

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/14 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall.
- 02/17 (ASH Wednesday) Holy Mass at 5pm. with imposition of ashes.
- 02/18 (Thursday) Parish Committee meeting at 3.30pm.
- 02/19 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 02/20 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.
- 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 DINNER was again a very successful event thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: Diane, Mitchell & Walter. BIG THANK YOU for your time and hard work!
- 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!**



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays of Lent at 5pm.

BITTER LAMENTATIONS
Sundays of Lent at 9.40am.

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PARISH BULLETIN

QUINQAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 3)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For HENRY & YVETTE LIBERA, PETER & MARIA AL-DEMS, ARTHUR GRAVILAS (req. by Agnes Simpson)

INTROIT

C: I am the Lord, this is My Name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to idols. See now, the earlier things have come to pass, new ones I now foretell; before they spring into being, I announce them to you.

R: Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the end of the earth.

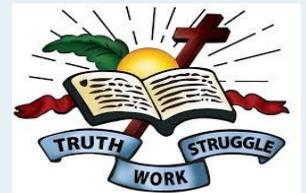
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Hosea.

Thus says the LORD:

I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart. She shall respond there as in the days of her youth, when she came up from the land of Egypt.

I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the Lord.

HOSEA 2:16B, 17B, 21-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is kind and merciful.“

PS 103

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:

Do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, shown to be a letter of Christ ministered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh.

Such confidence we have through Christ

2 COR 3:1B-6

toward God. Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 2:18-22

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to him and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Jesus answered them, „Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins.“

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In his response to the question about fasting, Jesus uses the metaphor of a wedding feast to describe the community of disciples that he has gathered. He compares himself to the bridegroom and observes that it is inappropriate to fast during a wedding feast and then predicts the changes that will happen to this community after his departure.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' presence is equated with the Kingdom of God, which is an occasion for rejoicing. Jesus also predicts a time when his followers will fast, however, out of sorrow at his death. Jesus then describes the newness of his teachings and actions, using the metaphor about old and new wineskins.

In this passage, Mark contrasts the way of Jesus with two other first-century communities of faith—the way of John the Baptist and the way of Pharisaic Judaism. These communities may have coexisted with the early Christian community for whom Mark was writing, and they may have competed for followers. Mark is attempting to show the distinctiveness of the teachings of Jesus and the practices of his disciples. In some ways, then, this passage shows us the working out of the early Christian community's self-definition.