



Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish

A Roman Catholic Parish in Houston established in 1982

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Sunday – November 13th 2011 • Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Apostolate of the Society of Christ
Rev. Waldemar Matusiak, SChr, Pastor
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am - Mass in English
Sunday 11:00 am - Mass in Polish
Mon - Thur - 8:00 am - Mass in English
Friday - 7:00 pm - Mass in Polish
Saturday - 6:00 pm - Mass in Polish

Sacraments

Confession: Fri 6-6:45pm, Sat 5-5:45pm,
Sun 8-8:45am and 10-10:45am
Baptism by appointment.
Wedding arrangements should be made six
months in advance.
Visiting the sick and Holy Eucharist
administered on request

Mass Intentions

Sat - † † Tadeusz Naumowicz and
Leszek Zajac
Sun - 9am - † Max Stalder
11am - † Alicja Lukaszewska and
for Blessings for Poland
Mon - † Joseph
Tue - † † Joseph & Maria
Wed - † † Deryun, Sooman, Regina,
Paul and Mose
Thur - 9:00am -
Fri - † Maciej Derda
Sat - † † Janina & Mieczyslaw Wroblewski
and Stefan Skwerna
Next Sun - 9am - † Helen Karpinski-Nowak
11am - † † Adam & Jozef Skrownek
and Edward Czuprynowski

Liturgy for This Sunday

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that those who seek wisdom shall find wisdom. The concept of wisdom arises in the second reading as well as in the Gospel, where we hear of the wise virgins.

The Psalm sings of the lament of a soul expressing its thirst for communion with God in the temple, and delight when communion is established. Compare this with the search for divine wisdom in the first reading, and the virgins' longing to meet the bridegroom in the Gospel.

In the second reading Paul reassures the Thessalonians that those faithful who have died, before the second coming of Christ, will rise first and be joined by those faithful who are still alive at the second coming. All will meet the Lord. This is so, "on the word of the Lord," because Jesus died and rose before us.

The Gospel relates the parable comparing the kingdom of heaven to a situation involving ten virgins, five wise and five foolish, who went out to meet the bridegroom. The wise virgins brought oil for their lamps, while the foolish virgins brought their lamps, but no oil for the lamps. When the bridegroom did not arrive until midnight, the wise virgins had oil with which to light their lamps, but the foolish ones had no oil. They had to seek out merchants for oil, the wise virgins refusing to give up some of their own oil to the foolish ones for fear they would not have enough. In the meantime, the bridegroom arrived and entered into the wedding feast with the wise virgins, after which the door was locked. When the foolish virgins finally arrived, they were told by the bridegroom: "I do not know you." Those who hear the message of Jesus of the coming kingdom and respond in repentance and faith, and keep His commandments, will be accepted when the time comes, while those who hear His message and reject it will find out their mistake too late.

The second collections this weekend will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

Next weekend, the second collections will be for the Society of Christ Seminary in Poznan, Poland.

Polish Independence Day Celebration

This past Friday, November 11, was Polish Independence Day. One of the Mass Intentions for the 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday is for Blessings for Poland. Father Jan Koczy from Ecuador will celebrate the 11:00 AM Mass. Our Parish will recognize Polish Independence Day this Sunday, November 13, with a brief commemorative presentation in the church by students of the Polish Saturday School, and a picnic after the 11:00 AM Mass. All parishioners are invited to come and enjoy the picnic.

Old Parish Hall Demolition

In a matter of days, the old parish hall will be demolished. Please contact Mr. Waldemar Cibirowski if you wish to obtain any parts of the building construction.

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Next Sunday, November 20, we will begin our celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday with our annual parish Thanksgiving dinner following the 11:00 AM Mass. Come join your fellow parishioners in the new parish hall for good food and cheer.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

On this Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, give thanks to God for all the blessings He has given us and this country, and start your day by attending Mass. Mass in our church that day will be at 9:00 AM.

New Year Party

The parish New Year Party will be held in the new parish hall on December 31 (of course). Please see Roza Ekimov 281-440-7995 or Ewa Dumana 832-630-2858 for tickets. The ticket prices per person are \$110 and \$70 (for students) until the end of November. After November the tickets prices will be \$120 and \$80 for students. Come and join with your fellow parishioners and enjoy an evening of wonderful food and live music.

Sunday 9AM Lector Schedule

Next Sunday - Phyllis Knauff
November 27 - Richard Zamecki
December 4 - Stan Polak

Stewardship

All Saints Day: \$658.00.

Saturday/Sunday: 1st Collections \$2,819.00;
2nd Collections - Building Fund \$365.00;
Building Fund Pledge Payments \$465.00;
Votive Candles \$368.00;
Breakfast \$75.00; and
Lunch \$172.

ATTENTION!

NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessions will no longer be scheduled daily before each Mass. The new schedule provides for the Sacrament of Penance to be available on Friday, from 6:00 to 6:45 PM, on Saturday from 5:00 to 5:45 PM, and on Sunday from 8:00 to 8:45 AM, and from 10:00 to 10:45 AM.

Christ the King

Next Sunday, November 20, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This celebration is a special feast day for the Order of the Society of Christ, our Pastor's religious order. Please be generous in your donation to the second collection for the Seminary of the Society of Christ in Poznan, Poland, next weekend.

The New Roman Missal

Also next Sunday, November 20, our new Roman Missal, Third Edition, will be blessed at the 9:00 AM Mass. The new Roman Missal contains the new English translation of various prayers of the Mass, which will be used for the first time at English Masses in this country and throughout the English speaking world on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27. The new translations will also employ new melodies for sung prayers of the Mass.

Welcome to Our New Organist

We are very pleased to welcome to our parish our new organist, Mr. Czeslaw Krampus, who will play at both Sunday Masses.

New Parish Committees

Our parish will form two new committees to serve specific parish needs. The committees will be the Parish Disaster Planning Committee and the Parish Preventative Maintenance Committee. To volunteer, please contact Fr. Waldemar.

New School Furnishings

With the completion of the new parish hall, our Saturday school will be moving into its new location. New furnishings will be needed for the school. Please make a special donation for this purpose.

For New Parishioners

New parishioners are most warmly welcomed to our parish community and are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Remember to Pray the Rosary Every Day.

Pray for an End to Abortion.