

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th February 2018, Year B/2



St Josephine Bakhita

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am
Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **St Agatha**

Tuesday: 8:00am **St Paul Miki & Companions** **Keith Craig (Dec. Ann.)**

Wednesday 8:00am **5th Week Ordinary Time**

Thursday 8:00am **5th Week Ordinary Time**

Friday 8:00am **5th Week Ordinary Time**

Saturday 8:30am **St Scholastica**

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be in March on a date to be announced. Please watch the bulletin for the correct date. Feel free to contribute towards a light supper after Mass.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Keith Craig

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14TH FEBRUARY

Masses are 8am and 7pm.

PALMS FROM LAST YEAR

Please bring your Palms from last year, by Sunday 11th February, and place them in the basket at the back of the Church. They will be burned on Tuesday 13th, with the School Children attending.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm every Friday night during Lent, beginning on Friday 16th February.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl & Robert Waltisbuhl.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Liturgy of the Word

31st January 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue today with the catechesis on the Mass. After having reflected on the rites of introduction of the Mass, we now consider the Liturgy of the Word, which is a constitutive part because, in fact, we gather to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us. It's an experience that happens "directly" and not by having heard, because "when Sacred Scripture is read in Church, God Himself speaks to His people and Christ, present in the Word, proclaims the Gospel" (*Ordinamento Generale del Messale Romano*, 29; Cf. *Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7; 33). When the Word of God is read in the Bible — the First Reading, the Second, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel — we must listen, open our heart, because it's God Himself who is speaking to us, and we must not think of other things or talk about other things. Understood? . . . I will explain to you what happens in this Liturgy of the Word.

The pages of the Bible cease to be a writing to become living word pronounced by God. It's God that, through the person that reads, speaks to us and questions us, who listen with faith. The Spirit "who has spoken through the prophets" (Creed) and has inspired the sacred authors, acts so that "that the Word of God truly operates in hearts what He makes resound in ears" (*Lectionary*, *Introd.*, 9). However, to listen to the Word of God it's necessary to have an open heart to receive the word in the heart. God speaks and we listen to Him, to then put into practice what we have heard. It's very important to listen. Sometimes, perhaps, we don't understand well because there are some Readings that are a bit difficult. However, God speaks the same to us in another way. [It's necessary to be] in silence and to listen to the Word of God. Don't forget this. At Mass, when the Readings begin, we listen to the Word of God.

We need to listen to Him! It is, in fact, a question of life, as the incisive expression well reminds that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (*Matthew* 4:4) — the life that the Word of God gives us. In this connection, we speak of the Liturgy of the Word as the "table" that the Lord prepares to feed our spiritual life. That of the Liturgy is an abundant table, which draws widely from the treasures of the Bible (Cf. *SC*, 51) be it of the Old or of the New Testament, because in them the Church proclaims the one and the same mystery of Christ (Cf. *Lectionary*, *Introd.*, 5). We think of the richness of the biblical Readings offered by three Sunday cycles

that, in the light of the Synoptic Gospels, accompany us in the course of the Liturgical Year: a great richness. I wish to recall here the importance of the Responsorial Psalm, whose function is to foster meditation on all that was heard in the Reading that preceded it. It's good that the Psalm is enhanced with the song, at least in the refrain (Cf. *OGMR*, 61; *Lectionary*, *Introd.*, 19-22).

The liturgical proclamation of the same Readings, with the songs deduced from Sacred Scripture, expresses and fosters ecclesial communion, accompanying the path of each and all. One understands, therefore, why subjective choices, such as the omission of Readings or their substitution with non-biblical texts, are prohibited. The Word of God is the Word of God! It's the Lord who speaks to us. To substitute that Word with other things, impoverishes and compromises the dialogue between God and His people in prayer.

On the contrary, [required is] the dignity of the pulpit and the use of the Lectionary, the availability of good readers and psalmists. However, it's necessary to find good readers! — those that are able to read, not those that read [mangling the words] and nothing is understood. It's so — good readers are needed. They must prepare themselves and try before the Mass to read well. And this creates a receptive atmosphere of silence.

We know that the Lord's word is an indispensable aid not to get lost, as the Psalmist well recognizes that, addressing the Lord, confesses: "Thy word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path" (*Psalms* 119:105). How can we face our earthly pilgrimage, with its toils and trials, without being regularly fed and illumined by the Word of God that resounds in the Liturgy?

It's certainly not enough to listen with the ears, without receiving in the heart the seed of the divine Word, enabling it to bear fruit. Let us remember the parable of the sower and the different results according to the different types of soil (Cf. *Mark* 4:14-20). The action of the Spirit, which renders the response effective, is in need of hearts that allow themselves to be worked and cultivated, so that what is heard at Mass passes in daily life, in keeping with the Apostle James' admonition: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (*James* 1:22). The Word of God makes a path within us. We hear it with the ears and it passes to the heart. It doesn't stay in the ears; it must go to the heart, and from the heart it passes to the hands, to good works. This is the course that the Word of God follows: from the ears to the heart to the hands. Let us learn these things. Thank you!