

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/28 (Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass in the church hall. Collection for the Music Scholarship Program at the door.
- 02/03 (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale** 10am - 12pm.
- 02/04 (Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass in the church hall. For + LYDIA COMO.

- All those who'd like to **volunteer in different church activities in the moth of February**, please sign up the list in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your time and dedication to St. John's!

CHURCH NEWS

- Renovation project of the church vestibule.** If you have any ideas how to improve functionality of the vestibule, please, share them with Fr. Adam or Mitchell. Thank you!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MARGUERITE HENSLEY (01/31), LINDA SPINELLI (02/01), JOSEPH STEPIEN (02/01), REV. HENRY SMOLINSKI & MARGO (02/04). 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

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 1)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BRONAC KONOPACKI (req. by Diane)

INTROIT

C: There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Na-man the Syrian.

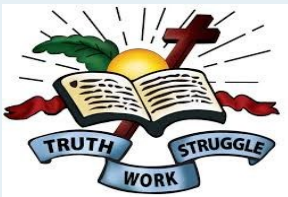
R: Once I prayer, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.”

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 Leviticus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

LV 13:1-2, 44-46

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 32

„I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.”

READING 2

1 COR 10:31—11:1

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

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 1:40-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus encounters a “leper” in today’s Gospel. The “leper” is willing to step out in faith and approach Jesus (Who is surrounded by a crowd of people). Thus the man with a skin condition (which has ostracized the individual from the community) enters into the realm of the “clean.” The leper calls out for healing. He wants not only a physical change in his body, but also a change in his status as an outsider to the community. He is willing to submit to the will of Jesus as he loudly proclaims, “If You will. . .” Jesus is once again filled with compassion. He sense the suffering (both physical and social) which the man has endured and is enduring. Jesus wants the man’s salus (wholeness, healing, salvation). Jesus heals the man and sends him to fulfill the prescriptions of the Jewish law – presenting himself to the priests to be declared “whole” and “clean.” Although the man is instructed not to tell others of his healing, he cannot restrain from announcing what has happened. This leads to further problems for Jesus, since the crowds even more fervently seek out Jesus so that they can experience the power of His healing and miracles.

As I reflect on the readings I realize the importance of wholeness and healing (salus). I see a relationship between physical, spiritual, emotional, and social illness. I am not falling into the mistake of saying that one causes the other (as some people who say that sin causes physical illness). I am saying that I see a correlation and interconnection between the different kinds of unwholeness and un-holiness that individuals experience.