

# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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## *MASS SCHEDULE:*

*SUN. FEB. 24, 2013 - SECOND SUNDAY of LENT - HOLY MASS - 10:45AM*

*TUE. FEB. 26, 2013 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00PM*

*SUN. MARCH 3, 2013 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
HOLY MASS/BENEDICTION - 10:45AM*

## **ENTRANCE RITES:**

*LITANY (SUNG) pg. 64 in the Mass Booklets*

*LOW MASS IN THE TRADITIONAL RITE - pg. 15*

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS**

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."

"O Lord God," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying:

To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

**READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD!**

**PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **THE GRADUAL**

**PREIST** - Good and upright is the Lord, Who shows sinners the way.

**PEOPLE** - DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME; DO NOT REPEL YOUR SERVANT IN ANGER.

### **READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their god is their stomach. Their glory is in their “shame”. Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

**READER** - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD!

**PEOPLE** - THANKS BE TO GOD!

### **+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE +**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know that he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

**PRIEST** - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

**PEOPLE** - PRAISE BE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held immediately following Holy Mass in the hall on Sunday, March 3, 2013. Important matters of the parish will be discussed and a new Parish Committee elected. In order to vote, one must be a member of the parish in good standing, up to date with dues etc., and 18 years of age. The meeting is one of the vehicles for the exercise of the democratic practices of the Polish National Catholic Church according to its Constitution and is held in order to bring about CONSTRUCTIVE decision making in a spirit of RESPONSIBILITY for the material and financial needs of the parish.*

*STATIONS OF THE CROSS are offered during the Tuesdays of Lent beginning at 7:00PM*

*Won't you join us in order to accompany Our Lord and He prepares to mount the Cross of Calvary for our sins?*

**+ “COME”, SAYS MY HEART, “SEEK GOD’S FACE!” DO NOT HIDE  
THY FACE FROM ME O LORD, BUT IN THY GLORY, COME! +**

