

January 15, 2017

A Sabbath Thought

When Jesus arrives at the scene, John the Baptist steps aside. What he forecast has now come to pass. He becomes a shadow in Jesus' great light.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

According to the Prophet, the role of the Lord's servant is that "God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

We begin today a series of selections from 1 Corinthians. Here in the letter's opening, Paul greets the church - called to be a holy people."

JOHN 1:29-34

John the Baptist testifies to the mission of Jesus: "He is to baptize with the Holy Spirit."

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE RITE: Isaiah 42:1

- V. 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.
- 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: JOHN 1:29-34

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!

Worship Services

TODAY Jan. 15th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY Jan. 22nd 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS Blessing of the new Altar Candles

Parish Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held today following the service. Please pray for your committee members that they may make good and holy decisions to further God's will.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky to Visit Our Saviour

Next Sunday, January 22, 2017, we will be blessed with a visit from the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church. He will celebrate Mass and preach as well as bless our new Altar Candles. I sincerely hope that everyone can attend and bring your families, friends and neighbors to welcome him.

New Candles

As previously stated, we have received enough donations to replace all of the candles in the sanctuary with the new, clean burning oil type. We will list the donors and the names in memory of whom they were given and we will bless all of the new candles before Mass on January 22, 2017. A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who gave so generously.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017 following the 9:00 AM Mass. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing financial difficulties and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the PNCC. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

Blessing of Homes

Please let Father Don know if you would like to have your home blessed during the season of Epiphany this year.

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 and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales and Gary Graham. *Our Father...*

CHRISTIAN UNITY BREAKFAST

We will hold our annual Christian Unity Breakfast on Sunday, January 29, 2017 after Mass at 10:00 AM.

Tickets will be as follows: ADULTS = \$10.00 CHILDREN (under 12) = \$3.00

It is my fervent hope that all of our parish members will attend and that you will bring your families, friends, neighbors and acquaintances. What better way to celebrate the unity of the Body

of Christ than to break bread together. I hope to see you all there for good food and fellowship.

Today's Hymns

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord! The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit #144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn #21 – On Jordan's Banks

Post Communion Hymn

#26 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Recessional Hymn #230 – Come, Thou Almighty King