

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday— January 25, 2015 Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
9:30 – High Mass in memory of Hedwig Kmiec from Julie, Cliff and Jodie Brown

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited.

Sunday— February 1, 2015 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

9:30 – High Mass in memory Mary Anthony from Betty Trojan
-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

Bible Readings for 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time –Year B

1st reading: 1st Book of Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm 25

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord

2nd reading from the 1st Letter to Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using

the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia verse from Gospel St Mark 1:15

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel

Holy Gospel according to St Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, 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.***" As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "***Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.***" Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him

Catechism Study for this week:

About Prayer: Descriptions of prayer are abundant throughout Christian history. "**True prayer,**" wrote St. Augustine, "**is nothing but love.**" Prayer should arise from the heart. "Prayer," said St. John Vianney, "is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." "**Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day,**" remarked St. Francis de Sales, "except when we are busy—then we need an hour." Definitions of prayer are important, but insufficient. There is a huge difference between knowing about prayer and praying. On this issue, the Rule of St. Benedict is clear, "If a man wants to pray, let him go and pray." St. John Damascene gave a classic definition of prayer: "**Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God**", citing St. John Damascene. The *Catechism* clearly defines prayer as a "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God". **Prayer is Christian "insofar as it is communion with Christ and a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ"**

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the

privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

PARISH DONATIONS We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless you for your much needed help!

COLLECTIONS:

January 11 - \$ 159.00

January 18 - \$ 45.00

Prayer for the people

Lord bless and strengthen your people.

May they remain faithful to you and always rejoice in your mercy.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

***** Polish American Congress Meeting**

January 25, 2015 at Polish Beneficial Association, Almond and Orthodox Streets. Meeting begins at 12:30. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

Polish National Catholic Church

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