

August 26, 2018

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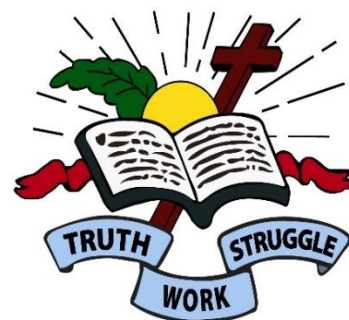
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## Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

Every time we gather to hear the Word and break the Bread, we are renewing *our* covenant with the Lord. In this celebration, we choose to follow *him* and not serve the gods of this world. To whom else shall we go? Only Jesus has the words of eternal life.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

In a solemn ceremony, Joshua leads the Israelites in a pledge of faithfulness to the Lord: "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of others gods."

#### Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

#### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

#### EPHESIANS 5:21-32

Here is a list of suggestions for unity and mutual respect within the family. Like the Christian church, the Christian family is modeled on Christ and his example of love.

#### JOHN 6:60-69

Impossible words call for an impossible response. When Jesus speaks truths hard to swallow, Peter acknowledges that only faith can accept these "words of eternal life."

### ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 100:1-2, 4a

*V. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song.*

**R. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him; bless His Name.**

*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 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

Youth Sunday – Special collection to fund youth activities in the church. Please give generously.

**SUNDAY – September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament to follow Mass.

Second Collection for the Missions of the Polish National Catholic Church.

## Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat

The retreat was absolutely wonderful. The retreat master, Father Timothy Cremeeens, an orthodox priest, spoke on the role of the Holy Spirit, in your life and in your ministry. He noted how similar the PNCC and the Orthodox Church in America, the OCA, were in belief structures and we prayed for closer ties and co-operation in the future. It was good to see my brother priests from throughout the diocese. And on a happy note, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik was in attendance and is continuing to improve in body, mind and spirit. He sends his thanks for all of the prayers we have been offering for his return to health.

## General Synod

The quadrennial General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> this year at the Our Lady of the Snows Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois. I will be attending along with our Chairperson, Joe Seliga. Please pray for us and for all of the Synod delegates that the Lord will send His Holy Spirit upon us to guide and to inspire us to make good and holy decisions according to His Holy Will for the benefit of His Holy Church.

## Who Will You Serve?

Today we are challenged to make a choice, a choice that will define who and what we are. We are asked who we will follow, to whom will we pledge our fealty. This is not a matter to be taken lightly when it comes to the Lord. The Lord, Our God, has done great things for us and has blessed us a thousand times over. Who else can we follow? Who else can we turn to? Who else has the Words of eternal Life?

## 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 Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Bestercei, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Helen Kubinski, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz and Father Senior Ed Ratajack, **Our Father...**

## AUTUMN WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

We will hold our annual Autumn Welcome Back Breakfast after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The suggested donation is:

Adults - \$10.00

Children (under twelve) - \$3.00

Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we welcome home those who were away for the summer.

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## Today's Hymns

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

**PLEASE, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord! Silence is much worse than singing off key!**

### Processional Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

#222 – From Your Throne, O God

### Communion Hymn

#223 – Sweet Hour Of Prayer

### Recessional Hymn

#151 – O Ever Holy Sacrament