

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

06/28 (Sunday) Today we return to reading the Catechism of our Church. As you remember we've started reading the Catechism just before the pandemic began. Every Sunday at the end of Holy Mass we will read several Catechism points (consisting of questions and answers).

07/05 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!

- **SUMMER TIME at St. John's begins July 1 until August 31.** Several changes apply to this period. No Sunday bulletin, Parish Committee meetings are suspended, no Healing Prayer Services. Holy Mass on Sunday remains at 10am.
- Thanks to the Diocesan Grant and generosity of Holmes&Watkins Funeral Home, we were able to print **1,000 of the Parish brochures**. You find five of them attached to your bulletin today... We'd like to invite you to a special challenge! Find five people among your neighbors, friends, family members etc., tell them about St. John's and hand them over the brochure along with the invitation to Sunday Mass. We are all called to be Apostles of Jesus, carrying the Good News to the world. If your Apostolic zeal turns out to be greater than five people, additional brochures are available in the back of the Church! God bless you in spreading the word about our Holy, Catholic Church!
- 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. Have a blessed Sunday!

Church Mice



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PARISH BULLETIN

XIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + *EMILY LONCOLA*

INTROIT

C: Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the One I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.

R: Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

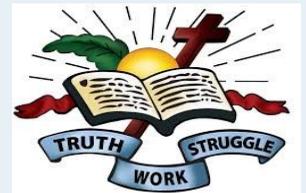
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Second Book of Kings.

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

2KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A

Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 10:37-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.“

PS 89

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.
If, then, we have died with Christ,

ROM 6:3-4, 8-11

we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOD is gracious. GOD bestows on us gifts and blessings, not because we deserve them but because GOD loves us and wants others to experience how loving GOD is through our sharing our gifts with others. We are sent out as emissaries of GOD and we must make serving others our primary mission and focus. And the more we are signs of GOD's love, the more we are blessed, not necessarily now, but for all eternity. The Gospel challenges us to look at what is our highest priority in life. Jesus remarks that if we place our family relations (or our style of living) on a level above our relationship with GOD, then we may lose it all. Our number one priority has to be our living out the relationship with GOD. Tied into that, we must be willing to risk it all by picking up our cross and following the Master-Teacher. In doing so, we will be able to recognize the prophet, the righteous, and the needy in our midst. We will extend to them the hospitality and graciousness they deserve because they are the chosen ones of GOD.

The readings call us to continue to develop and deepen our relationship with GOD and at the same time live out that relationship in the way we treat the people around us. If we seek first the Reign of GOD in our lives, then all the other pieces of the puzzle will come together. If we realize the graciousness of our GOD towards us, we will extend the same graciousness to others. So when Jesus says we must put GOD above our family, it means that when we center our attention on GOD, we will be able to love our family better, in a more GODly way. If, on the other hand, we think of our family before GOD, we will have our priorities mixed up and may not give to our families what GOD wants them to have.