

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/24 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. COFFEE HOUR in the Church Hall after the Mass.
- 01/31 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism. No Mass intention so far!
- 02/06 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.

- Yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE was again a very successful event thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: **Diane and Jacqueline**. BIG THANK YOU for your time and hard work!
- As it was mentioned at the Annual Parish meeting we schedule two Food Sales and one Polish Dinner per month (February and March). Saying that, we need more volunteers to run these events. We don't want to "exploit" the same folks over and over again... We'd like to invite other parishioners & friends of St. John's Church to help us during these events. **In the back of the Church you can find a Sign-Up list (yellow sheet). Your time and dedication will not be forgotten... remember words of St. Paul:**

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Col 3:2-24

- 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!**

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PARISH BULLETIN

III SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

In memory of mother-in-law and good friend of our family (req. by Lois Higgins & Leo Couture)

INTROIT

C: At the judgment, the men of Niniveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah and there is something greater than Jonah here.

R: Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment.

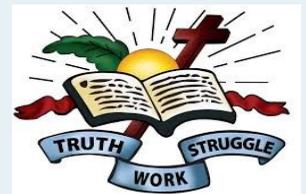
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh

JON 3:1-5, 10

believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Teach me your ways, O Lord.“

PS 25

READING 2

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

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,
those weeping as not weeping,
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,
those buying as not owning,
those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 COR 7:29-31

GOSPEL

MK 1:14-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel has two foci: 1) Jesus' announcing the Reign of GOD with the need to believe and repent, and 2) Jesus' calling His first disciples. The GOoD News of Reign of GOD and the repentance associated with it are different than John the Baptist's cry for a symbolic baptism of repentance. Jesus adds the importance of belief. One must believe that GOD has established the Reign of GOD now through the ministry of Jesus. This leads to true repentance and forgiveness of sin. The call of Peter and Andrew, James and John is important also. Jesus asks that these first disciples drop their fishing nets (their livelihood) and come after Him. They will be doing an entirely different sort of gathering, gathering not fish, but gathering people who are to be a part of the Reign of GOD.

Reflecting on the readings, I am struck by the change that either takes place or is about to take place. Belief, being part of the Reign of GOD, and having a relationship with Jesus and His Abba-Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all of these require changes in one's life. One cannot simply say, "I believe in Jesus" and continue to live a life that is attached to the world of sin. Those who want to be part of the Reign of GOD must be willing to drop everything and turn fully to the Lord Jesus and follow. The change must be as dramatic as that of the Ninevites or Peter and Andrew, James and John, or the Corinthian believers. Part of that change is through repentance (metanoia) – a change of heart, a re-orientation of one's life.