

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/15 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.
- 01/16 (Monday) Funeral Mass for KIMEDE KATIE MUSTAJ at 10am with burial ceremony to follow at St. John's Cemetery.
- 01/17 (Tuesday) Eastern Diocese Clergy Conference in the church hall.
- 01/21 (Saturday) FREE LUNCH SATURDAY 11.00am—12.30pm. We need 2 more volunteers!!!
- 01/22 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall. NO MASS INTENTION SO FAR!
- THANK YOU Linda and Magda for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale. Thanks to our new "Online preorder" option the sale was a great success.

### CHURCH NEWS

- We've just purchased new 65" TV for the church hall. It will be used at our Food Sales and at other Parish activities.
- The new website has been created with option to preorder our Polish Food before the Sales. You can access this website by clicking a link "POLISH FOOD SALE" on the Parish official Webpage. We hope it will make our Sales more attractive and bring in more customers.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: PHYLLIS & FREDERICK GASIOR (1/19), JACQUELINE GIROUARD (1/19). Happy anniversary! 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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PARISH BULLETIN

### II SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For + KIMEDE KATIE MUSTAJ (before the funeral)*

INTROIT

C: Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased,

**R: Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.**

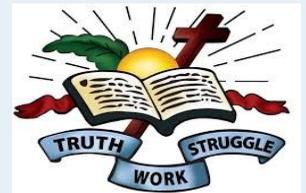
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.**

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

## IS 49:3, 5-6

It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

## JN 1:29-34

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.“*

## PS 40

## READING 2

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

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

## 1 COR 1:1-3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Who is Jesus – for you? That is really a couple of questions. We need to answer it by professing what we know of or about Jesus. We could use some of the titles and phrases that are associated with Him in scriptures: Son of Man, Son of God, the Christ, Lamb of God, Lord, Immanuel, the One Who Saves, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Light of the World, the GOOD Shepherd, Prince of Peace, King of kings, etc., Yet even after we mention some of His titles and names, the more important question is Who is Jesus for you? That implies a relationship that you have with Him. When you think about Jesus, and more importantly, when you pray (relate) to Him, how do you address Him and what images of Him do you have?

John points out Jesus as the Lamb of GOD. A spotless lamb was used in sacrifices of old (as we can read in the Hebrew Scriptures). The blood of the lamb was used by the Israelites to mark the doors posts of their homes at the time of the Exodus. When the “angel of death” saw the blood of the lamb on the door, the angel “passed over” the home, for it was the home of a believer. Moses and Aaron later blessed the Holy of Holies and the people with the blood of a lamb. Thus the blood of the lamb signified that the people were holy people – GOD’s people, their holiness not coming from who they were or what they did, but from GOD and what GOD had done, is doing, and will continue to do.