

**ST. VALENTINE'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY MARCH 23rd 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT, (PURPLE)**

**LESSON:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 **LESSON:** 1st Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 13:1-9

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Joseph Makala: Req. by wife Joan Makala

**MONDAY MARCH 24th ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL, (WHITE)**

**8AM** Mass for the health of the sick.

**TUESDAY MARCH 25th ANNUCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, (WHITE)**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 21st REQUIEM MASS, (BLACK)**

**8AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Fr. Jan Kosc.

**THURSDAY MARCH 22nd LENTEN WEEKDAY, (PURPLE)**

**8AM** Mass for the intentions of our parish family.

**FRIDAY MARCH 23rd LENTEN WEEKDAY/LAETRE SUNDAY, (PURPLE)**

**8AM** Mass for Peace.

**7PM** Stations of the Cross, Benediction.

**SUNDAY MARCH 30th 4th SUNDAY OF LENT, (PURPLE)**

**LESSON:** Joshua 5:9, 10-12 **LESSON:** 2nd Cor. 5:17-21 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**9:30AM** Mass for the soul of the departed Timothy O'Neil:Req. by Tom O'Neil.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: APRIL 13th** Palm Sunday; **APRIL 20th** Easter Sunday

**MINOR ORDERS:** This Tuesday in St. Stanislaus' Cathedral Sem. David Dudzinski at 10:AM will receive the Rite of Tonsure. Tonsure will take David to the Clerical State on his way to Priesthood. David will also receive the Minor Orders of Blesser, Porter, Reader, and Acolyte. We wish David well on his journey to the Priesthood.

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**CHANGES:** The Gospel today gives us two images. First Jesus talks about the men who were killed. Jesus tells us the same will happen if we do not reform. The second is about being given more time to produce fruit. The fig tree was not doing well. The owner said to tear it out. But, the gardener says to give it more time. God the Father gives us time to grow and produce the fruit of goodness in our lives. We are fed with Holy Communion and given growth by His holy word. It is up to us to take in that nourishment and grow into what God wants us to be. We have all put in plants that did not work no matter what we did. We have no choice but to uproot it and try again.

If we take in the nourishment the Father provides and live in His love, we grow and prosper. If we do not we will wither and die. It is better to take in what He provides in His word and Sacrament. It is all like miracle-grow for our souls. Let us take the time to grow and prosper and not be ripped out and thrown away.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Mary Gonzalez, Marie Harrington, Brian Poplarchick, Cliff and Julie Brown.