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Intentions of Today's Mass

Today's Mass is celebrated in the intention of Tadeusz Tomaszczyk (Father of Agnieszka Cieślak) - on the eighth anniversary of His death.

Our merciful God, on the anniversary of death of your faithful servant Tadeusz, we are asking you that you save room for His soul in Heaven so He may rest in peace. In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Today's Hymns (#Abba Ojcie):

Introductory hymn – Zawitaj Królowo #748

Offering – Zdrowaś Maryjo #752

Communion – Maryjo ja Twe dziecię #673

Final hymn – O Maryjo żegnam Cię #706

Today's Readings:

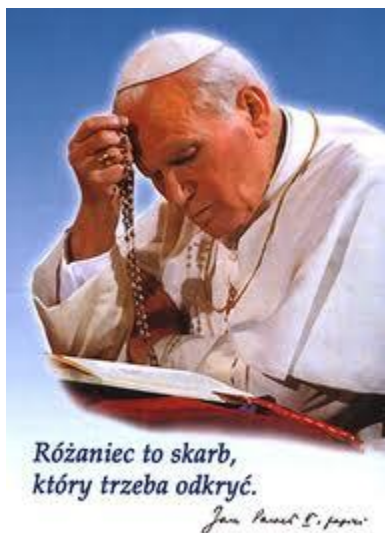
I – Book of Exodus 17:8- 13

II – Paul's Letter to Timothy 3:14-4:2

Psalm: 121(120):1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

Gospel: Luke, 18:1-8

XXIX Sunday of Ordinary Time



In the first reading from the Book of Exodus Moses helps the Israeli with his supportive prayer and the gesture of raised arms. God always listens to our prayers, but does not always respond in a way we would prefer.

In the second reading St. Paul encourages Timothy that he does not close himself from the word of God. The word of God should always be preached in the same, consistent form that does not change in terms of its entity, its fundamental truth that God Father wants to pass on as a revelation. In our everyday lives, do we find time, even as little as 15 minutes a week, to read the Bible?

St. Luke is trying to show us how important it is to be persistent in our prayer! In the parable about the widow and the unfair judge, Jesus wants to teach the Apostles, and all of us, that a loving Father always listens to all of our prayers with attention and love.

Where can we find strength to face the challenges of our everyday life? Today's readings indicate two sources of such strength: persistent prayer and constant contact with the word of God. When we pray, we tell God of our concerns and our wishes. The word of God that includes His teachings, shows us the ways to correct our mistakes and prepares us to be better people. „Will the Son find the faith on Earth when He arrives?” – asks Jesus, concerned. So many of us continue to ask God to satisfy our cravings, but are we also willing to follow His word - Mira Majdan, „Oremus” ?

God Bless!
Fr. Krzysztof Rusin



October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, has begun. In the next 4 weeks Rosaries will be recited in all the churches, in front of the Holy Sacrament. Holy Rosary is not an easy prayer. It makes us stop, think and study the mysteries, and at the same time we can offer the Virgin Mary our joys, sorrows, all of our lives. When we ask Her to watch over us, we can be sure she will put in a good word for us with Her Son – Jesus Christ. Rosary is a prayer of trust, which leads us to Jesus through Mary. The power of Rosary has been described many times, but to really feel it everyone has to experience it on their own, and feel its beauty and power. John Paul II said: „The Rosary is my favorite prayer! Such a wonderful prayer! Beautiful in its simplicity and depth...”. The Rosary should be with us every day, not only in October, so we can repeat after the Pope and say it is our favorite prayer too.

Polish Dinner Benefitting the Seminarians of the Diocese of Memphis

We would like to share the good news with everyone, that another Polish Dinner prepared by the members of the Polish Catholic Mission led by Teresa Rudnicka at the OLPH Church was a great success!

The efforts and hard work of all those who helped prepare the meal did not go to waste – we had a profit of \$2,500 which will support all the seminarians of the Diocese of Memphis, including three Polish seminarians.

We would like to thank everyone who sacrificed a lot of time, effort and heart to prepare our Polish delicacies, as well as decorate the room and help clean afterwards!



All Saints Day – the Mass on November 1

We would like to invite everyone to the sixth annual All Saints Mass celebrated in the intention of our loved ones who have died. The celebration will take place on Monday, November 1 at 7 pm at St. John’s Church (Lamar Ave). This beautiful tradition allows us to unite with those members of our families who have passed away, and with each other.



Each of us will light a candle to commemorate our loved ones. PCM will provide the candles. Please bring a note listing the names of the family members you would like us to read and pray for. Please put the notes in the special basket on the altar. The flame of the candles, the symbol of light and unification with our loved ones will be with us until the celebration is over.

Independence Day

this special Polish mass.

This year we will celebrate our National Holiday – the Independence Day (November 11) with a holy mass celebrated on Saturday, November 13, at 6:30 at St. John’s church on 2742 Lamar Ave. Everyone is welcome to participate in

November 21 (Saturday) - Concert – St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. Once again we want to celebrate St. Cecilia's day with a mass in English and Polish followed by the concert. The mass will take place on November 21 at 4:30 pm. All musicians are invited to take part in the concert. Please contact Fr. Kazimierz or Zofia Schmidt to participate. Everyone is welcome!



Collection of food

St. John's Church and Father Kazimierz need your support in collecting food for needy families in the area. Please bring non-perishable food items such as canned food, soup, pasta or a monetary donation. There are baskets near the altar where donations should be placed. Thank you so much for your help!

Financials

The offering collected during our October mass totaled at \$205. For your convenience we are providing collection envelopes at the church entry. Envelopes are addressed to the Polish Catholic Mission or the Seminarians.

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:

November	December	January	February
1 – All Saints Day 13 - Mass in Polish 21 – St. Cecilia's	5 – St. Nicolas 24- Midnight Mass 25- Christmas Mass	15- Mass in Polish	12 – Mass in Polish

How to pray the Rosary

The Rosary is divided into five decades. Each decade represents a mystery or event in the life of Jesus. There are four sets of "Mysteries of the Rosary" (*Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious*). These four "Mysteries of the Rosary" therefore contain, a total of twenty mysteries. The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries are then said on specific days of the week (*see each set of mysteries below*). During private recitation of the Rosary, each decade requires devout meditation on a specific mystery. Public recitation of the Rosary (*two or more people*), requires a leader to announce each of the mysteries before the decade, and start each prayer (*see "The Family Rosary" below*).

The Apostle's Creed is said on the Crucifix; the Our Father is said on each of the Large Beads; the Hail Mary is said on each of the Small Beads; the Glory Be after the three Hail Mary's at the beginning of the Rosary, and after each decade of Small Beads. In June 13, 1917, Our Lady asked that an additional prayer be added after each decade of the Rosary (*see prayers at the end of this document*). It is a prayer of forgiveness to Jesus and is said following the Glory Be after each decade only.