

December 31, 2017

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.

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Solemnity of Humble Shepherds

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 – Dec. 31st Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

9:00 AM - HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 7th

Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM - HOLY MASS

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following Mas.

Parrish Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held after Mass next Sunday, January 7th. I hope that all committee members will be able to attend.

Upcoming Events

January 14th – Christmas Dinner. At 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please encourage all of your friends and family to attend for good food and good times.

January 28th – Christian Unity Breakfast. At 10:00 AM (Following Holy Mass) in the Fellowship Hall. What better way to express our faith and unity as Christians than to join together to break bread.

February 4th - Annual Parish Membership Meeting

At 10:00 AM (Following Holy Mass). The annual parish congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 4, 2018 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 difficult decisions 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 Our ancestors upcoming terms. fought for this right when they founded the PNCC. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

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 the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Tom Goff, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Johnny Mularczyk, Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski, Andrew Czarnetski, Joan Piechota and Teresa Vista Gumiran. **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books in the pews.

<u>Please</u>, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!

Silence is much worse than singing off key!

Processional Hymn

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

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#76 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Communion Hymn

#42 - Silent Night

Recessional Hymn

#80 – Joy To The World