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Holy Thursday – The Last Supper

A Reflective Thought

The liturgy of Holy Thursday moves us into the celebration of "The Three Days" - the Easter Triduum, during which we make memory of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. These three days are really solemn liturgy. If you one participate in the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper you will notice that there is no dismissal at the end. Neither is there a welcome or dismissal at the liturgy of Good Friday. The liturgy from Holy Thursday through the Easter Vigil is meant to be a continuous memorial and celebration of the climactic moments in the life of Jesus and in the life of the Christian community.

The Readings:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

PSALM: 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18

R: Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Entrance Rite (Galatians 6:14; Psalm 67:2)

- V. May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
- R. May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let His face shine upon us.
- V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.
- R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

Tract (John 13:34-35)

- V. I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you should love one another.
- R. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

THE GOSPEL (JOHN 13:1-15)

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – March 29th Holy Thursday 7:00 PM – Holy Mass

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist The Lord's Last Supper - Mandatum

Please see the separate Easter Week Schedule Sheet for Holy Week Services.

SUNDAY – April 1st Easter Sunday

Solemnity of The Resurrection of Our Lord - Procession

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

EASTER DINNER

On Sunday, April 8th we will be observing our annual traditional Easter Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM.

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.

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 for 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 I 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 the Sunday after Easter.

BOOK DRIVE

We will be collecting books that will be sold during our Annual Flea Market on June 2^{nd} . 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 Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, 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, Andrew Chernesky, Jan Chernesky, Joan Piechota, Teresa Vista Gumiran, George Jugan, Joseph Seliga, Butch Harris, Frank Kaczmarczyk and Helen Young. For the repose of the soul of Sargent Jim Carpenter. Our Father...

Please see the order of servíce booklets for the Processíonal Hymn and Vespers after the Mass.