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Entrance Hymn: V. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law, **R. But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.** V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm: Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Tract: V. What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **R. See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. So also faith without works is dead.**

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Intention: For śp. Margaret Birmingham offered by daughter and family.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / Annual Finance and Budget Meeting.
- Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
- Litany: Sung Ordinaries pg. 9.
- Word of God: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B86, O My Jesus.
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R608, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.
- Exposition / Benediction: B147-150
- Recessional: B113, When I Survey.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **It is here!!! Lent has arrived.** Our Lenten devotions include Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3pm and Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale on Sundays at 3pm. Your newsletter includes suggestions for Directed Giving of foods for Lent. Leave your donations by the Mary Altar. Remember that Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat – beef, pork, chicken).
- **Official Announcement: Our Annual Financial / Budget Meeting will be held today. There will be only one Holy Mass that day. This is a very important meeting.**
- **Pierogi and Soup Sale: Our next pierogi and soup sale will be this coming Saturday from 9am until 1pm. If you are able, please make some soup for this effort or come by to help out.**
- Are you Veteran? Do you have questions about services and benefits? Let us know, we can help.
- Please keep our seminarians and the other 22 men seeking to serve in your prayers.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

Our central theme for this graced Lenten time of reflection and teaching is living sacrificially. We will touch on the fact that sacrifice is covenantal. In our sacrifices we enhance the pre-existing relationship we have with God. We acknowledge our agreement with God's plan and rule, find joy in that, reinforce our acceptance of it, and tear away at the things that stand in the way of a deeper union with God.

In our First Reading we meet Abram – later to be Abraham. If you follow Abram's journey with God, we will repeatedly find God meeting with him and calling him to extraordinary acts of faith.

We hear God promising Abram wonderful things – a certain kind of greatness that comes

from putting one's faith in God and God's plan.

Now several things to keep aware of. Abram was old as was his wife, Sarah. He was called to travel a long distance to an unknown land full of hostile foes with a promise that he would have descendants, something he would eventually doubt.

Later, Abram would be called to face the evils of Sodom and Gomorrah and to even sacrifice his son as God would later fulfill in His Son Jesus.

In the end a covenant was made between God and God. God did not make a contract between Himself and a man, because a man might fail in his promises, fail to keep the contract. Rather, God agreed with Himself in the perfectness

of His truth that He would fulfill His promises to Abraham the man and to his descendants which includes each of us.

Abraham was asked to keep faith and so were those Apostles on Mount Tabor. They were given a glimpse of God's glory and in that encounter given a call to faith by the Father: *"This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."*

Jesus then calls them to a faith that like Abram's would be tested on the night He is arrested and the day He was killed on the Cross: *"Rise, and do not be afraid."*

As was Abram and the Apostles, we are all called to a faith that listens, sacrifices, and is unafraid.

Memory Verse

But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Hebrews 8:6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 9:15
MONDAY: Luke 22:20
TUESDAY: Exodus 19:5
WEDNESDAY: Mark 14:24
THURSDAY: Psalm 103:17-18
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:6
SATURDAY: Galatians 3:16

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You have given us an eternal promise marked as a promise by Your blood. Grant that I may live in faith, follow Your word, give myself up, and be unafraid through it all. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, Jacqueline Lawrence, Robert Smith, Cheryl Miceli, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of Ss. Cyril & Methodius parish, Chicago, IL.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **March 1: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Annual Parish Financial and Budget Meeting. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 2: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- March 3: Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir of Poland and Lithuania. Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 5: Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 6: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- **March 8: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 9: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- March 10 – 12: Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 13: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- **March 15: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**