



Our Saviour

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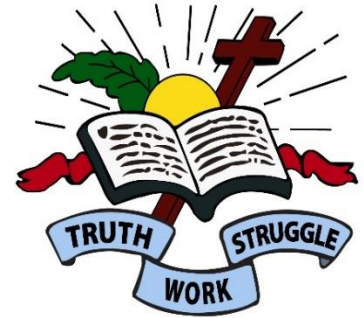
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March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

A Sabbath Thought

There is a thin line between the wastrel and the prodigal. Wastrels *take* everything for themselves. Prodigals *give* everything to others. Today, we hear the story of the wastrel son and the prodigal father.

About Today's Bible Readings

JOSHUA 5:9, 10-12

The chosen people experience God's loving providence in the land with which the Lord has endowed them.

Responsorial Psalm:

34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

God has made us instruments of reconciliation. In a ministry of prodigality, we must bring together *in love* those who are lonely or rejected.

LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

In a dramatic story of losing and finding, Jesus portrays the situation of us wastrels on the way home to a prodigal God.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 78:21a, 23-24)

V. The Lord commanded the skies above; the doors of heaven He opened;

R. God rained manna upon them for food; bread from heaven He gave them.

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.

Tract (Recited in place of the Alleluia during Lent)

V. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

R. Therefore, keep the commandments of the Lord, Your God, by walking in His ways and fearing Him.

THE GOSPEL (LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32)

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – March 6th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

***Stations of the Cross following
Adoration.***

SUNDAY – March 13th

Passion Sunday

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

***Stations of the Cross following
the Service.***

ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

In celebration of the founding of the Polish
National Catholic Church we will join together
to share breakfast and offer thanks to God in
the Fellowship Hall today Sunday, March 6th
following the 9:00 AM Deacon's Service. All
are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tickets are, as usual:

Adults - \$10 & Children under 12 - \$3

Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Ham Raffle

We will be holding our annual Bake Sale and
Ham Raffle on Palm Sunday, March 20th after
the 9:00 AM Deacon's Service. Please plan to
bake, buy or take a chance in the raffle.
Nobody's luck is all bad.

Easter Dinner

On Sunday, April 3, 2016 we will be observing
our annual traditional Easter Dinner in the
Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM.

Tickets are:

Adults - \$12 & Children under 12 - \$3

I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to
attend and join with us as we enjoy good food
and Christian fellowship.

Parish Committee Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parish
Committee will be held on Sunday, April 10,
2016 in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00
AM Deacon's Service. All committee
members should plan to attend.

Lent Continues

As we continue our Lenten journey and
prepare our hearts and our souls for the joyous
resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I urge
you all to spend a few minutes each day in
silent prayer and reflection. The booklets
available in the narthex are an excellent
resource to aid you in your meditations on the
Lord's passion and sacrifice. Please be sure
that each of you takes one home and uses it
daily.

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
Barbara Sub, Claire Armstrong, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush,
Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet
Caruso, Victor McAlanis, Walter Schilling, Phillip Kuhn, Marie and
Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Dennis Wunderlich, David
Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Bob
Piechota, Dane Smith, Berne Bloom and Father Fred Mechowski.
Our Father...

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Today's Hymns

March 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

***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

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

Entrance Hymn

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights (Verses 1 & 2)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#284 – Out Of The Depths

Communion Hymn

#276 – Nearer, My God To Thee

Recessional Hymn

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights (Verses 3 & 4)