

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/07 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. Collection for Missions at the door. Reading of the Catechism. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall.
- 02/13 (Saturday) POLISH DINNER 4-6pm. Preorders only until Feb 10!
- 02/14 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall. Mass Intention: "For Henry&Yvette Libera, Peter&Maria Aldems, Arthur Gravilas"
- 02/17 (ASH Wednesday) Holy Mass at 5pm. with imposition of ashes.
- 02/19 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 02/21 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall. No Mass Intention so far!

- Yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE was again a very successful event thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: **Sandra and Diane**. BIG THANK YOU for your time and hard work!
- We still **need 2 more volunteers** for the upcoming POLISH DINNER this coming Saturday (Feb 13, 2021). Please, let Fr. Adam know if you can help at this church fundraiser.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Col 3:2-24

- 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. **Have a blessed week!**

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 2)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + ANGELA MAROTTA INHO (req. by Fr. Michael)

INTROIT

C: O Lord, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against You.

R: But Yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against You.

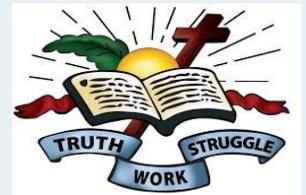
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers.
The people I formed for myself,
that they might announce my praise.

IS 43:18-19, 21-22, 24B-25

Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob,
for you grew weary of me, O Israel.
You burdened me with your sins,
and wearied me with your crimes.
It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 41

„Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.“

READING 2

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
As God is faithful,
our word to you is not "yes" and "no."
For the Son of God, Jesus Christ,
who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me,
was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him.
For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him;

2 COR 1:18-22

therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory.
But the one who gives us security with you in Christ
and who anointed us is God;
he has also put his seal upon us
and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 2:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?"

Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" -he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Great faith and forgiveness are at the center of today's gospel reading. A paralyzed man had four friends of deep faith. So great was their faith in Jesus that they lowered their friend on his mat from the roof of the house where Jesus was. In ancient times, people believed that diseases and deformities were caused by either the sins of the person or his/her parents. Forgiveness of those sins would render the person healthy again. Jesus' problem came when he forgave the man his sins. The Jewish leaders considered the action blasphemous because only God could forgive sins. They didn't recognize Jesus' authority as the Son of God.