



February 20, 2022

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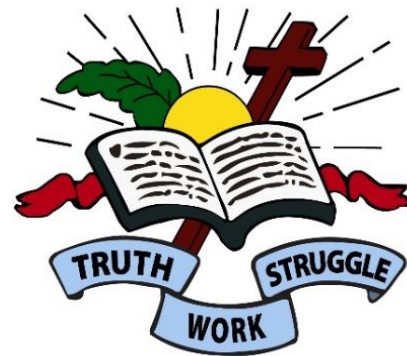
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SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

A Sabbath Thought

As we approach the beginning of Lent, we sit at the feet of Jesus, disciples eager to learn. This Sunday's Lesson: Love your enemies.

About Today's Bible Readings

1 SAMUEL

26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David, ancient hero of the people of God, stands as an emblem of the practical meaning of 'love of enemy'.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

Because of Jesus, we now straddle two worlds: the earth that is our origin, and the kingdom that is our destination.

LUKE 6:27-38

In this sermon to his disciples, Jesus turns into Johnny-One-Note: "Love," he says, and again, "love." To make sure he gets his point across, he repeats the same message in other words.

ENTRANCE RITE – Romans 12:20-21

V. *"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head."*

R. **Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.**

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.**

TRACT : Matthew 5:44

V. *But I say to you, love your enemies,*

R. **and pray for those who persecute you.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

SUNDAY – February 20th
Second Sunday – Pre-Lent
Sexagesima

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – February 27th
Third Sunday – Pre-Lent
Quinquagesima

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 2nd
ASH WEDNESDAY

*Blessing and distribution of
Ashes to the faithful.*

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

PICNIC COMMITTEE

As we begin preparation for the return of our annual picnic, much help is needed. If you can and are willing to help, please contact Jay Rowe, our committee chairperson at jrowe@oblan.com or call him at 484-332-9409.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

A Spring Clean-Up is planned for the Cemetery. If you have decorations on the graves that you want to keep, please remove them before March 17th or they will be disposed of for you.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky 25th Anniversary of Ordination

On Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA, You are invited to join Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky as he celebrates Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Following the Mass there will be a reception/banquet (with limited capacity of 200) at the Cathedral Youth Center. More information is available on the flyer posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and in the Fellowship Hall

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, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, and Riley Rejniak: **Our Father....**

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Today, February 20th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

Monday, February 21st; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

Wednesday, March 2nd; **ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00PM.** The ANS will be serving grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup beginning at 6:00PM.

Monday, March 7th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM.

Tuesday, March 8th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members.

Wednesday, March 9th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** The Mission Commission will be serving potato soup beginning at 6:00PM.

Thursday March, 10th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome.

Wednesday, March 16th; **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM.** The YMS of R will be serving potato pierogis and soup or haluski.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

Hallowed Be Forever

Hallowed be forever, living host divine,
In which Christ our Savior, hidden is sublime.
Refrain

Hail, Thou Jesus, Son of Mary, Thou art God eternal, wond'rous mystery.

Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic bread,
Sacrament most Holy, by which we are fed.
Refrain

Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified,
For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died.
Refrain

Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory,
In this bread most holy, we would worship thee.
Refrain