

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, August 22, 2021 – 21 Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Alfred Karolkiewicz (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by Trish Haeberle and Kathy Hull

### Monday, August 23, 2021 – Weekday

### Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 PM – Holy Mass (EN) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

For All Parishioners (W intencji Parafian)

### Wednesday, August 25, 2021 – Weekday

### Thursday, August 26, 2021 – Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa

7:00 PM – Holy Mass (EN) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

For All Parishioners (W intencji Parafian)

### Friday, August 27, 2021 – Weekday

### Saturday, August 28, 2021 – Weekday

### Sunday, August 29, 2021 – 22 Ordinary Sunday

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Dorota Mendelewska, Aleksandra, Tadeusz i Janusz Wiaderek – requested by Ewelina Filyushchenko

09/05/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Jan Dryfik (Anniversary of Death) – requested by Izabela
09/12/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Benjamin Rzepski – requested by Emily Valentine
09/19/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Geraldine Colisante – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
09/26/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Josephine Zdanowicz – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
10/03/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Josephine Zdanowicz – requested by Loretta Sucharski
10/10/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Thomas Misiewicz – requested by Marianne Woodland and Henry Jackowicz
10/17/21	Su	9:30 AM	† William Quilty, Jr. – requested by Bill Quilty
10/24/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Larry Brzozowski – requested by Bill Quilty
10/31/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Jasper Junious Munford – requested by Emily Valentine
11/01/21	Mo	9:30 AM	For All Our Beloved Deceased
11/02/21	Tu	7:00 PM	For All Our Beloved Deceased
11/07/21	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
11/14/21	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
11/21/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Henry E. Jackowicz – requested by Henry Jackowicz and Marianne Woodland
11/28/21	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
12/05/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Jasper Junious Munford – requested by Frank Brzozowski
12/12/21	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Anna Mendla, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Genevieve Root, Thomas Costello, John Chien, Izabela Dryfik, Michal Mularczyk, Jennifer Carney.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### FAITH SHARING

Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings, and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments, and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives.

**The first reading** explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing and protecting God, fostered by keeping His Commandments given through Moses. God gave Israel the Law so that the Israelites might keep their Covenant with Yahweh and thank Him for His love and fidelity to His Chosen People. The Law was also intended to keep them a united, holy and intelligent nation, proud of their powerful, protective, single God.

**In the second reading**, St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor and the weak in the community. He challenges Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers.

**In today's Gospel**, Jesus describes true religion as serving God and all His children with a pure and holy heart. The Gospel explains the encounter of Jesus with the Sanhedrin observers and the Pharisees who had been sent to assess Jesus' unique, controversial teachings. These experts had found Jesus' teachings an open violation of the "Traditions of the Elders," and judged Jesus' implied and spoken claims blasphemous. They also noticed that Jesus' disciples omitted the required ritual washing before meals. The Pharisees observed them and insisted that all the Jews should do so.



### SUNDAY DONATIONS

If you participate in the Holy Mass online only, please kindly remember to send us a check with your Sunday Offering, simply mailing it as usually to the Parish Office.

For your convenience there is online donation available as well. Just go to our webpage [www.stvalentinespncc.org](http://www.stvalentinespncc.org) and find the tab ONLINE GIVING. It is quick and safe way to donate and support St. Valentine's Parish.

## PARISH COMMITTEE LETTER

Thank you for responding to the Parish Committee letter mailed to you recently. May God reward you for your generosity.

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA – AUGUST 26

Our Lady of Czestochowa, or the Black Madonna of Poland, is a very famous painting of the Blessed Virgin holding the Child Jesus. Under this title, Mary is the Patron and Protector of Poland. Since the face of Mary is very dark, she is referred to as the Black Madonna. This darkening of the image comes from centuries of being hidden and the many years of soot and smoke from candles illuminating the icon. The picture follows the traditional form of an icon. Mary gestures toward Jesus, directing the attention away from her and pointing to Jesus as the source of salvation. The child Jesus extends his right hand in blessing to the viewer of the painting and holds a book of the gospels in his left hand. As in many icons Jesus looks like a small man, reminding us that Jesus, while still a child, is fully mature in his Divine nature.

The painting of the Madonna has a long history. Legend has it that it was painted by Saint Luke on a piece of a cedar tabletop built by Saint Joseph. Some even say it is part of the table used at the Last Supper. Saint Helen found this painting when she went to Jerusalem in search of the true cross. She gave the painting to her son, Constantine. When the city of Constantinople was invaded by the Saracens, the people prayed to Mary and the city was saved. This began the great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary attached to this painting.

The history of the painting is more accurately documented in 1382, when Prince Ladislaus was owner of the painting. In that year, when the Tartars were invading the Prince's palace, an arrow hit the painting, lodging in the throat of Mary. Prince Ladislaus decided to take the icon to Opala, the town where he was born, in order to keep the picture safe. On the journey there, he stopped and spent the night at Czestochowa. The next day, as they began to continue the journey, the horses pulling the wagon with the painting of Our Lady refused to move. Prince Ladislaus took this as a sign that the painting was to remain in Czestochowa. The icon was placed in the care of the Order of the Hermits of Saint Paul at their monastery called the Mount of Light, or in Polish, Jasna Gora. The icon of the Black Madonna, Our Lady of Czestochowa, is there to this day.

The icon was again in danger and damaged in 1430 when the Hussites invaded the monastery. Twice the painting was struck with a sword, and before it could be hit the third time, the looter fell to the ground and died. Despite trying to repair the painting, the sword cuts and the arrow wound are still visible in the painting today.

In 1655 Swedes invaded Poland. The people prayed to Mary, and Poland was again saved from the invaders through the intercession of Mary. Our Lady of Czestochowa was thus crowned as the Queen of Poland, and this icon became the symbol of national unity.

Mary can intercede for us, as is evidenced by the many healings and miracles that have been attributed to prayers to Our Lady of Czestochowa over the years.

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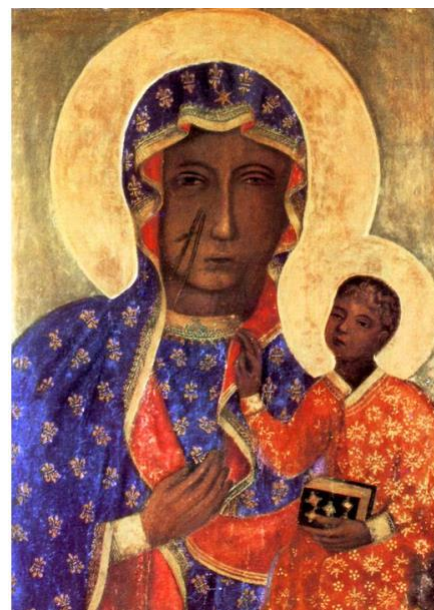
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Sunday Mass: 9: 30 AM (English/Polish)



**21 Ordinary Sunday**

**21 Niedziela Zwykła**

**August 22, 2021**

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