

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/01 (Today) SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS. Solemn Mass at 10am. After the Mass we go together to bless our Cemetery. Mass Intention: For + CZESLAW LASEK
- 11/02 (Monday) ALL SOULS DAY. Solemn Mass at 5pm. celebrated for all our deceased brothers and sisters offered in this year's Remembrances (Wypominki)
- 11/08 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: For + RUTH GRZYB
- 11/15 (Sunday) DEADLINE to bring the "shoeboxes" to the church for this year's "Operation Christmas Child"

- Thank you, **MAGDA PIEKARZEWSKA**, for preparing this year's All Souls decoration in the church.
- **Fr. ZBIGNIEW STANLEY KASZUBSKI** passed away on October 19, 2020. Fr. Kaszubski was St. John's pastor 13 years: 1996-2009. Our parishioner **IDA GRZYB** passed away recently. She lived in Florida for the past few years. Her funeral is planned on Nov 5 at 11am at St. John's cemetery. This date is not yet finally confirmed. *Eternal rest grant them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*
- We invite and encourage you to join all our Eastern Diocese in a **weekly prayer** - The Lord's Prayer and Prayer of St. Francis - for our Church, community, and our nation, **beginning on Wednesday November 4, at 12 Noon**. There is power in united prayer. This works even for those parishioners who are homebound for any reason. The laminated prayer card is attached to the bulletin.
- November is a special month when we pray for our deceased! We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed Sunday!**

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + CZESLAW LASEK (req. by Janina)

INTROIT

C: Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

R: All Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and Your faithful bless You. They speak of the glory of Your reign and tell of Your great works.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



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.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud

RV 7:2-4, 9-14

voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.” All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: “Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, “Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.” He said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 24

"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."

READING 2

1 JN 3:1-3

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.
Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 5:1-12A

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is All Saints’ (All Hallows’) Day. This solemnity replaces the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading (from the Book of Revelation) gives us a glimpse of heaven where a great crowd of people are gathered around the Lamb (Jesus). It is a gathering of people from every land and nation. The throngs are there to give glory to GOD forever since they have lived lives which gave witness to GOD. The psalm describes those who are privileged to ascend the mountain of the LORD and come into GOD’s presence. St. John, in his First Letter, remarks that we can’t fully comprehend the greatness of being in heaven. In the Gospel account of the Beatitudes, Jesus describes how blessed (joyful) will be those who live lives which reflect their relationship with GOD and others.

All the readings describe the glory that awaits those who are part of the heavenly Reign of GOD. A key element in the readings which leads to my reflection is the fact that heaven is the place where people from all countries and backgrounds will be able to celebrate the glory of GOD. This will be especially true for those who have been witnesses (Greek: μαρτυροί - martyroi) to Jesus and His Gospel. The psalm (about those who are allowed to ascend GOD’s mountain because of their clean hearts) can easily be seen as an analogy for entering the presence of GOD in heaven after a life which has manifested one’s relationship with GOD. John’s reminder that heaven is far beyond even our greatest imaginations is an uplifting and exciting passage. The joy and happiness of heaven can begin here on earth if we follow the guidelines given in the Beatitudes.