

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**11:00 am January 16, 2011**

Intention: +Stanley Zalewski Requested by the Zalewski family  
Healing Intentions: Michelle Mallory Lu Luch  
Martha Shuman Diane Spina  
Lois Bogacki Bill Moran  
Father John Fetcho Jean Horan  
Erika Zalewski Mike Corn  
Rosemarie Piazza Jon Hall

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Reading I**

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

#### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

I will make you the light of nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me: you are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.**

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold, I come."**

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"**

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O  
Lord, know.**

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

## **Reading II**

I Corinthians 1: 1-3

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and Sosthenes our brother, send greetings to the church of God which is in Corinth; to you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people, as to all those who, wherever they may be, call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia      Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to Listen to the words of your Son. [12]**

## **Gospel**

John 1: 29-34

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to John**

This is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

When John caught sight of Jesus coming toward him, he exclaimed:

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

It is he of whom I said:

'After me is to come a man who ranks ahead of me,  
because he was before me.'

I confess I did not recognize him, though the very reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

John gave this testimony also:

"I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from the sky, and it came to rest on him. But, as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'when you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen for myself and have testified, 'This is God's chosen One.'"

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

### **Thoughts from the Pulpit:**

#### **Behold the Lamb of God!**

Today's Gospel proclaims Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God. "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Every Sunday, when we are witnessing to the Lord at Sunday Mass, we hear this proclamation: Behold, the Lamb of God! before coming to the Holy Communion. Behold! This word calls for our whole attention to look, to penetrate, to realize, to hold in your whole being for attention what we witness!

How amazing it is that at every Holy Mass we are visited by the Lamb of God. The mere fact of his presence in the bread and wine is stupendous! It is a mystery! We can not possibly explain it, except to say that His Love is so powerful that it transcends space, time, and even matter!

Our natural senses won't reveal it. It needs to be the God's gift of Faith to see it! Jesus, the Servant of God, the Savior of the world, takes the sin of the world on himself and becomes the Sacrificial Offering, and offers Himself to God on the altar of His Cross! The Lamb of God who is the Offering Gift and the One Who offers it. This is indeed the Paschal Mystery! Jesus Christ is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his death delivered the world from sin.

Our Passover Mystery begins with the sacramental life that we enter in the Church through Baptism and the other Sacraments. Jesus Christ left us the Sacraments in his Church for this one reason: to help us in passing over from sin to goodness in life and finally, to make a safe passing to the heavenly kingdom.

The Passover mystery is a struggle. It takes serious involvement on our part by witnessing to the Lord in our Sacramental Life, participating in all sacraments of the Church. The Sacrament of Penance, called the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), is not an impersonal mechanism for getting rid of sins, like going to a mechanic with your broken car; it is a loving personal encounter with Jesus our Savior who has the power of God's mercy and can say to us: Go in Peace, your sins are forgiven! In the Sacrament of Confession He calls us away from the sinful life to the goodness of life.

Let us appreciate more dearly all the Sacraments that Jesus Christ have left us for our salvation. Let us thank Jesus for the gift of faith so we could see it. Amen!

### Announcements for January 16, 2011

Financial Corner			
Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
January 2	\$590	\$673	-\$83
January 9	\$575	\$673	-\$78
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1165</b>	<b>\$1346</b>	<b>-\$181</b>

**"Kolenda" visits** (pastoral visits & blessing of homes) begin this week and will continue until February 6. Please call Father Madej to arrange his visit to your home.

***To prepare the house for blessing, please dress the table with a white cloth. A cross and Bible or prayer book should be on the table, a candle next to the cross should be lit. The priest will bring Holy Water and chalk to bless and mark your home. This is a visitation by Our Lord. The priest is just the humble instrument of the Lord's action.***

Please join us **today** after Holy Mass for the SPOJNIA breakfast.

**This Saturday, January 22**, our community Polish Dinner will be held from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Please see Pat or Joe if you can work at this event and invite your family and friends for a great meal! All those helping at the dinner should arrive by 3:30 and be ready to stay until cleanup is done. Thank you!

**Next Sunday, January 23, a special congregational meeting** has been called for the purpose of approving revisions to the constitution and by-laws of Holy Cross Parish and to the Cemetery by-laws. Copies of both **proposed** documents are available today. Please review them carefully and **bring them with you** to the meeting, so that the voice of the entire congregation can be heard. ***All adult members who have met their general and cemetery stewardship for 2010 will be able to cast their vote on the revisions to these documents.***

We learned at the spaghetti dinner at *Our Lady of Peace RCC* that Father John Fetcho will be retiring from the priesthood and celebrating his last mass on **Sunday, January 30**. Their parish is planning a small cookie reception for him on that Sunday. To allow those of you who would like to wish him Godspeed in his retirement, we have cancelled our coffee hour on

January 30. Please join us in saying goodbye to Father Fetcho and in thanking him for his service to God's kingdom on earth.

The parish committee will meet following coffee hour on **Sunday, January 30**. Please mark your calendars.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday, January 18

**PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH**  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

Wednesday, January 19      5:00 pm      Polish language class

Saturday, January 22 4:30 – 6:30 pm      Community Polish Dinner

Sunday, January 23

**Ordinary 3**

Intention: +Joseph Kolonko Requested by the Joe Kolonko and Temple families  
+Rose Marie Kolonko Requested by the walter Kolonko family

10:30      Bible Study for children

11:00      Holy Mass

12:15      Coffee Hour

1:00      **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**