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Third Sunday – Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus publicly introduces himself and presents his credentials. He has come to free and to forgive, to heal and to help, to teach and to save.

About Today's Bible Readings

NEHEMIAH 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Here is an ancient liturgy of the word, a mirror image of what we do when we listen reverently to the Word of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

Paul the apostle comes up with a brilliant insight into the nature of our church community: We are the body of Christ.

LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke begins his gospel with a statement of purpose, illustrated by Jesus' proclamation of the good news and its fulfillment.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 147:1-3

V. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel,

R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.

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.

ALLELUIA – Psalm 146:2

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Praise the Lord, my soul; I shall praise the Lord all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 1:1-4; 14:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Jan. 26th

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Kevin Austin Grossman, offered by Kevin Grossman.

ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Annual Parish Congregational meeting following the Mass.

Please plan to attend and engage. Your opinion counts.

SUNDAY – Feb. 2nd

Solemnity

Presentation of Our Lord

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Feb. 9th

5th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Feb. 16th

1st Sunday of Pre-Lent Septuagesima

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Today, January 26th, is Music Scholarship Sunday. For more information on applying for one of these scholarships, please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com. To donate, please pick up a sheet from the table in the vestibule. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause as it supports those in our church who give of their musical talents for the benefit of us all. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque, John Halecky III and those impacted by the fires in Southern California, For the repose of the soul of Kevin Austin Grossman. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 26th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty seven years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

Sunday, February 2nd; Picnic Committee Meeting at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, February 16th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

2025 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The PNCC Home Liturgical Calendars are here and on the table in the vestibule for \$7.50 each. Only a limited number are available so get yours before they are gone! These are a great way to keep abreast of the various Sundays and Solemnities.

KOLEDA– BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Sr. Donald will be blessing homes during this Season of Epiphany. He will be happy to bless any home at your request. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule along with the best time for you to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date. He will be happy to see you and more than happy to bless your home.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.