



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

III Niedziela zwykła

January 21, 2024

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

First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Intention: For all those for whom memory crosses were offered.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here.

R. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment.

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: R190, Angels From The Realms Of Glory.
- Gloria: R192, Angels We Have Heard On High.
- Sacrament of the Word: B45, Hear The Glad Tidings.
- Offertory: B61, Shepherds Hurried Into Bethlehem.
- Communion: Gesu Bambino (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B75, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear.
- Recessional: R205, Go Tell It.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Valentine's Raffle:** Tickets continue to be sent out and are also here today. Please help us in supporting youth attendance at Kurs and Convo. Because it is a leap year, there are additional chances to win.
- **Formal Notice:** Our Annual Parish Meeting, Election of Officers, and Presentation/Vote on simplified cemetery rules and regulations will be held Sunday, February 4th. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10am.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday** is February 11th. The soup pot is out for your donations supporting the work of Schenectady Community Ministries.
- **New Year – New Things:** Please consider serving on the Parish Committee or one of the parish's ministries (altar server, lector, greeter). Make the new year a time to make a difference.
- **The Season of Pre-Lent or Septuagesima** lasts for the two and a half weeks, ending with the start of Great and Holy Lent on Ash Wednesday. This year Pre-Lent is observed from January 28th through February 13th. This time represents the number of weeks to Passion Sunday which is then two weeks before Easter. The intention of this brief season is to provide a suitable period of time for all of the members of the Church to adequately prepare for Great Lent.

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." ---

God has overlooked the time of ignorance, but now He demands that all people everywhere repent.

Today we hear the account of the start of Jesus' public ministry from St. Mark. We heard the account from St. John last week.

As you may recall, we did a bit of a riff on the age-old group dance, the Hokey-Pokey, wherein we were urged to put our whole selves in and to not just leave them there, but to get to work announcing God's Kingdom. To be active in calling others for the Lord.

Our active engagement follows the model which we heard in the gospel: *Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Jesus, as he consistently does,

wastes no time. His mission was urgent and His time limited. So is ours. We have much to do for God.

In our readings and gospel, we see people responding exactly that way. They drop everything to do as God asks. The people of Nineveh repent. Paul urges the Corinthians to focus on Kingdom tasks and not to be distracted by anything else. The people Jesus calls respond by leaving the worldly behind to focus on the work of the Kingdom, to be "fishers of men."

In each of these cases there is an urgency that the people get. In the aha moment they are saying: 'I get it, I must do this now. No time to delay. Nothing else is important.'

I would like to focus a bit on our Alleluia verse because it wraps this all up very well.

The verse comes from Acts 17:30. Paul is in Athens, not one of his most successful missionary

journeys. Yet on a hill near the Acropolis which was a public meeting place he calls people to Jesus and speaks of Jesus' promised resurrection. He speaks of God's demand on them.

Paul, like always, is being bold and the people, like those nowadays, want nothing to do with a God Who has demands. In fact, we can practically hear them whispering – who is this God to demand anything of me! Even among those who were kind of receptive their response speaks volumes: "*We should like to hear you on this some other time.*"

God does overlook the past, but once we are converted, have come to faith in Jesus, He places a demand on us, to announce the kingdom and bring people to repentance and salvation. 'I get it, I must do this now. No time to delay. Nothing else is important.'

Memory Verse

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

Colossians 4:5

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 9:4

MONDAY: Psalm 90:12

TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:16

WEDNESDAY: James 4:13-15

THURSDAY: Proverbs 16:3

FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:2

SATURDAY: Romans 13:11

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I respond to Your Father's demands on my life. Provide me with the wisdom and strength to use my time wisely in proclaiming Your Kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, 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 work of the Spójnia Credit Union.

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

Upcoming

- **January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **January 22 - 26: NO Holy Mass.**
- **January 28: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Also, Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **January 29: NO Holy Mass.**
- **January 30: Holy Mass at Noon. Infant of Prague Chaplet (in Polish).**
- **January 31: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 1: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Candles.**
- **February 4: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am only. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Annual Parish Meeting.**