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PARISH BULLETIN

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Saint John the Baptist Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of Manchester community for almost 90 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrants, and later for all residents of the Connecticut State.

Consider joining us for Sunday Worship! For more than two thousand years, the Sunday Eucharist has been at the very heart of the life of the Christian Church. There is no substitute for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Everything we are and everything we do flows into and out of this act of Divine Worship.

In addition, Catholics know that they must continually nourish their spiritual lives apart from Sunday Eucharist. Daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, devotions, bible study, ongoing Christian formation and an active life of charity are the building blocks of what it means to be a CHRISTIAN-CATHOLIC. You will find all of these activities in our parish and we encourage your participation.

If you have questions or suggestions about the parish, you may contact us. Please feel free to stop by the Parish Office or to speak to one of the priests or lay members after Sunday Mass.

You are very welcome to our community!

Fr. Adam Piekarczywski
Administrator



HOLY MASS

10.00 am

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: must be arranged in person

MARRIAGES: 6 months prior arrangement

CONFESSIONS: by appointment

SICK VISITS: by appointment

FUNERALS: family should contact Fr. Adam as soon as possible

If you have a family member or a friend in the hospital or sick at home wishing a pastoral visit, notify Fr. Adam as soon as possible to schedule a visit.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 10 am

For + MARY
ZAWISTOWSKI
(req. by Marguerite
Hensley)



PALM SUNDAY

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

*Hosanna to the Son of David!
O blest is He, O blest is He,
Who comes in the name of the Lord.*

1. Rejoice daughter of Zion
In the One who brings great joy!
Sing praise children of Judah
For the Lord is close at hand.

2. Rejoice all who are thirsting
For the streams of living joy
Sing praise children of Judah
For the Lord is close at hand.

3. Rejoice all who are longing
To behold the face of God
Sing praise children of Judah
For the Lord is close at hand.

INTROIT

C: Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

C: Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R: O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of

READING 1

IS 50:4-7

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 22

„My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?“

READING 2

PHIL 2:6-11

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (April 14)

10am – Holy Mass with the blessing & distribution of Palms

HOLY THURSDAY (April 18)

5pm – Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY (April 19)

9am-3pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in silence...

5pm – Solemn Liturgy of our Lord's Passion
& veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (April 20)

8pm – blessing of the Easter Baskets („Swieconka”)

HOLY MASS of the Paschal Vigil with blessing of fire, water
& Paschal Candle

EASTER SUNDAY (April 21)

10am – Holy Mass of the Resurrection

OFFERTORY SONG - PEOPLE, MY PEOPLE

Ref. People, my people, how have I betrayed you?
How have I grieved you, How could I have failed you?

1. For I have saved you from the might of Pharoah,
But now you lead me to the cross to suffer.

2. For I have raised you over ev'ry nation,
Now you would have me bear shame and crucifixion.

3. Freely I led you to lands of milk and honey;
You lead me forth to die on a cross to shame me.



COMMUNION SONG - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

Ref: And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever.

Yes Lord I believe
That You are the Christ
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world

FINAL HYMN - HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

The same as the entrance hymn!