

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**02/15** (Saturday) **HEALING PRAYER SERVICE at 3pm.** This is a powerful church service of bringing God's healing power into the lives of those who are suffering from illness, physical disabilities, grief, fear, and mental or spiritual health issues. If you suffer physically or spiritually come to experience the healing power of Jesus! If you are OK come to thank God for all the blessings you've received so far! **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**02/16** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** No Mass intention so far!

**02/22** (Saturday) **Meeting with Bishop Paul & Strategic Planning Committee** in our parish hall **at 11am.** The meeting is going to be about "How to promote the church?!" It's going to last approx. 2-2,5 hours. At the end of the meeting free lunch will be served. Please, consider to join this important event! [Sign-up sheet in the back of the church](#) (for lunch arrangements).

- Our friend, parishioner and member of the Parish Committee, **STEVEN LUKAS Jr.** passed away on Friday afternoon (02/07). Date of the funeral has not yet been announced. Let us pray for our beloved brother: *Lord, by dying You opened the gates of life for those who believe in You; do not let Your brother Steven be parted from You, but by Your glorious power give him light, joy, and peace in heaven.*
- On **Friday, Feb 7, 2020** Bishop Paul Sobiechowski approved newly elected Parish Committee for this year. As a result of this approval the Parish Committee enters upon its duties. Congratulations! The members of the Committee will swear into office next **Sunday, Feb 16** during the Sunday Mass.
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam.

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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

**MASS INTENTION - 10am**

*For the members of the outgoing Parish Committee—  
thanking God for their service to His Church.*

### INTROIT

**C:** Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**R:** **The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.**

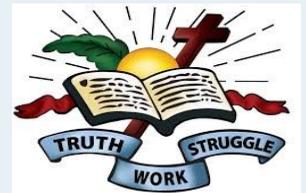
**C:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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

SIR 15:15-20

### A reading from the Book of Sirach.

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;  
if you trust in God, you too shall live;  
he has set before you fire and water  
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.  
Before man are life and death, good and evil,  
whichever he chooses shall be given him.  
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.  
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;  
he understands man's every deed.  
No one does he command to act unjustly,  
to none does he give license to sin.

### The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 119

*„Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!“*

## READING 2

1COR 2:6-10

### A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:  
We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew;  
for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

### The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

MT 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.”

### The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Living a life of a disciple of Jesus, the Master-Teacher, is challenging. Jesus asks us to do more than just keep the commands and the law. Our First Reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and speaks of the importance of knowing and keeping the commandments. Psalm 119 (of which we only have a few verses of this longest of the psalms) also declares the value of seeking to do what GOD requires of us in order to experience blessings from GOD. Although not chosen to go along with the other readings, the Second Reading proclaims the awesomeness of GOD's wisdom, which had been revealed in the past to the Hebrew people but is now being revealed to all who are open to the movement of the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus emphatically announces that He has not come to do away with the Law and the Prophets (Hebrew Scriptures) but to bring them to fulfillment and raise the bar even higher.