



# Saint Hyacinth

*Roman Catholic Parish  
Parafia Świętego Jacka*

*3151 Farnsworth Avenue ~ Detroit, Poletown, Michigan 48211*

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## *SAINT HYACINTH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT*

*We, the members of Saint Hyacinth Parish, while preserving and promoting our Polish heritage, welcome and serve all community members through prayer, example and good works. We seek to be a guiding light to all God's people through our spiritual and social activities.*



We are still at the beginning of Lent, but today the Church is already talking to us about the Resurrection. In the transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John get a glimpse of Christ's eternal glory, the glory he claimed fully after the resurrection. Saint Paul, in today's Second Reading, writes passionately about God's power and faithfulness as revealed in Christ. And he actually changes his emphasis mid-sentence to take the spotlight off Christ's death on the cross and let it shine on his glorious resurrection. Even today's Psalm, when it speaks about walking with the Lord in the Land of the living and God "loosening the bonds" of his servant, is pointing our attention towards Christ's glorious resurrection. And yet, Easter is still more than a month away!

What's going on here? It's very simple, really. Lent is indeed meant to be a time of repentance and penitence, a time of sacrifice and reflection in which we acknowledge the weight of suffering in the world and in our lives, suffering that always has its roots in sin. This suffering is always part of the story of every human life, with or without Christ; but with Christ, it is not the end of the story. Crosses purify us of selfishness, if we allow them to, teaching us to lean more on Christ and to have a greater experience of his wisdom and joy - his resurrection. In our Catholic faith, the cross and resurrection are two sides of the same coin; we must never allow ourselves to think of one without thinking of the other.

This balance between the cross and the resurrection, sorrow and joy, helps make sense out of a lot of confusing aspects of the spiritual life. Since both are necessary for our growth in holiness, just as sunlight and darkness are both necessary for the growth of plants, God allows us to experience both, in accordance with the timing that he deems best. We echo Peter's comment in today's Gospel: "Lord it is good for us to be here! Let's just put up some tents and never leave!" But earth is not heaven, and God loves us too much to let us settle for anything less than the fullness of his friendship. He leads us down from our high mountains and walks with us to Calvary, letting us share the weight of his cross. It is with the crosses in our life that he strengthens our love, as we learn to cling to him more than to his gifts. If we decide never to let those around us carry their crosses alone, then we can be sure someone will do the same for us. By carrying each other's crosses, we combine the joy of Christian charity with the pain of our earthly exile - keeping perfectly in mind both the cross and the resurrection. As Jesus comes to us in this Mass to help us carry our crosses, let's promise him that we will do the same for those around us.

## Parish Calendar

**Sunday, March 15** - 10:30 AM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

**Sunday, March 15** - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner following the 11:00 AM Mass. Adult \$12.00, Child \$5.00.

**Monday, March 16** - Cleaning of the church for Easter beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Saturday, March 21** - 3:30 PM Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

**Sunday, March 22** - 11:00 AM Mass. Seventh Annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles

**Sunday, March 29** - Ushers Club Meeting, 2:00 PM in the school hall

**Sunday, April 5** - Palm Sunday and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Please help support our parish and join us!



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 7, 2009

#### 4:00 PM

- † Martha Frontczak  
Req. by John & Marilyn Zahorchak
- † Cecilia Kirkegaard  
Req. by Kathleen Esdale, RNC
- † Cynthia Malinowski  
Req. by the Fronimos family

### Sunday, March 8, 2009- 2nd Sunday of Lent

#### 9:00 AM

- † Helen Zabrzanski  
Req. by her son David & Darlene
- † Stella Jordan  
Req. by Bill & Donna Smolinski
- † Rita Gnaster  
Req. by Dorothy Rzeppa & Tish Germain

#### 11:00 AM

- † Gertrude Jendrzewski  
Req. by Fred & Mary Schultz
- † Charles & Esther Gar  
Req. by their family
- † Leocadia Mackiewicz  
Req. by her family & friends
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,  
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

### Monday, March 9, 2009

#### 9:00 AM

- † Joanne Thiel  
Req. by her family & friends
- † Genevieve Racki  
Req. by her son Henry R. Racki
- Eugenia Inson for her continued good health  
Req. by Ted & Dianne Zamojski

### Tuesday, March 10, 2009

#### 9:00 AM

- † Lloyd Shooks  
Req. by his sons
- † Henry J. Racki  
Req. by his son Henry R. Racki

### Wednesday, March 11, 2009

#### 9:00 AM

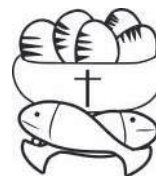
- † Joanne Thiel  
Req. by Jerrold Marsh
- † Genevieve Sielagoski  
Req. by Art & Suzanne Cervi
- Kim Koper Davis on her birthday  
Req. by her sister Dolly

### Thursday – March 12, 2009 Dantis

### Friday, March 13, 2009

#### 11:00 AM

- † Fr. Valentine Kaznowski  
Req. by Christine Fischer
- † Frank & Dorothy Kupczak  
Req. by their family



Day of Abstinence

### Saturday, March 14, 2009

#### 4:00 PM

- † Anthony & Charlotte Kaznowski  
Req. by Christine Fischer
- † Bob Taylor  
Req. by his wife Maxine
- † Douglas Felczak  
Req. by Joan & Richard Ludwig
- Butch Koper on his birthday  
Req. by his sister Dolly

### Sunday, March 15, 2009- 3rd Sunday of Lent

#### 9:00 AM

- † John Felczak & Gertrude Jendrzewski  
Req. by Hedy Gaskey
- † Bob Taylor  
Req. by Dave & Darlene Zabrzanski
- † Wanda Zwolinski  
Req. by her friends

#### 11:00 AM

- † Conrad Piebiak (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.)  
Req. by his family
- † Helen Tabaczynski  
Req. by Delphine Dybowski
- † Douglas Felczak  
Req. by his aunt Roni Kuskowski
- † David Sobczak  
Req. by his godmother Trudy
- † Irena Luasiewica (25<sup>th</sup> anniv)  
Req. by her daughter Krystyna Kobersy & family
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,  
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### **The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions for March 2009**

**General:** That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

**Mission:** That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the Bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.



**VATICAN CITY** - Lent should be marked by a more frequent listening to the word of God, "by more intense prayer, by an austere and penitential style of life, it should be an encouragement to conversion and sincere love for our brothers, especially those who are most poor and in need." In the Pauline Year, the life of the Apostle of the Gentiles was offered by Benedict XVI as a model of how the Christian should live Lent, in today's celebration of Ash Wednesday at the ancient basilica of Santa Sabina.

In the homily, the pope focused especially on a phrase from the second Letter to the Corinthians: "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (5:20). "Paul," he commented, "experienced in an extraordinary manner the power of God's grace, the grace of the Paschal mystery that is the vital force of Lent itself. He presents himself to us as an 'ambassador' of the Lord. Who better than him, then, to help us travel in a fruitful way this path of interior conversion? "St. Paul," he continued, "recognizes that everything in him is the work of divine grace, but he does not forget that one must cooperate freely with the gift of new life received in Baptism. In the text of chapter 6 of the Letter to the Romans, which will be proclaimed during the Easter vigil, he writes, 'Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but

present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness' (6:12-13). We find contained in these words the program for Lent according to its intrinsic baptismal perspective. On the one hand, it affirms Christ's victory over sin, which took place once and for all with his death and resurrection; on the other, we are urged not to give our members up to sin, meaning not to concede, so to speak, room for sin to make a comeback.

"But how can we bring to fulfillment our baptismal vocation, how can we be victorious in this struggle between flesh and spirit, between good and evil, a struggle that marks our existence?" "Today, the Lord points out three useful means for us: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. We also find useful guidelines in the experience and writings of St. Paul. About prayer, he urges 'perseverance' and 'being watchful in it with thanksgiving' (Rm. 12:12; Col. 4:2), to 'pray without ceasing' (1 Thes. 5:17). As for almsgiving, the pages dedicated to the collection on behalf of poor brethren (cf. 2 Cor. 8-9) are certainly important, but it must be emphasized that for him, charity is the summit of the life of the believer, the 'bond of perfection': 'And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection' (Col. 3:14). He does not speak of fasting specifically, but he often urges sobriety, as a characteristic of those who are called to live in watchful expectation of the Lord (cf. 1 Thes. 5:6-8; Titus 2:12).

"In order to live this 'new' life in God, it is indispensable to nourish oneself with the Word of God." In this as well, "the Apostle is in the first place a witness: his Letters are the eloquent proof of the fact that he lived by the Word of God: thought, action, prayer, theology, preaching, exhortation, in him all of this was the fruit of the word he had received ever since his youth in the Jewish faith, fully revealed to his eyes by his encounter with the dead and risen Christ, and preached for the rest of his life during his missionary 'race'."

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Polish) & 11:00 a.m. (English)

**HOLYDAYS:** 6:00 p.m. (English)

**DAILY MASS:** 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday\*

**FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH:** Mass at 11:00 AM\*

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Sunday of the Year at 10:00 a.m.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Evening Hours: By Appointment Only

**SICK CALLS:** Anytime.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples wishing to be married at Saint Hyacinth are requested to contact the Rectory at least six months prior to their wedding date.