

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/13 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour after the Mass in the church hall as usual.

02/20 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. *Mass Intention: For + CZESŁAW LASEK*

- **THANK YOU** Diane and Linda for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale. the event turned out to be very successful! Our net income was more than \$3,500.
- 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 week!**

CHURCH NEWS

- Two new Hand Sanitizing Stations were purchased last week—one for the church and one for the church hall.
- A-frame sign informing about the “church parking” across the street has been installed in front of the church.
- Solar panels installation on the church roof will finish this week and will be followed by the town inspection.
- This week we’re going to start removing lead paints in the rectory (2nd floor).
- Upcoming birthdays: RENA GERVAIS (02/25), EDWARD MAKLES (02/26). Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 1)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + ZOFIA KAZIUK (req. by the family)

INTROIT

C: Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in the company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God’s law they study day and night.

R: They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

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 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

JER 17:5-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,
who seeks his strength in flesh,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
He is like a barren bush in the desert
that enjoys no change of season,
but stands in a lava waste,
a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:
it fears not the heat when it comes;
its leaves stay green;
in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.”

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READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;
you are still in your sins.

1 COR 15:12, 16-20

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.
But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Tomorrow we will celebrate Valentine Day. It is a day when many people give gifts of love to the special people in their lives. It is a GOOD thing to show one's love for others and to gift the person(s) who are meaningful to you. What if you take the time to choose a special gift for your loved one and you wrap it up and present it to that person, and the person takes the gift and puts it on a shelf, unopened, how would you feel? You might feel disappointed, even upset. You might feel rejected and dejected.

GOD is an even greater lover. GOD constantly gifts us with special presents, but sometimes we fail to appreciate and use the gifts which GOD gives us. We reject the love of GOD symbolized by the gifts which GOD gives. If we, on the other hand, gratefully accept what GOD bestows upon us and appreciate GOD's presence in the presents, then we demonstrate our desire to have GOD be the focus of our lives.