

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/23 (Solemnity of Christ the King) Solemn **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.

11/30 (I Sunday of Advent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. All children in our Catechism program will receive Advent calendars. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *No MASS INTENTION so far!*

- This year, we would like to invite everyone to join us for our traditional **Wigilia Dinner on Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Vigil)**. The dinner will feature traditional Polish dishes and will take place just before the Vigil (Shepherd’s) Mass — so that after the meal, we can all celebrate together in the church.

A \$20 donation per adult will be collected at the dinner (children eat free).

If you are interested in participating, please add your name to the sign-up list located in the church vestibule. Let’s share this beautiful tradition and the joy of Christmas Eve as one parish family!

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: WALTER MOTULSKI (11/26). 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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ++ ELLEN and EDWARD SZAFRAN (Holy Mass after the funeral)

INTROIT

C: The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

R: But according to His promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

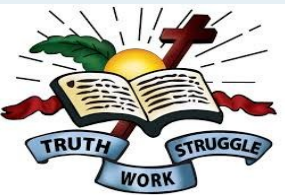
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Second Book of Samuel.

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said:
"Here we are, your bone and your flesh.
In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'"
When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

2 SM 5:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”

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READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or

COL 1:12-20

powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 23:35-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."
Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus’ kingship has come at a great cost. Although the Gospel tells us that people misunderstand His claim to be King, Jesus demonstrates His right to rule the Kingdom through His life, death, and resurrection. His persecutors try to mock His assertion of His kingship by posting His crime on top of the cross: “King of the Jews.” He is reviled by His executioners and by one of the individuals who is crucified with Him. Yet, it is the other condemned criminal who professes his faith in Jesus’ kingship as he asks to be remembered when Jesus comes into His kingdom through His death. Jesus reassures the individual, “this day you will be with Me in Paradise.”

People have often misunderstood the role of kings. Even when Jesus comes as the fulfillment of GOD’s promises, most of His contemporaries, including many of His disciples (at least originally), expect Him to be the majestic individual Who will overturn the Roman occupation and restore the Chosen People to their rightful self-rule. Jesus demonstrates through His life, ministry, death, and resurrection, that reigning in the Reign of GOD means doing His Abba’s will and serving others so that they will realize how much GOD wants them to be part of the everlasting Reign of GOD.