



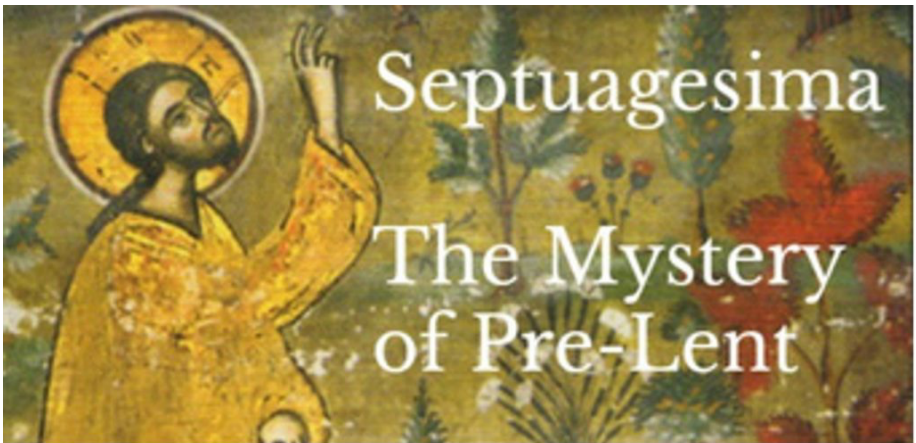
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## Septuagesima Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent) January 28, 2024



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**Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication.

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## OPENING HYMN

**Holy God** (verses 1 & 2) – Ritual Song #657

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Luke 4:27; Psalm 41:5)

**C.** There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naman the Syrian.

**R.** **Once I prayed, “Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.”**

**C.** 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.**

## READING 1

**DT 18:15-20**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:

"A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.

This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said,

'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'

And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.

Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.

But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9**

**R.** **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R.** **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,

and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works.”

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## **READING 2**

## **1 COR 7:32-35**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.

An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.

A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

The Word of the Lord.

## **TRACT**

## **MT 4:16**

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;

on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

## **GOSPEL**

## **MK 1:21-28**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Lucille Davelli, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris.

**Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**In Thy Protection** (verses 1 & 2) – PNCC #210

## FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority, as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles, in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry. The readings remind us that we should have a "listening heart" (Gospel), instead of a "hardened heart" (Responsorial Psalm) or "divided heart" (Second reading) to welcome the authoritative word of God.

Today's first reading tells us that a true prophet like Moses speaks with authority because it is God Who speaks through him. After the Babylonian exile, the Jewish priests began to interpret the words of Moses given in the first reading, namely, "*a prophet like me*," as referring to one individual, the expected Messiah. This passage is chosen for today's first reading because it refers to Jesus, the "preacher with authority," mentioned in today's Gospel.

In the second reading, St. Paul exercises his God-given authority as the *Apostle to the Gentiles* to teach people in Corinth that marriage is a holy state ordained by God and that it is a life-long partnership according to the teaching of the Lord.

In today's Gospel, Mark describes one sample Sabbath day of Jesus' public life. Jesus joins in public worship in the synagogue as a practicing Jew, heals the sick, drives out evil spirits and prays privately. People immediately notice that Jesus teaches with authority and heals with Divine power. Jesus explains the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answers with authority. Jesus is using his real (authentic) Divine authority to teach, empower, liberate, and heal others. In today's Gospel, the evil spirit recognizes



and loudly declares Jesus as the Messiah. By his simple, if harsh, command, “*Be quiet! Come out of him,*” Jesus exorcises the demon who departs, obedient to His Divine authority.

## **LIFE MESSAGE**

Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people, but to set them free. Therefore, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that he may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and that prevent us from loving others and sharing our blessings with them. Jesus also frees us from all the “evil spirits” of fear, jealousy, anger, envy, addictions, compulsions, selfishness, resentment, and hostility. May God free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame, and paralyzed, physically and spiritually.

We need to use our God-given authority to build up lives. So many people with authority have made a lasting impression on our lives either for good or ill. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our Faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a schoolteacher gave us. Teachers are powerful because they change and mold lives. Therefore, let us all become good teachers like Jesus and use our authority to frame young lives in the right way.

## **SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

Feb 11, 2024; Mar 10, 2024; Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

## **USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

<u>Sunday, January 28:</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
<u>Sunday, February 4:</u>	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
<u>Sunday, February 11:</u>	Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
<u>Sunday, February 18:</u>	Don Newcamp, George Jobes
<u>Sunday, February 25:</u>	Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk
<u>Sunday, March 3:</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

## **NEW AND RETURNING PARISHIONERS**

We extend a warm welcome to new and returning parishioners who joined us recently. Any time please feel free to reach out to our parish office and Parish Committee members.

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Stay updated on parish news and events by visiting our website [www.hfpncc.org](http://www.hfpncc.org) or follow us on Facebook. (Thank you David and Marian for all posted updates).

## SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. We will be preparing on Friday, April 19, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. We will need help starting the week of Sunday, April 7, 2024 to start setting the tables, organizing the Chinese Auction Baskets. and pulling down all the supplies.

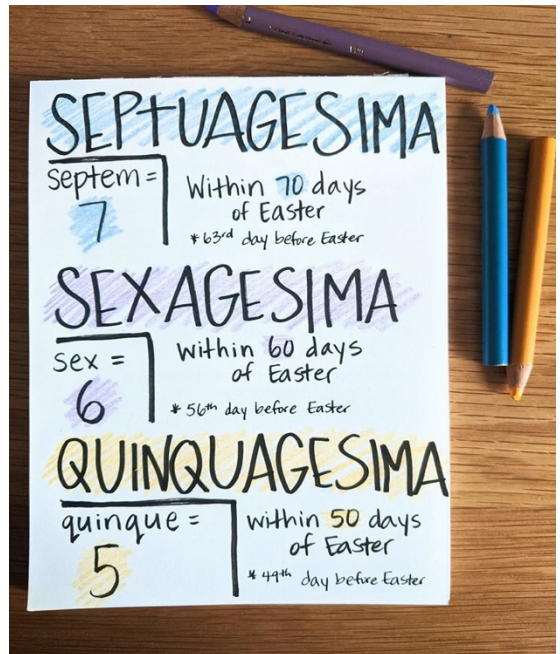
## PALMS

If you still have the palms from the last year Palm Sunday, please bring them to the church. Please leave them in the narthex. They will be burned, and we will make from them the ashes for the Ash Wednesday.



## THE SEASON OF PRE-LENT BEGINS TODAY

The celebration of this season is a **preparation** for Holy Lent. The three Sundays of Pre-Lent come seventy, sixty and fifty days before Easter. The **liturgical color** of this season which prepares us to anticipate the spiritual rigors of the Lenten Season is **rose**. Lent then takes on the somber hue of purple signifying the sevenweek period of penitence and introspection and our conversion of heart. During Pre-Lent the **Alleluia** heard before the proclamation of the Gospel **is eliminated** from the Mass and will continue to be so



through Lent until Easter morning. In place of the Alleluias, we will hear only a mournful chant called the Tract.

Also begun in Pre-Lent is the **elimination of the singing of the Gloria** which will remain silenced through the Lenten season until the Resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed on Easter.

Floral adornments of the high altar are still appropriate through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, though such adornment may be abandoned if so desired.

### PRE-LENT BOOKLET

Pre-Lent Booklet is available for you in printed version. The digital copy can be found on our webpage [www.hfpncc.org](http://www.hfpncc.org). If you wish, it can be also emailed to you. Please send an email with the request to [pastor@hfpncc.org](mailto:pastor@hfpncc.org)

In case you want to print the booklet at home, it is 11 sheets of paper (22 sides) to print on both sides and flip on the short edge.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

The schedule of all Lenten Devotions (Stations, Lenten Lamentation – Gorzkie Żale, Confessions, Communal Penance Service etc.) will be announced in the next Sunday bulletin. Similarly like in the past years, Stations will be led by the parish groups and organizations.

### ST. BLAISE THROATS BLESSING

Saturday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop who was martyred in the year 316 AD. On Sunday, the blessing of St. Blaise will be given at Holy Family Church at the 10:00 AM Mass.

The blessing of the throat is carried out using two white taper candles that were blessed on the previous day, February 2, the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day).



### MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date requested \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mass stipend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:  
Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132*

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Septuagesima Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent)**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

† Nellie Lawrence – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

**Monday, January 29, 2024 – Weekday**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024 – Weekday**

**Thursday, February 1, 2024 – Weekday**

**Friday, February 2, 2024 – Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the blessing of the Candles**

**Saturday, February 3, 2024 – Weekday**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Sexagesima Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent)**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the Blessing of the Throats**

† Ted Balawajder – requested by Bob & Jan Yonek

**2/11/24 Su 10:00 AM Quinquagesima Sunday**

† Josephine Dorazzio – requested by Marcia & Jack Schmitz

**2/14/24 We 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday**

† Jan Pelka

**2/14/24 We 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday**

OPEN

**2/18/24 Su 10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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**2/25/24 Su 10:00 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

† Genevieve Lawrence – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

**3/3/24 Su 10:00 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

OPEN

**3/10/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

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**3/17/24 Su 10:00 AM Passion Sunday**

OPEN

**3/19/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

Mass for all men of the Holy Family Parish

**3/24/24 Su 10:00 AM Palm Sunday**

OPEN