



Our Saviour

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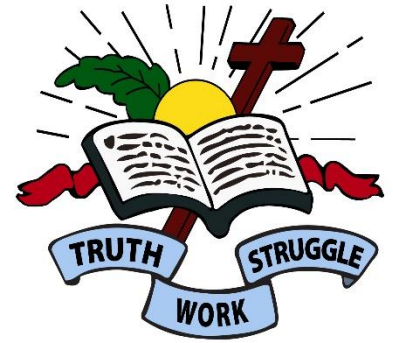
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December 27, 2015

Solemnity of Humble Shepherds / Feast of St. John

Blessing of Wine

The blessing of wine in commemoration of the Feast of Saint John will precede today's Service. The blessed wine will be distributed to all at the conclusion of the Service.

A Festival Thought

Today we reflect on the humble shepherds and why God chose them, among the lowliest of people, to spread the good news of great joy.

About Today's Bible Readings:

JEREMIAH 31:10-14

The joy of the coming of the Saviour and the salvation of Israel are extolled.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. A light will shine on us this day; The Lord is born for us.

GALATIANS 4:1-7

St. Paul tells us that the coming of Christ elevates us from childhood to children of God.

LUKE 2:15-20

The shepherds see the Christ Child in the manger and, filled with awe, return to spread the Good News.

ENTRANCE RITE (WISDOM 18:14-15a; PSALMS 93:2)

V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land.

R. Your throne stands firm from of old; You are from everlasting, Lord.

V. *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.

THE GOSPEL (LUKE 2:15-20)

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – December 27th

Solemnity of the Humble
Shepherds / Feast of St. John

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of
Worship and Reception of The
Holy Eucharist.

Blessing and distribution of wine.

SUNDAY – January 3rd

Solemnity of the Holy Family /
Solemnity of the Epiphany of
Our Lord

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of
Worship and Reception of The
Holy Eucharist.

*Blessing of Incense and Chalk
before the service*

*Adoration of the Most Blessed
Sacrament after the service.*

The Feast of Saint John

Today, in addition to the Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds, we also celebrate the Feast of St. John. St. John the Apostle, is the disciple "whom Jesus loved". It is a custom in the old countries to drink of "St. John's Love". The Church provides a special blessing of wine in honor of the Saint. According to legend St. John drank a glass of poisoned wine without suffering harm because he had blessed it before he drank. The wine is also a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled St. John's heart with loyalty, courage and enthusiasm for his Master; he alone of all the apostles was not afraid to stay close to Our Lord during the Passion and Crucifixion.

Christmas Dinner – Correction

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016, not on January 3rd as was reported in the two previous bulletins. My apologies for any confusion that this may have caused. The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00PM. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$3 for Children. We sincerely hope that all of our families and friends will join us. See Peggy Kowalik for tickets or more information.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Pat Seliga, Raymond Priestler, Jeffrey Heagy, Bob Rush, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, John Rusnak, Walter Schilling, Berne Bloom, Theresa Kishler, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, John Cinkay, Robert Paterson, Dennis Wunderlich, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson and Frank Fisher; **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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**Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds
Feast of St. John**

***Please, join with the choir to make a
beautiful noise unto the Lord!***

***The Hymns listed below can be found
in the Blue Hymnal Book.***

Processional Hymn

#57 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1 & 2)

Entrance Hymn

#57 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verse 3)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#64 – Christ Is Born (Verses 1 & 2)

Offertory Hymn

#74 – Angels, From The Realms Of Glory

Communion Hymn

#81 – Lo! How A Rose

Recessional Hymn

#76 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing