

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/26** (Today) **MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY.** Collection bucket in the back of the church. All donations are dedicated to the Music Scholarship program of the PNCC.
- 02/02** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** NO MASS INTENTION so far! After the Mass we gather in the Church Hall for the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2020/2021. **Please, come to this very important Parish meeting!**
- Big **THANK YOU** to the parishioners who volunteered in cleaning the church hall and kitchen last Wednesday & Thursday: Nancy McHugh, Diane Makles & Georgie LaFranchise. In the Church Hall (on the tables) we've left all things in good condition which can be taken away. Please, take a look at them and take whatever you need.
 - Today's **THREE MINUTE LITURGICAL CATECHISM** about: "Just before the Mass..."
 - 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.

Church Mice



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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

III Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the benefactors of St. John's Parish.

INTROIT

C: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?

R: The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?

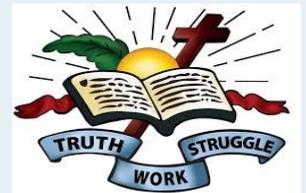
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Isaiah.

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing,

IS 8:23-9:3

as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is my light and my salvation.“

PS 27

READING 2

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos,"

1COR 1:10-13, 17

or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 4:12-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our readings speak about a light shining upon those in darkness. The light brings hope of better days, of the fulfillment of the Reign of GOD. The light empowers the people to do whatever GOD is asking them to do. In the First Reading the people of the North sense a light which scatters the gloom in which they were living. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that the LORD is our light. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the faithful of Corinth that they should not be separating themselves into groups which claim allegiance to the human instrument who helped to bring about their enlightenment, but that they should realize that all the human agents are acting on behalf of GOD, Who is the One Who has called them into the Light – a new and closer relationship with GOD. In the Gospel, Jesus fulfills the prophecy in the First Reading of being the Light which shines on the people of the North.