

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/06 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. Collection for Missions at the door. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour after the Mass in the church hall as usual.
- 03/11 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 03/12 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale 9am—12pm.
- 03/13 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. *No Mass intention so far!*

- 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!**

### CHURCH NEWS

- Last Friday we switched on the Solar Energy equipment and we're now using solar power for the church and the rectory.
- Lead paints removal in the rectory (2nd floor) has been accomplished. Everything has been repainted as well. After Easter we will continue the project with the 1st floor.
- Upcoming birthdays: MARGUERITE SMOLINSKI (03/12), JEAN PASTORE (03/24). Happy birthday!

*If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.*

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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## I SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For peace in the world, especially for peace in Ukraine.*

INTROIT

C: Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land,

**R: Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!**

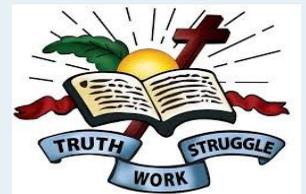
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



### HOLY MASS

. 10 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

### DT 26:4-10

**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.**

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
“The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence.”

**This is the Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 91

*„Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”*

## READING 2

### ROM 10:8-13

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans.**

Brothers and sisters:  
What does Scripture say?  
*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart*  
—that is, the word of faith that we preach—  
for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.  
For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

For the Scripture says,  
*No one who believes in him will be put to shame.*  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all,  
enriching all who call upon him.  
For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**This is the Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

### LK 4:1-13

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, One does not live on bread alone.” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.” Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lent comes from a word which means “spring time.” Spring time is when the “deadness” of winter begins to blossom with new life. It happens each year. We see signs that what seemed to be gone is brought back. After trees have the dead branches clipped, they begin to sprout leaves. Bulbs which have shown no life are buried in the ground so that flowers can bloom. Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth. We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our GOD. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives. If we make GOoD use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, GOoD Friday, and the Easter Vigil.