

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 06/13 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 06/19 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am—12pm.
- 06/20 (Sunday - Fathers' Day) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass intention: "For + STEPHANIE ROMANCHUCK" At the end of the Mass special blessing for all men present in the church on the occasion of Fathers' Day! Special Collection for Clergy Pension Fund at the door.
- 06/27 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass intention: "10th Anniversary of Fr. Adam's Ordination to the Priesthood"

- Yesterday's BARBEQUE was possible thanks to the work and time of our volunteers! BIG THANK YOU goes to Magda who prepared all the food, to the Parish Committee: Diane, Linda, Mitchell, Walter and Edward and to all those who helped in different ways to make our BBQ possible. God bless you all for your time and dedication to St. John's Church!

Collection at the BBQ: \$466 - thanks to your generosity we'll be able to buy new altar linens for the church soon!

- We're looking for one or two people who would like to try their hand at being the Church GREETER. This is a very simple yet important function in the Church during our celebrations. Greeter's primary duty is to help guests feel welcome and to assure everyone's got the bulletin and the Mass Book before the celebration begins. If you feel you'd like to try your hand at being a GREETER, let Fr. Adam know.
- 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

XI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BARBARA STEPIEN (req. by Joseph Stepien)

INTROIT

C: The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce: "Look, here it is!" For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.

R: "For He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be without end."

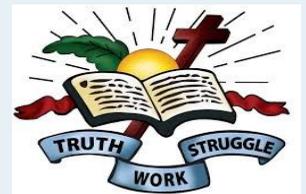
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

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 Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.

Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.

EZ 17:22-24

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.“

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READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

2 COR 5:6-10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 4:26-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”

He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus points out that once a seed is sown in the ground, GOD allows the seed to grow and eventually produce a rich harvest, many times the original seed. Although people did not understand the full botanical processes which are involved, they were familiar with the stages a seed goes through as it sprouts, grows leaves, and produces grain. In a similar way, GOD allows growth to take place in those who are part of the Reign of GOD. GOD is the giver of life and growth. We enjoy the benefits of the whole growth process.

In the second parable, Jesus uses the mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly insignificant can grow into a shrub which provides shelter for the birds. A mustard seed is about the size of period at the end of sentence of 24 point type. Yet it can produce both a spice that is highly desired and also enough shade and protection for many birds.