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PARISH BULLETIN

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

MASS INTENTION

For ALL the deceased offered in this year's Remembrance Cards (Wypominki)

INTROIT

C: We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

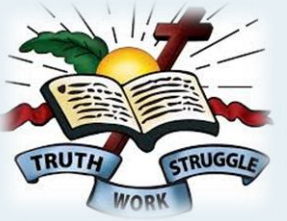
R: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

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

5.00 pm



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 WIS 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.
For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23

„The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

READING 2 ROM 6:3-9

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

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.
For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.
If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL JN 6:37-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:
"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On All Souls Day, we gather to remember and pray for those we have loved and lost: parents and grandparents, spouses, children, friends, and parishioners whose names fill our Remembrance Booklet and whose faces many of us still see in these pews. Grief can make us feel that something precious has slipped out of our hands forever. Into that grief, Jesus speaks some of the most comforting words in the Gospel: "I will not reject anyone who comes to me," and "this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Our loved ones are not lost to God. What the Father has placed in the hands of Jesus, Jesus holds on to. Not one soul entrusted to him is forgotten or let go.

This is why we pray for the dead. Our prayers and the offering of the Mass are an act of love that death cannot end. We entrust our beloved departed to the mercy of the One who promised, "I shall raise him on the last day." Christian hope is not a vague wish that things will somehow turn out well; it rests on a promise from the Son of God, sealed by his own resurrection. So as we light candles, read the names, and visit the graves of our loved ones, we do so not as people without hope, but as a family still united in Christ. One day, the same Lord who holds them now will gather all of us together, and nothing he has been given will be lost.

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

