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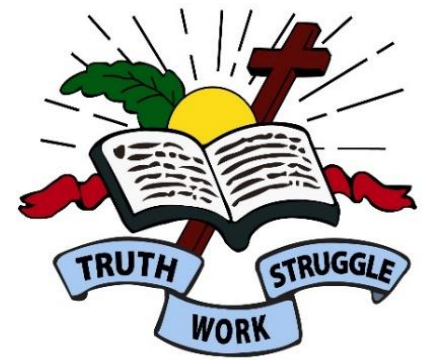
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Today's scriptures describe three qualities that must characterize those who follow Christ. The Lord's disciples must be *single-minded*, finding their peace only in Christ. They have been called to *freedom* that must blossom into service, not degenerate into license. Those who seek this faithful way of life will discover strong bonds of *unity* among themselves.

About Today's Bible Readings

1 KINGS 19:16, 19-21

Elijah the prophet recognizes a kindred spirit in Elisha and draws him from his daily routine to pursue a new vision.

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-18

Because Christ has won our freedom from sin, we must not allow ourselves to be enslaved again.

LUKE 9:51-62

No excuses, warned Jesus. He had 'set his face' toward Jerusalem and crucifixion, and he expected the same single-mindedness from his followers.

ENTRANCE RITE – Romans 11:2b-3; Psalms 86:2-3

V. Do you not know what the scripture says about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life."

R. Preserve my life, for I am loyal; save Your servant who trusts in You. You are my God; pity me, Lord; to You I call all the day.

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.

ALLELUIA: John 12:26

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – June 26th
13th Sunday - Ordinary Time

Word of God Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 3rd

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 10th

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Word of God Sunday

The Polish National Catholic Church has designated today as Word of God Sunday to emphasize the importance of the Word of God, which is a sacrament in our church. We will celebrate this by incensing the Gospel before it is read to remind us of its permeating power in our worship service.

SIGN UP SHEETS

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi last week. Much more work is needed. Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi making are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for July 15th and 16th. I hope that you can find time to help. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

PICNIC FLYERS

Flyers are available on the table in the Vestibule for the Picnic in August. Please take a couple and post them where you can, your super market, hairdressers, barber, where ever there is a bulletin board. And talk about it, tell your friends. Thank you.

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, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, June 26th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

Wednesday, July 6th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

Monday, July 11th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Friday and Saturday, July 15th and 16th; Pierogi Making! Please sign up to help make Pierogi for the Picnic in August!

Thursday, July 21st; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall by the windows and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

