



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XX Niedziela zwykła

August 20, 2023

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalm: Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Epistle: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Intention: 10am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Parish & Community Picnic

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Up Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

R. I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.

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.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R5, Morning Has Broken.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R564, Let Us Break Bread Together.
- Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life (handout).
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Thee, O God.
- Recessional: R338, We Sing The Greatness.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **WELCOME:** We welcome all those visiting for the first time. May your day and week ahead be blessed!
- **Puzzle:** As many of you may know, we have a new Bible theme puzzle to work on. Join in on this wonderful community activity.
- **Catechism – The Sacrament of the Word of God #322-323:** The Word of God is a sacrament through which we: (1) Learn to know the Diving Will of God; (2) Become strengthened in faith; (3) Are united with Christ our Lord; and (4) Become better qualified to labor for the kingdom of God. We should receive the Sacrament of the Word of God because Christ commanded us to receive and proclaim it. Holy Scripture says this: (1) *Go ye therefore and teach all nations.* Matt. 28:19; (2) *The seed is the Word of God.* Luke 8:11; (3) *Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.* Luke 11:28; (4) *You have been born again...through the living and abiding Word of God.* 1 Peter 1:23; and (5) *Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.* Matt. 4:4.
- **Getting into the Word:** Check out the TV/Streaming program 'The Chosen.' It tells the story of Jesus in a very accessible and easy to understand way. The program will start its 4th season in March 2024. In the meantime, you can watch the three prior seasons. It is on TV (CW), Amazon (for free), YouTube, Netflix, and in its own App. Most sources are free.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thank you for joining today as we continue our Ordinary Time journey focused on listening to, obeying, and witnessing to Jesus.

You may recall St. Paul's famous line in his letter to the Church at Rome, *If God is for us, who is against us?* (Romans 8:31). It is a comforting and reassuring statement founded upon deep faith.

If we read the fuller context in Romans 8 we see an excellent description of what it means to live in Jesus. Faith frees us from condemnation, from the law of sin and death. Faith has us alive in the Spirit, no longer bound or held down. We have life and peace. We are sons and daughters. Eternal life is ours. Glory awaits us.

There is so much more, I urge

you to read Romans 8 this week and to read it slowly. Savor what we have and what awaits us.

The question comes down to – who is *us*? *If God is for us, who is against us?*

Our first reading from Isaiah sets forth a vision and a promise concerning *The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD*.

We all were strangers once, outsiders, dwelling in the realm of the world, but once we set that old way aside and step on that first rung of the ladder to heaven, when we come into the Church, we are set apart in a new life based on faith. As we enter through waters of baptism we rise to new life, Kingdom life. This is what Paul is speaking about in our Epistle from Romans 11. We have all been given an opportunity to enter. Remembering that helps us in

being open to all who might enter as well.

We must be very careful, brothers and sisters, about this entering thing, about this *us* thing. The care we need to exercise and the inclusion we practice must be that of Jesus who includes based on faith alone.

The story of the Canaanite woman is a faith test story. Jesus' initial rejection of her teaches a lesson about *us* and who is part of *us*. We are to welcome all into *us* based only on faith experienced in togetherness and fellowship.

Our faith and likeness to Jesus is constantly tested, especially when we encounter unexpected people. The woman's example – and the provision of Jesus' grace depend on our having open hearts and willingness to work with all as they approach God in faith.

Memory Verse

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 8:2
MONDAY: Romans 8:6-8
TUESDAY: Romans 8:9-10
WEDNESDAY: Romans 8:14
THURSDAY: Romans 8:15-17
FRIDAY: Romans 8:18
SATURDAY: Romans 8:28-30

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may live in the Spirit, proclaim Thy welcome, and greet all who seek you with sincere hearts. May I be humble knowing I was once a stranger too. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Barbara Rogers, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Kelly Light, Joan Charnews. and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the clergy and faithful of Parafia pw. Bożego Ciała, Gdańsk, Poland.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Parish/Community picnic Follows.**
- **August 21 – 23 Central Diocese Clergy Retreat (Fr. Jim away).**
- **August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 25: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **August 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague (in Polish) at Noon.**