

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 07/27 (XVII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. Blessing of a new flag pole after the Mass.
- 08/03 (XVIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For + JOREL SMITH.*

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: REV. HENRYK 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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PARISH BULLETIN

XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For JASON SEROIS, asking for God's healing touch and strength. {req. by Aurora}

INTROIT

C: But as you are just, you govern all things justly; you regard it as unworthy of your power to punish one who has incurred no blame.

R: For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

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.

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place

GEN 18:20-32

for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 138

„Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.”

READING 2

COL 2:12-14

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

Brothers and sisters:
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims,

which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 11:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Being a disciple of the Lord Jesus demands that we are in an ever deepening relationship with Him and His Abba-Father and Their Holy Spirit. Being in relationship demands us to “know” Who GOD is and who we are in relationship with the Triune GOD. We must admit the “almightiness” of GOD and our need for GOD’s assistance. It also includes being able to acknowledge our sinfulness and our failing to be conscious of our relationship with GOD. Our relationship with GOD is one of appreciation and gratefulness. With humility, we can then present our needs and concerns to GOD, knowing that GOD will provide all we and others need to deepen our relationship with Almighty.