

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/01 (Solemnity—All Saints) **Solemn Holy Mass** at 5pm.
- 11/02 (All Souls) **Holy Mass** at 5pm. *Mass Intention: For all deceased offered in this year's Remembrance Cards.*
- 11/03 (XXXI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **NO Catechism class** for children. **Pizza Brunch** in the church hall! Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship. **During the brunch, children dressed as saints will present their costumes and share a bit about their chosen saint.** Each child who dresses up as a saint will receive a special gift. We look forward to celebrating together!



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH BULLETIN

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

### MASS INTENTION - 5pm

*For all PARISHIONERS of St. John's Church, both living and deceased.*

### 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.**

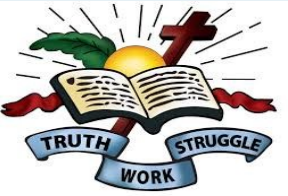
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



## HOLY MASS

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## 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

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.”

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 peacemakers, 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. 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: μαρτυροι - 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.