

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/03** (Today) Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am. Blessing of chalk, incense and water on the occasion of the Epiphany of our Lord. Collection for Missions at the door. Coffee hour after the Mass.
- 01/10** (Sunday) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after the Mass in the church hall. Chairman's report, Pastoral & Financial reports, Election of the Parish Committee for 2021.
- 01/16** (Saturday) POLISH DINNER TAKE-OUT ONLY 5-7pm. Delicious beetroot soup (16oz.) & large tray of: Golabki (stuffed cabbage roll), mashed potatoes with butter & dill, fried Polish kielbasa with onion, Lazanki (Polish Cabbage & noodles) and dessert. \$20 per person. For St. John's parishioners: \$15 per person. **Preorders until Jan 13:** Fill the form on our website or call Fr. Adam to preorder.

- Due to the virus situation **Epiphany Home Blessings are cancelled this year.** Even though the priest cannot come to bless your home, you can do it by yourself using the Holy Water & chalk blessed in the church. Follow the instructions & prayers attached to today's bulletin! Hopefully the Epiphany Home Blessings will be back next year!
- 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 week!**

Happy New Year 2021

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January 3, 2021

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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.**

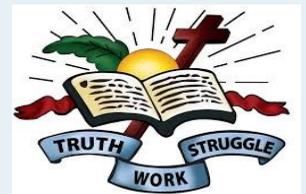
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

COL 3:12-17

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.

GOSPEL

LK 2:22-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.