by a parishioner. Our tree goes up Thanksgiving Day, so the **Names with clothing sizes need to be turned in no later than Monday November 21st.**

The Book Of Life

We invite you to take a moment and list the names of your deceased loved ones into the Book Of Life. All entered will be remembered in the Holy Masses during the month of November. Envelopes are available for Masses to be offered during the year.

Ministers All Saints Day

Eucharistic Ministers

Monday 6:00PM Bonnie Snyder, Shirley Kent, Joyce Pearl, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Joan Collins, Karen Dueker

Servers Gabe Fillman, Nicholas Jackson
Reader Lanell Lilly

Tuesday 12:00 Noon Russ Hayden, Ethel Watrous, Bill Hayden, Edith Johnson, Raymunda Calhoun, John Calhoun

Reader Fran Watrous

Laugh for the Week

Three men, an Italian, a Frenchman, and an American, were condemned to be executed. Their captors told them they had the right to have a final meal before the execution. They asked the Frenchman what he wanted. "Give me some good French wine and French bread," he requested. So they gave it to him, he ate it, then they executed him. Next it was the Italian's turn. "Give me a big plate of pasta," said the Italian. So they brought it to him, he ate it, and they executed him. Now it was the American's turn. "I want a big bowl of strawberries," said the American. "Strawberries?" They aren't even in season!" The American replied, "so, I'll wait!!!!"

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 worshiping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.

When visiting an art museum, you've probably noticed how the tour guide provides insight into the major characteristics of each painting. A good guide will point out how artists intentionally use light, color, texture, shapes, and so on to express themselves. In a similar way, the words we use in worship can be compared to works of art. This is no ordinary language—it's ritual language. With that in mind, the translators of the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal intentionally sought to make certain characteristics obvious, thus bringing out the depth, beauty, and rich meaning of the words we pray at Mass. Just as we pause to take in the beauty and complexity of a work of art, we also need to stand back and look carefully at the words of the new Roman Missal translation, allowing them to speak to us at a deeper level than do ordinary words and phrases. Over time, as we continue to ponder and reflect on these words and images, they will reveal to us ever-deeper levels of meaning that we may miss at first glance. In doing so, they draw us deeper and deeper into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
The greatest among you must be your servant. Mt 23:1-12

Robert Greenleaf is credited with the concept of "servant leadership" as a model for leaders in business and industry [and politics]. His model is impressive, but it is by no means unique. When stripped of the business and industry management jargon, it bears a striking resemblance to the life and message of Jesus. People listened to Jesus because his words matched his actions. People observed that he loved God the Father with his whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and that he loved his neighbor as himself. That is why he had the credibility to challenge others to do the same. That is why he had the credibility to challenge the scribes and Pharisees who dressed in elaborate garments, claimed high sounding titles, sat in places of honor, performed acts to be seen, and assumed the "chair of Moses" - all while placing heavy burdens on the people. It is no wonder the scribes and Pharisees rejected Jesus and his example of "servant leadership." But for us who claim to be Christian, we must be servants. We get closer to God by serving others.

October 16th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$17,730	\$23,558	\$21,044	\$22,217

St. Benedict's Shelter

The homeless shelter is in need of Volunteers. If you are interested in Volunteering your time please contact the shelter.

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.**

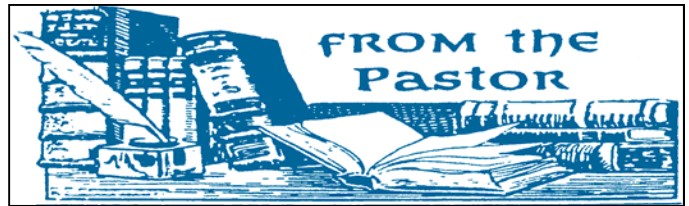
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. There are only thirty four weeks in Ordinary Time so we are nearing the end of a Church Year. Jesus reminds us of the call to serve if we want to truly be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us pray for servant hearts.

The retreat went well. Thanks for your prayers.

We thank the Welcoming Committee for putting on the brunch last weekend. Welcome to all our new families.

This 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.

This week finds us with a blessing. We have a Holy Day Tuesday the feast of All Saints. As expected the Mass schedule is different. Monday's Mass is in the evening at 6pm. Masses on the Holy Day – 9:00am school Mass and then Mass at Noon. There is no Tuesday evening Mass.

This time last year we sent everyone a “report card” on their financial giving. It is not a bill or a complaint. It is a friendly reminder of where each person stands with their pledges and contributions. Those reports should be coming out soon.

November is the month to pray for our departed loved ones. Check the display board in the back and feel free to write in the book a loved one's name for prayer.

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 6:00 PM (Holy Day Vigil)
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 AM School Mass
12:00 Noon Mass**

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

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

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon
First Friday Potluck after Mass**

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

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24, 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Suggested: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11
or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings
from no. 668 or the Masses for the
Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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) 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

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>