

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/08 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour follows the Mass in the Church hall.
- 10/14 (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale** 10am—12pm.
- 10/15 (Solemnity of Christian Family) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall. Mass Intention: For + FREDERICK GASIOR.

- **FREE FOOD PANTRY.** One storage cabinet in the church hall has been transformed into small Free Food Pantry. All items stored inside are free to take. You can take as much as you need for yourself, your family, friends or neighbors. FREE FOOD PANTRY items will be also used to help all those who reach our church asking for food assistance.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: BP PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI (10/31). 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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PARISH BULLETIN

CHRISTIAN FAMILY—SOLEMNITY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + NORMA BASCOM (req. by Margo & Fr. Henry)

INTROIT

C: Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R: So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

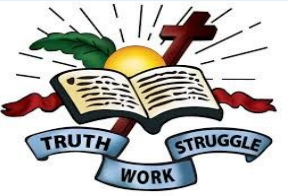
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Genesis.

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.

GEN 1:26-28,31A

God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128

"Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

READING 2

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

Children, obey your parents [in the Lord], for this is right. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise, "that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ, not only when being wa-

EPH 6:1-9

tched, as currying favor, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, willingly serving the Lord and not human beings, knowing that each will be requited from the Lord for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Masters, act in the same way toward them, and stop bullying, knowing that both they and you have a Master in heaven and that with him there is no partiality.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 2:41-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I love Mary's reaction – it's exactly what any parent would say today – people don't change. But Jesus' reply is the interesting one. "In my Father's house". What must Joseph have thought about that? Surely Jesus wasn't referring to God? Hardly surprising that Joseph did not understand. Mary didn't understand either. Over the last 12 years Mary has seen this promised baby grow up into a young man. He looked the same as the other lads his age. He played football and worked in his dad's workshop, the same as other sons. Was he really "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"? Twelve years earlier, back in verse 19 when the shepherds left, we hear that "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." She had not understood everything then, but one day, perhaps. Here, in verse 51, she is treasuring more things in her heart. "My Father's house", he said. Mary still does not understand, but one day, perhaps. One day the son of Mary would be revealed as the son of God. Jesus spoke of God as his Father, and made his home in God's house. Yes, at the end of this passage he went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, and learned how to fix doors and make stools, but his real home was his Father's house in Jerusalem. And it was in Jerusalem in the run up to Good Friday that Jesus spoke again of his Father's house, this time to the disciples. In John 14, Jesus says, "My Father's house has many rooms ... I am going there to prepare a place for you." A room. For you. In the Father's house. Wow!