

March 1, 2017

#### A Thought for this Day

Now is the time of our salvation. We take up Christ's cross because it will lead us to new life. Today's ashes speak to us of conversion. Our journey through Lent will transform the world's darkness and pain into Easter joy and life.

#### About Today's Bible Readings

#### JOEL 2:12-18

The prophet makes one thing very clear about Lent: in order to change our lives, we must first change our hearts.

# Responsorial Psalm: 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

# R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 - 6:2

Now is the time for conversion. If we accept God's gracious gift, then Christ will live in us.

#### MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-18

Why do we do what we do? Only when our motivation springs from good hearts will we fulfill the duties of righteousness.

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# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### ENTRANCE RITE Wisdom 11:23-24

- V. You Lord have mercy on all, because You can do all things; and You overlook the sins of men that they may repent.
- R. For You love all things that are and loathe nothing that You have made; for what You hated, You would not have fashioned.
- 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. Remember not against us the iniquities of the past; may Your compassion quickly come to us, for we are brought very low.
- R. Help us, O God, our Savior, because of the glory of Your name; deliver us and pardon our sins for Your name's sake.

#### THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

### **Worship Services**

TODAY March 1<sup>st</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM - HOLY MASS Blessing and distribution of Ashes to the faithful

SUNDAY March 5<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM - HOLY MASS

Distribution of Ashes for those who were unable to attend Mass on Wednesday

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross following Mass

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross after Mass each and every Sunday leading up to Holy Week. I hope that everyone will plan on staying after Mass to join together and that you urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well. This is a beautiful and moving form of worship and it helps to focus our thoughts and prayers on our Lord and Savior as we reflect on His Passion and Death.

### LENT

Ash Wednesday is today. I hope that everyone is ready to begin our solemn Lenten journey as we follow our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ along the path of His Passion. Please be sure to take one of the Lenten Devotional Booklets from the table in the Narthex to aid you in your prayers and meditations during the Lenten Season.

### THERMOSTATS

The new programmable thermostats have been installed in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. They will only work properly if used properly. Please, if you need to turn on the heat during the week or keep it on longer on Sunday, speak to Father Don to make sure that you understand the proper operation of these new devices.

#### **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, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, 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, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Eric White, Berne Bloom, Mary Ryan, Joe Seliga and Joan Mainzer. *Our Father...* 

\*\*\* Anniversary of the PNCC Breakfast \*\*\* MARCH 12, 2017

10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

## Tickets are as follows: Adults = \$10.00 Children (under 12) \$3.00

Come and join us and bring your families, friends and neighbors as we join together to offer out thanks to God for His gift to us of our beloved Polish National Catholic Church.

Today's Hymns

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 (Verses 1 & 4)

*Hymn to the Holy Spirit* #144 – Come, Thou Creator (Verses 1 & 4)