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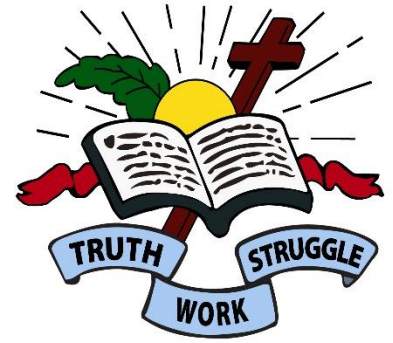
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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

A Sabbath Thought

In today's celebration, we live through the process of salvation. By falling prey to sin, we separated ourselves from God. In Jesus, we have been redeemed. God's infinite love has pardoned us and has invited us to eternal life.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

God promises a new world order in which the divine presence will touch everyone from the least to the greatest. All people will know God directly.

PSALM:

51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

HEBREWS 5:7-9

Who better to understand our weakness than God's Son who is one of us, who shared our temptations, suffered our infidelities - and yet pardons our sins?

JOHN 12:20-33

Those who approach Philip to ask for Jesus express a universal longing: to see God, to know God, to be one with God.

ENTRANCE RITE Psalm 43:1-2

V. Do me Justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.

R. For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

TRACT: Psalm 129:1-4 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. Much have they oppressed me from my youth, let Israel say, Much have they oppressed me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.

R. Upon my back the plowers plowed; long did they make their furrows but the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY March 18th

Passion Sunday

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Stations of The Cross after Mass

SUNDAY March 25th

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

*Blessing and distribution of Palms
Stations of the Cross after 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.

PIEROGIES!

We are now taking orders for homemade Pierogies! They will be available for pickup after Mass on Palm Sunday along with our annual Ham Raffle and Bake Sale. They are going fast! To get yours, please contact **Michele Ewaskiewicz in person or at 609-516-6862**. You must place your orders today for pick up next Sunday. Nothing tastes quite as good as a genuine homemade Polish pierogi!

HELP THE LESS BLESSED

Once again we will be gathering donations of non-perishable food items, clothing or money for distribution to those members of our community who find themselves less blessed than ourselves. This is an excellent way to fulfil our Lenten obligation of almsgiving. Please leave your items in the Narthex or see Peggy Kowalik. Remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me."

EASTER FLOWERS

It is not too late to be thinking about Easter Flower Memorials. Donations made for the purpose of adorning the Altar for the Easter Season can be made in fond memory of a departed loved one or in honor of a living loved one. Envelopes for these memorials are on the table in the Narthex. Prayers will be offered for those so remembered.

BOOK DRIVE

We will be collecting books that will be sold during our Annual Flea Market on June 2nd. If you have books at home that you no longer need or want, please bring them in and we will find new homes for them. All profits will benefit our beloved Church of Our Saviour Parish. See Michele Ewaskiewicz for details. Thank you for your generosity.

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, 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 Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, Teresa Vista Gumiran, George Jugan, Joseph Seliga, Butch Harris and Frank Kaczmarczyk.
Our Father...

Palm Sunday Ham Raffle and Bake Sale

Please join us for our annual Ham Raffle and Bake Sale after Mass next Sunday, March 25th. You can also pick up your Pierogi orders at this time. I hope that everyone will participate by baking, buying or donating to help our parish.

Today's Hymns

**Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!
Singing off key is better than silence.**

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)

Offertory Hymn

#87 – Be Merciful To Me

Post Communion Hymn

#225 – Abide With Me

Recessional Hymn

#263 – Mother Most Gracious
