

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/19 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.
- 02/22 (ASH Wednesday) Holy Mass with distribution of ashes at 5pm.
- 02/25 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale 10am—12pm.
- 02/26 (I Sunday of Lent) Holy Mass at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall. No Mass intention so far!

- THANK YOU Krista, Jonathan, Joseph, Easton and Ezra for running yesterday's charity event: Free Lunch Saturday. We've served almost 50 bags filled with sweets, snacks, soda and hot Mexican rolled tacos.

### CHURCH NEWS

- "Pastoral letter for Lent 2023" was sent to all our Parishioners and Friends on Thursday.
- Our town awarded us with a grant (\$5,000) that will be entirely dedicated to organize "Polish Food Fest" in June 2023 as a part of Bicentennial Celebrations of Manchester.
- Funny pierogi T-shirts were sponsored by 4imprint.com Printing Company. They will be available for purchase at the Sale on Saturday (\$15 per piece).
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: GEORGIANNA LAFRANCHISE (02/22), RENA GERVAIS (02/25), EDWARD MAKLES (02/26), RICHARD GRABOWSKI (02/28). 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

### QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + ADELLA CARNEILLA (req. by Georgie)

INTROIT

C: I cry aloud to God, cry to God to hear me.

**R: On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are raised unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled.**

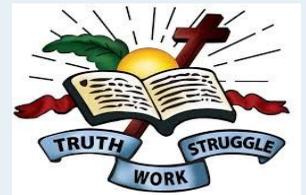
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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

IS 49:14-15

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;  
my LORD has forgotten me."  
Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her  
womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 62

*„Rest in God alone, my soul.“*

## READING 2

1COR 4:1-5

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

Brothers and sisters:  
Thus should one regard us: as servants  
of Christ and stewards of the mysteries  
of God. Now it is of course required of  
stewards that they be found trust-  
worthy. It does not concern me in the  
least that I be judged by you or any hu-  
man tribunal; I do not even pass judg-  
ment on myself; I am not conscious of  
anything against me, but I do not there-  
by stand acquitted;

the one who judges me is the Lord.  
Therefore do not make any judgment  
before the appointed time, until the  
Lord comes, for he will bring to light  
what is hidden in darkness and will ma-  
nifest the motives of our hearts, and  
then everyone will receive praise from  
God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

MT 6:24-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pa-  
gans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew's Gospel today begins with a very strong statement: "No one can serve two masters." Now, take a moment and calculate how many masters you strive to serve in one day's time. How many masters do you have? Who and what are your masters? Note: a master does not have to be human. It may be helpful to write down who and what your masters are.

Today Jesus warns his disciples to keep their priorities in order. He doesn't want them to worry about the little things. Jesus reminds them that life is more than food or shelter. We can have all the money in the world and still not be satisfied. Jesus is reminding his listeners that only God has the ability to give us true and lasting peace and happiness. Yes, there are many gifts in our wonderful world, but without God, there is no meaning! Yet so often, I continue to look for love (or satisfaction) in all the wrong places. Do you? Today may we look to God for our peace, our grace and our happiness! Everything else is short-lived!