

## Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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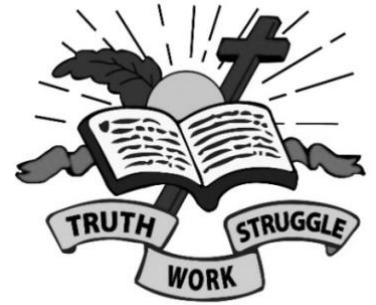
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February 12, 2023

## Pre-Lent Sexagesima Sunday

### FAITH SHARING

Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus using three examples of graceful Christian retaliation.

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy." It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy.

### Responsorial Psalm

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN (James 2:1, 9)

V. My brothers [and sisters], show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.**

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.**

### Gospel

MT 5:38-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord.



### THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year at Our Saviour Parish on Sunday, March 5, 2023 after 12:00 Noon Mass.

## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

All Are Welcome

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

276 Nearer My God to Thee

### Communion Hymn

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

### Recessional Hymn

Glory and Praise to Our God

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, February 12

Pre-Lent Sexagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, February 19

Pre-Lent Quinquagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Time TBA (12 Noon or 5:00 PM)

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### Sunday, February 26

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

## THE SEASON OF PRE-LENT

The celebration of this season is a preparation for Holy Lent. The three Sundays of Pre-Lent come seventy, sixty and fifty days before Easter. The liturgical color of this season which prepares us to anticipate the spiritual rigors of the Lenten Season is rose. Lent then takes on the somber hue of purple signifying the seven-week period of penitence and introspection and our conversion of heart.

During Pre-Lent the Alleluia heard before the proclamation of the Gospel is eliminated from the Mass and will continue to be so through Lent until Easter morning. In place of the Alleluias, we will hear only a mournful chant called the Tract. Also begun in Pre-Lent is the elimination of the singing of the Gloria which will remain silenced through the Lenten season until the Resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed on Easter.

Floral adornments of the high altar are still appropriate through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, though such adornment may be abandoned if so desired.

## PALMS

If you still have the palms from the last year Palm Sunday, please bring them to the church. They will be burned, and we will make from them the ashes for the Ash Wednesday.

## PRE-LENT BOOKLET

Pre-Lent Booklet has been emailed to you. Please print it and keep for your daily using. If you are not on our emailing list you can download it from our webpage [www.oursaviorpncc.org](http://www.oursaviorpncc.org), go to the tab "Weekly Bulletin" and search for date Feb 5 (direct link → [HERE](#))

## SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

3/5 - For the Mission Fund

3/12 - Institution of the PNCC - For the National Church Center

4/2 - For the Mission Fund

5/7 - For the Mission Fund

6/4 - For the Mission Fund

6/18 - Father's Day – For the Clergy Pension Fund

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love – For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund

10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to Poland Collection

11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds – Seminary Fund

1/7 - For the Mission Fund

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## MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mass stipend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137