

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/05 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Collection for MISSION FUND at the door. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Eucharist. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 09/07 (Tuesday) Parish Committee meeting at 3.30pm.
- 09/11 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.
- 09/12 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 09/18 (Saturday) GOLABKI FESTIVAL 3pm-6pm. or until sold out!
- 09/19 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 09/25 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.
- 09/26 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!

- We're looking for volunteers to run September fundraising events in the Church. In the back you will find a Sign-Up list (yellow sheet) for the upcoming Polish Food Sales and GOLABKI FESTIVAL. Please, consider your participation! Let's pray & work together for the good of the Church and salvation of every soul...
- 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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September 5, 2021

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For peace in the world and in our hearts!

INTROIT

C: Come to our aid, O God of the universe, and put all the nations in dread of You! Raise Your hand against the heathen, that they may realize Your power.

R: Take pity on Your holy city, Jerusalem, Your dwelling place.

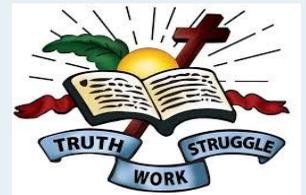
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

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:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

IS 35:4-7A

Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

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

GOSPEL

MK 7:31-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 146

„Praise the Lord, my soul!“

READING 2

JAS 2:1-5

A reading from the Letter of St. James.

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet,"

have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus travels into pagan lands (Decapolis or the "Ten Cities") which were east of the Sea of Galilee. There the locals (therefore non-Jews) bring to Jesus a man who was suffering from a hearing and speech problem. Jesus takes the man aside and performs physical actions (sticking His finger in his ears, spitting, touching his tongue, groaning, and speaking the word "Ephphatha" – "Be open!"). The man is able to hear and speak. True to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells the man (and those who hear about the miracle) not to proclaim what Jesus has done. Some scholars say that Mark centers on this "Messianic secret" because Jesus does not want the people to come to Him simply as the Wonder Worker Who heal them – thus showing that they are more concerned over the miracles than the teachings of Jesus. Others believe that Jesus does not want the proclamation of His miracles at this time because the full understanding of Jesus' ministry is not able to be understood until after Jesus' resurrection. It is only at the time of the completion of Jesus' earthly ministry that He wants His deeds to be proclaimed. The miracle demonstrates Jesus' compassion for those who are suffering, whether they are Jewish or not.