

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/05 (Today) We bless incense, charcoal, chalk & water. Collection for Missions at the door.
- 01/06-10 (Monday-Friday) Epiphany Home Blessings.
- 01/11 (Saturday) Cleaning the church after Christmas at 10am.
- 01/12 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No intention so far!

- The list for the **Epiphany Home Blessings (January 6-10, 2020)** is already available in the back of the church. Feel free to choose your day and the hour for the pastoral visit of the priest and home blessing.
- Today's **THREE MINUTE LITURGICAL CATECHISM** about: "Blessing of incense, charcoal, chalk & water"
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. Please, consider this opportunity especially during the Epiphany season.



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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

HOLY FAMILY - Solemnity

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the families of the Parishioners & Friends of St. John's church.

INTROIT

C: The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R: So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.

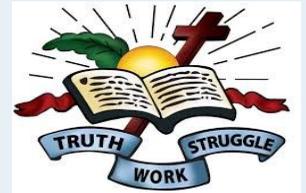
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS
INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Sirah.

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128

„Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

COL 3:12-17

GOSPEL

MT 2:13-15, 19-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazarean.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel relates the events following the visit by the Magi. Joseph has another dream and in this one, he is told to take Mary and the Child Jesus and flee to Egypt to avoid the persecution by Herod the Great. After being there for a while (maybe a year or two), Herod the Great dies and Joseph receives another dream that it was safe to return to Israel. The family does not return to Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth, for fear that people would remember when Jesus was born and that they had left the area at the time of the slaughter of the children in and around Bethlehem. They go instead to the town of Nazareth in Galilee. Matthew shows how these events fulfill prophecies from of old. Key in these readings is how GOD takes an active role in caring for the family and Joseph is obedient to the will of GOD, even though it brings hardships on himself and the rest of the family.