



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

## 24th Ordinary Sunday XXIV Niedziela zwykła

September 15, 2024

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalm: Ps 116:1-6,8,9

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

Epistle: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Intention: For all parishioners and seekers.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

**R. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.**

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.**

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: R342, Come Christians Join To Sing.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit Come Inspire Us.
- Offertory: Take Up Your Cross (handout)
- Communion: Blest Are They (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R107, Amazing Grace.
- Recessional: R677, They Will Know We Are Christians.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Fall. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
  - **Seminary Semester Start.** Monday, September 16th. **Please PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Our Sunday School is reborn thanks to Renee, Andrea, and Christina. Please have your children attend each Sunday, starting today and following Coffee Hour Snacks. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **See the volunteer flyers** for our food bank partnership. The pantry is open every Monday from 3pm until 6pm. We begin packing orders at 1pm.
- **A Word About Back to Church Sunday** We welcome all to church today. We are not just happy you are here but overjoyed because what we share is something so special that it has everlasting impact. Being a part of the church means that we are a part of God's good work in the world. We can make a difference by the way we love others. We can explore practical ways to demonstrating the love of Jesus to our families, neighbors, and community. We each are a masterpiece of God, crafted for His good work. These acts of best enabled by our cooperation with God and our willing reception of His grace which empower us in all things.

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.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

*He summoned the crowd with His disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."*

For seven Sundays we journeyed with Jesus and His apostles coming to understand that we receive Him. For the rest of Ordinary Time and the special Solemnities of our Church, Jesus discusses applying our life in Him. How do we do it?

Jesus again lays it on the line for His followers. He tells them that they must *take up* their cross and follow Him.

We kind of miss the point based on our religious-cultural experience of Jesus and Christianity. We can watch movies and see Jesus carrying His cross. Certainly, He saved us by that, but what is Jesus asking of me today?

We obviously, unless we are being tortured for our faith as is done in some places, will never experience seeing, touching, or

picking up a cross. We may have a symbolic one in our bedrooms or the entryway to our house, we may see large ones in churches, and during Holy Week we may adore the Cross as an expression of our love for what Jesus did for us. Yet the idea of taking up a cross is distant and foreign to us.

What is Jesus trying to tell me?

Let's place ourselves amid the crowd Jesus was speaking to. They knew what a cross was, what it meant, what it felt like, and what it resulted in. They may have had family members arrested by Roman soldiers and subsequently killed on a cross. Their system of torture and execution was placed where all could see and experience it. Even when a person had died, the cross was left there awaiting its next victim.

To the people in the crowd this was the worst thing they

could possibly experience. It was the most tortuous, most awful experience. Yet, Jesus tells them to take up this thing a person would not even wish on their worst enemy.

Jesus is telling the crowd and us that discipleship is more than an occasional bit of harder-than-usual work. It is more than what we think we can do. It is an all-in complete self-giving in following Him. As His disciple, I must go all-in, giving of my whole self. Taking up that level of dedication comes with the most awesome of promises.

We people, named after Christ Jesus, yes, Christians, having given our all all-the-time will come before the Father one day and Jesus will tell Him that we are His friends. He will welcome us and lead us into that eternal place of life, homecoming, and eternal joy.

### Memory Verse

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Colossians 3:17**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:1-2

MONDAY: James 1:2-4

TUESDAY: Revelation 14:12

WEDNESDAY: Daniel 3:12

THURSDAY: 1 Peter 2:9

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:58

SATURDAY: Proverbs 16:3

### Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, in baptism I was dedicated to You and made a citizen of Your Kingdom.

Grant that I may exhibit my complete dedication to You and Your Kingdom by all my strength and effort each day.

Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Tony and Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, 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. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic 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 who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Canonsburg, PA.

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

## Upcoming

- **Sept. 15: 24th Ordinary Sunday. Back To Church Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. SOCL Begins.**
- **Sept. 16: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **Sept. 17 - 20: No Holy Mass. Fr. Jim at Seminary for Semester Start.**
- **Sept. 21: Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.**
- **Sept. 22: 25th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. SOCL.**
- **Sept. 23: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**
- **Sept. 24: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**