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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

MASS INTENTION

For + HELEN LUKASZEK ADAMUS (req. by Donna Menard & family)

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.

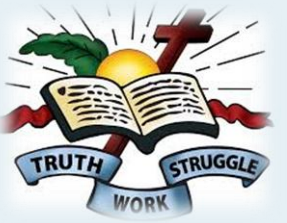
R: All Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and Your faithful bless You. They speak of the glory of Your reign and tell of Your great works.

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

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, please stop by the Parish Office or the Church sacristy before or after Sunday Mass. Masses can be offered 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 a birthday, anniversary, or special personal (family) need.

READING 1 — RV 7:2-4, 9-14

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 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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 the Church celebrates all the saints, the famous ones whose names we know and the countless ones whose names only God knows: grandmothers who prayed their rosaries, fathers who worked hard and kept their promises, neighbors who quietly served others. Fittingly, the Gospel for this feast is the Beatitudes. They are not a list of rules. They are a portrait, first of Jesus himself, who was poor, meek, merciful, pure of heart, and persecuted, and then of everyone who follows him. The saints are simply people in whom this portrait came to life. They show us that the Beatitudes are not a beautiful ideal for a few heroes, but a real path that ordinary people have walked.

The word "blessed" can also be translated "happy," but it means a deep and lasting joy that no hardship can take away. Jesus promises this joy to the very people the world overlooks: those who mourn, those who hunger for justice, those who make peace when it would be easier to fight. That is good news for us, because holiness is not reserved for the perfect. It begins wherever we choose mercy over resentment, humility over pride, and faithfulness over comfort. As our children come to Mass today dressed as their favorite saints, may we remember that each of us is called to the same thing: not to dress up as saints for a day, but to become one, one Beatitude at a time…

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/01 **(All Saints - Solemnity) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. NO Catechism Class!** Children are invited to come to Mass dressed as their favorite saint! After Mass, we will bless the cemetery and dedicate the new flagpole in memory of Ed and Millie Koski, followed by pizza and ice cream for everybody.

11/02 **(Commemoration of All Souls) Solemn Holy Mass at 5pm.**

11/08 **(XXXII Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *MASS INTENTION: For + GERALDINE RENKERT (after the funeral).*

- **Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. Currently, the first available Sunday with no intention is November 15, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH MEMBERS

Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: DIANE MAKLES (11/02), ROBERT KLIMEK (11/07). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

