

December 30, 2018

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 the 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 en. 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. 30th Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 6th

Solemnity Epiphany of Our Lord

9:00 AM - HOLY MASS

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following Mass.

Upcoming Events

January 13th 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 27th 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 3rd 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 democratically oriented anv 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 upcoming terms. Our ancestors 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 Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Garrett Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Tom Goff, Anni Greif, Nancy Eaton, Fred Rast, Roger Seliga, Milton Keiles and Claire Armstrong. **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

#80 – Joy To The World

Communion Hymn

#42 – Silent Night

Recessional Hymn

#83 – We Three Kings