

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 23, 2020 – **Sexagesima Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Frank & Bernice Samiec

Monday, February 24, 2020 – **Feast – Matthias, Apostle**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – **Ash Wednesday**

7:00 PM Holy Mass

Thursday, February 27, 2020 – **Weekday**

Friday, February 28, 2020 – **Weekday**

Saturday, February 29, 2020 – **Weekday**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – **1st Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Genevieve Hutchens– requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

3/8/2020 † Jan Pełka (11th Anniversary of death)

3/15/2020 For health and God's blessing for Izabela – requested by mom, husband and son.

3/22/2020 † Tadeusz Citko – requested by Bill Quilty

3/29/2020 † Helen Misiewicz (100th Birthday) – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/5/2020 **OPEN**

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday – reserved for all our deceased relatives

4/19/2020 † Joseph & Maryanna Statkiewicz

† Helen & Thomas Misiewicz

† Deceased members of Statkiewicz Family – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/26/2020 † Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Matulewicz, Kunciw and Jeblonski Families

5/10/2020 Mother's Day – For All Mothers

5/17/2020 **OPEN**

5/24/2020 † Bernard Minakowski - requested by Jeff & Donna Spotts

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a holy day in obligation. All Catholics are obliged to participate in the Holy Mass that day and to do the act of penance by receiving the ashes on the forehead. This special day as the beginning of the Holy Lent cannot be transferred to Sunday. **The ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday only. Holy Mass will be at 7:00 PM.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed & Florence, Kapuscinski, Estelle McKee, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman.

If you like to add somebody to this list please let us know.

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus using three examples of graceful Christian retaliation.

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: *"Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy."* It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."*

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy.

***"It was but a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving,
But it scattered the night like the morning light
And made the day worth living.***

***It was but a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken,
et not in vain for it chilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken.***

***It was but a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing,
But its clasp was warm, it saved from harm***

A brother whose strength was failing."

Try the sunny smile of true love, the kindly word of Christian encouragement, the helping hand of true charity, and not only will you brighten the darkness and lighten the load of your brother but you will be imitating in your own small way the perfect Father of love who is in heaven.

MOSAIC LAW OF MILD RETALIATION

During their captivity in Egypt, the Jews became familiar with the crude tribal law of retaliation (*Lex Talionis* = Tit-for-Tat), given by the ancient lawmaker Hammurabi during the period 2285-2242 BC. When this law was first developed, it made life better and more civilized. It restricted revenge and made it commensurate with the offense. Moses instructed the Israelites to follow tit-for-tat retaliation, rather than to wreak total destruction upon their enemies. That is, instead of mutilating or murdering all the members of the offender's family or tribe, they should discover the offender and only punish him/her with an equal mutilation or harm. Later, a milder version of this law was substituted. It demanded monetary compensation, as decided by a judge, in place of physical punishment. Moses also gave the Israelites several laws commanding merciful treatment for the enemy. By advising, "Turn to him the other cheek," Jesus instructs his followers to forgive an insult gracefully and, so, convert the offender. He commands that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us to prove that we are children of a merciful Heavenly Father. The meaning of "turn the other cheek" is "Don't return insult for insult." The message of Jesus is, "Don't retaliate." Instead, we are to win over the aggressor with tough, wise love, so that we may win people to Christ and transform human society into the Kingdom of God.

eye for an eye

noun retaliation for a wrong

Synonyms for eye for an eye

avenging	measure for measure	reprisal	revenge	vengeance
getting even	payback	retaliation	tit for tat	vindication
		retribution	tooth for a tooth	

SIX NEW (OLD) CANDELABRAS FOR THE FUNERAL MASSES

Since the end of June I was working on the old candelabras which I have found behind the altar. They were all covered by rust, dirt, paraffin and paint. Maybe some of you can remember them being in use during funeral Masses many years ago. I decided to give them a second lives. After cleaning them, polishing them by hand and mechanically and painting they look good again and hopefully they will serve for us for many years. One parishioner paid for the paint to restore them. Now these candelabras need six pillar oil candles. Searching the web I found nice candles made and available in Poland. The total cost of 6 oil refillable candles including shipping will be around \$400. To compare, the price of just one similar candle in the USA is around \$180. If there is some family/families/individual who would like to sponsor those candles for St. Valentine's Parish, please let me know.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)

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eye and a tooth for a
tooth, we will be a blind
and toothless nation

Martin Luther King Jr

**7th Ordinary Sunday
Quinquagesima**

7 Niedziela Zwykła

February 16, 2020