

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 07/23 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall with Filipino traditional food.
- 07/30 (XVII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall. *Mass Intention: For + BP. JAROSLAW RAFALKO.*

- Our Church starts new operation this week - we will be taking care of a **clothing shed** that is going to be located on the parking lot of CCGC across the street. The church will be getting a small profit depending on the amount of donated clothes. The shed is arriving on Wednesday, July 26. **We encourage parishioners and friends to use THIS shed as it's going to support our church. THANK YOU!**

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: FR. HENRY SMOLINSKI (07/31). Happy anniversary! 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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July 23, 2023

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PARISH BULLETIN

XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For + FLORITA ZEMBROWSKI on the 1st death anniversary
(req. by Ana & Ted Pilch)*

INTROIT

C: Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

R: Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

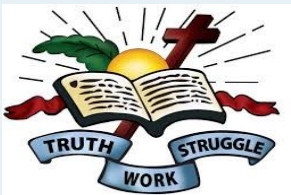
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 the Wisdom.

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.
For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you.

WIS 12:13, 16-19

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, you are good and forgiving.”

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READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

ROM 8:26-27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 13:24-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus continues relating parables that describe the Reign of GOD. Today’s first parable express the small beginnings of Reign of Heaven (the spread of the faith, the Church). While the seeds of wheat begin to grow, the enemy (the evil one) spreads seeds of weeds/tares (people of falsehoods, lies, and evil). Evil is co-existing with GOoD. Yet, to pull out the evil growth might uproot the GOoD growth. Yes, there is the possibility that the evil might overpower the GOoD, at least for a time. Yet, there is also the possibility that the GOoD may have a positive effect on the evil (at least as far as the moral growth of humans). GOD wants to give another chance to those who started out as bad seed. There will come the ultimate time (death and judgment) when growth is complete, then the harvesters will have to separate the bad (weeds/tares) from the GOoD (wheat).
This conflict between GOoD and evil, light and darkness, is a theme that plays itself out over and over in human history and literature, and in the Word of GOD. We are faced with GOoD and evil every day of our lives, if not presently in our own personal life, then in the world at large.