

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/21 (Today) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Regular COFFEE HOUR in the church hall. **SPECIAL PARISH MEETING immediately after the Mass (in the Church) regarding SOLAR ENERGY project for St. John's.** Presentation by the Parish Committee Chairman and voting.
- 03/24 (Wednesday) Parish Committee meeting at 3.30pm.
- 03/26 (Friday) STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 5pm.
- 03/28 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: “++ JAN & KAROLINA STEPIEN”

- Yesterday's **POLISH FOOD SALE** was again a very successful event thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: **Linda and Jacqueline.** BIG THANK YOU for your time and hard work!
- We're looking for some volunteers to **CLEAN THE CHURCH** before Holy Week celebrations. Best days to do that would be right after Palm Sunday: Monday or Tuesday (03/29 or 03/30). Notify Fr. Adam if you'd like to volunteer. Thank you in advance!



## 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

## PASSION SUNDAY / FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + MARY ZAWISTOWSKI (req. by Marguerite Hensley)

INTROIT

C: Do me Justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

R: For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?

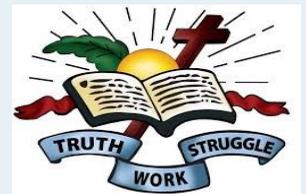
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Jeremiah.**

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

## JER 31:31-34

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more.

**The Word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„Create a clean heart in me, O God.“*

## PS 51

## READING 2

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.**

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## HEB 5:7-9

## GOSPEL

## JN 12:20-33

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

**The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today’s Gospel follows the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Although the raising of Lazarus was an opportunity to give glory to GOD, Jesus realizes that His ultimate Hour of Glory is close at hand. He knows that GOD, His Abba, will transform His own death into new life not only for Himself, but also for others. Jesus is willing to die so that others might live a rich and fruitful life. He uses the analogy of a seed falling to the earth and dying so that a more abundant harvest might be produced. His death and resurrection are the Hour of Glory, the climax of His human existence and of His relationship with His Abba while He is on earth.

The readings make me focus on my relationship with GOD. I realize that what I am called to have is a heart-to-heart bond with GOD. Again, it is not so much heart-to-heart in the sense of purely an emotional experience, but a commitment of my will to remaining faithful to the covenant relationship with which GOD has graced me.