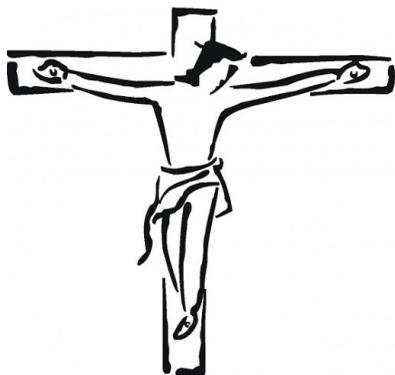


COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/07 (Today) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall.
- 03/11 (Thursday) Eastern Diocese Bible Study via ZOOM at 7pm. If you want to join the meeting you need to contact Bishop Paul for the link to the Zoom Conference (revpauls@yahoo.com)
- 03/12 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 03/13 (Saturday) POLISH DINNER 4-6pm. Preorders only until March 10!
- 03/14 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. 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: Linda and Diane. 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

III SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BARBARA STEPIEN (req. by Joseph Stepien)

INTROIT

C: Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R: The Lord your God shall you fear; Him shall you serve, and by His name shall you swear.

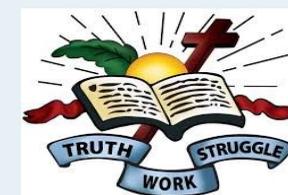
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Exodus.

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. “You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is

EX 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.”

PS 19

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 COR 1:22-25

GOSPEL

JN 2:13-25

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel of John has Jesus’ cleansing the Temple (The dwelling place of GOD’s presence) at the very beginning of His ministry. Being in relationship with His Abba, Jesus is upset with the way people have changed having a relationship with GOD to a for-profit business. “Prophets” (spokespersons for GOD) have given way to “profits” (financial gains). True religion (re-ligio) means to be “bound again” with GOD and others – to deepen one’s relationships. It is not a financial arrangement to deepen the pocketbooks of some people.

As I reflect on the readings, I am once again reminded of what it is that GOD wants for us and from us. GOD wants us to be in relationship with the Almighty, and not adherents to strict rules, regulations, and the almighty dollar. GOD has revealed the Ten Commandments not to enslave us but to free us to be in closer connection (covenant relationship) with GOD.