

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday– March 15, 2015

9:30 – High Mass in memory of Statkiewicz Family, Thomas & Helen Misiewicz from Marianne Woodland Jackowicz & Family.

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

Thursday–March 19, 2015 Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of BVM

Sunday– March 22, 2015 **Passion Sunday**

9:30 – High Mass in memory of Cecelia & Michael Wytish from Barbara Legacki

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

Bible Readings for 4th Sunday of Lent –Year B

1st reading: 2nd Book of Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place, but they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy, Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbath during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm 137

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

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How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

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2nd reading: Letter of St Paul to Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ, by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;* it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Verse before the Gospel from St John 3:16

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Holy Gospel according to St John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life*" *For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him.* Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Catechism Study for this week:

Please read and reflect:

1. about the **Trusting in God's Forgiveness** from **Psalm 130**
2. about **Needing God's Help** from **Psalm 23** "The Lord is my Shepherd"
3. about praising God in **The Lord's Prayer** Gospel **St Matthew 6:9-13**

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!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Palm Sunday with Palm Sunday Breakfast - March 29, 2015
- Holy Thursday -April 2, 2015
- Good Friday - Crucifixion - April 3, 2015
- Holy Saturday - April 4, 2015
- Easter - Resurrection - April 5, 2014

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

March 29 - Let us get together as Parish family to celebrate our parish fellowship and brotherhood during the Palm Sunday breakfast immediately after Holy Mass of Palm Sunday.

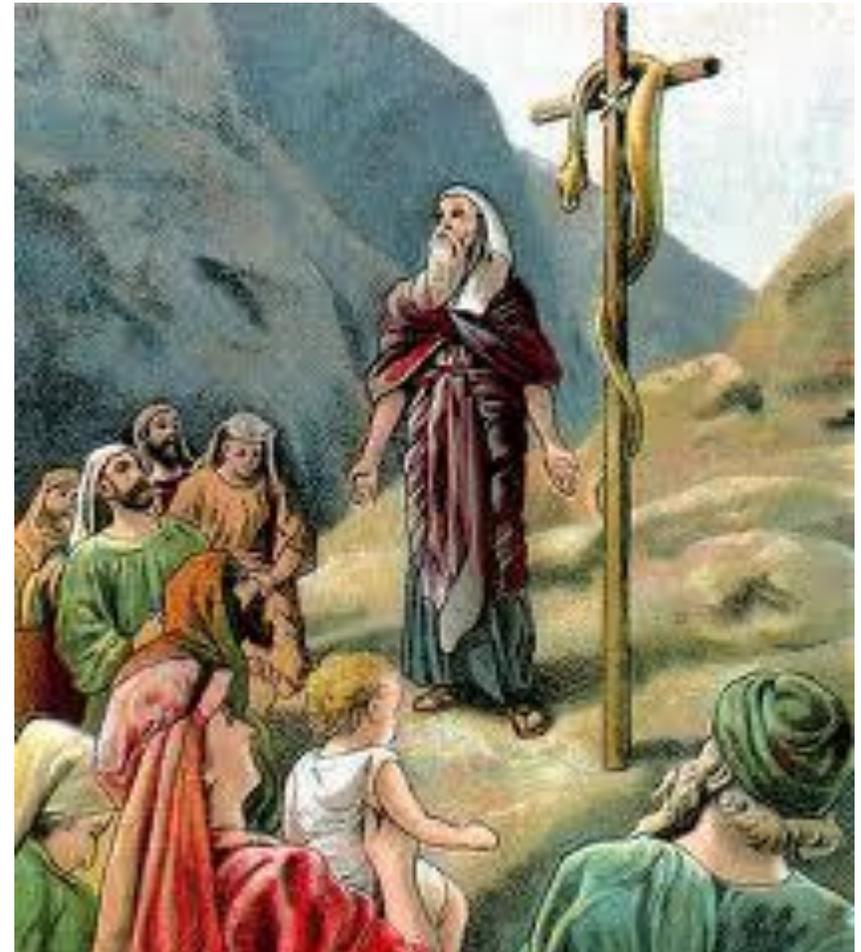
COLLECTIONS: March 8, 2015 \$115.00

Deepest sympathy for family of Matt Olszewski

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him Gospel of St. John

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