

# Newsletter of the Polish Catholic Mission

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## Intentions of Today's Mass:

***Today's mass will be celebrated for the soul of Teresa Słomińska –Gabryelczyk (Iwona Pietrzak's Mother) - on the first anniversary of her death.***

Dear Lord, please grant the soul of your faithful servant Teresa the forgiveness of sins and the peace of heaven. Please hear our prayers through your neverending mercy and forgiveness. In the name of Passion and Death of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Today's hymns (#w Pan z Wami):

Introduction – Wszystko Tobie #159

Offering – Dziękuję o Panie #74

Communion – Jezu miłości Twej #87

Final hymn – Wszystkie nasze #608

### Today's Readings:

I – Book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

II – Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Psalms: 51(50), 3-4, 12-13

Gospel: Luke, 15:1-10

## XXIV Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Find what has been lost



Jesus and his teachings attracted a crowd of tax collectors and sinners. The scholars and Pharisees did not like it. In order to undermine Jesus' authority, they claimed that he was a „friend of the sinners”. This is how they tried to influence those who came to listen to him. Were they successful? Nobody knows. The rumour had to do some damage though, and how could Jesus defend himself?

Jesus could not deny these people, because tax collectors and sinners truly followed him. Moreover, they wanted to listen to what he had to say. This is what bothered the scholars and the Pharisees the most. And Jesus? Jesus tried to protect himself by telling them two parables about lost items: one about a lost sheep, and one about the lost dragma.

In reality these two stories focus on more than just a lost sheep or a lost coin. The conclusions from these two parables are identical. Each of them tells a story of a sinner who makes an attempt to redeem. Did the Pharisees and the scholars understand that? Maybe they did, but decided to ignore it. Or maybe they were just

looking for new evidence against Jesus so his followers stop listening to him.

Sorrow when something gets lost, and joy when something is found are both normal feelings that accompany us, people. How do we feel when we lose something? And when we lose someone? The worst situation is, however, if the lost someone is Jesus.

Can we find the way back to our own soul if we lose the sense of existence? Yes, but only when we seek the truth. Christ is the truth. Tax collectors and sinners were aware of the fact that they lost something, that they neglected someone, and they saw Christ as the one who can help them get it back. Scholars and Pharisees did not see any hope for tax collectors and sinners. They saw people in categories that they created themselves. Jesus had the courage to question these categories, to destroy them. They could not take it so they resisted it. And Jesus came to find what was lost from his Father's home, and he succeeded.

*Fr. Tadeusz Domżał*

## **Polish Dinner Benefiting the Seminarians of the Diocese of Memphis**

Polish Catholic Mission is going to cook a typical Polish dinner (pierogi, gołąbki, Polish sausage and more...). Everyone who enjoys Polish food and Polish culture is invited. The event will take place on September 18, 2010 at St. Therese Hall by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 8151 Poplar Ave. in Germantown.

**Tickets are \$25 per person.** All profits go to support the seminarians from the Diocese of Memphis. Please call (901)-743-4551 or (901)-273-5794 to book your seat. Checks can be mailed to **St. John Catholic Church -2742**, Lamar Ave, Memphis, TN 38114

Please save the date and we hope to see you at this very special event!

## **Republic of Poland's Consul visits Memphis**

At the invitation of the Polish American Society, Mr Michał Sikorski, consul of the Republic of Poland's Embassy in Washington, DC, will visit Memphis on September 18 and 19. Part of his visit will be dedicated to consular issues, such as passport renewals, citizenship status, and other matters that can be addressed without the need to travel to the Consulate in Washington. Detailed information can be found on PAS's website at

**<http://www.polishamericansociety.org/>**

## **Financials**

Please find attached financial statement of the Polish Catholic Mission from July 2009 to July 2010.

## **Help needed!**

We encourage everyone to let us know if you can help with any of the activities performed by the Polish Catholic Mission. We need choir singers, collection ushers, lectors, altar servers as well as volunteers to help in the sacristy. Let's remember that all talent comes from God and he deserves our respect and glory by our work, prayer and song. If you can help, please contact Zofia Schmidt or Fathers Kazimierz, Krzysztof or Jacek.

## **Ads in the Newsletter**

I would like to remind you that there is a possibility to place advertising ads in our Newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Zofia Schmidt (372-5794). All business owners are welcome to advertise with us!

## **Holy Masses in the upcoming months:**

October	November	December	January
9- Mass in Polish	1 – All Saints Day 9- Mass in Polish	5 – St. Nicolas 24- Midnight Mass 25- Christmas Mass	15- Mass in Polish

*„...I westchnęłam: no patrz, już po lecie, po wakacjach, po słońcu, mój Boże!  
Już się zacznie szaruga na świecie, no, jasnych spodni już chyba nie włożę.  
Pewnie deszcze się zacznie i słońce, na to ona, przepraszam, idiota!  
Uśmiechnęłam się, mów sobie zdrowo, ty wiesz swoje, a ja swoje wiem...”*