

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/19 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Eucharist. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 09/25 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.
- 09/26 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: For ZUZANNA on the occasion of her 2nd birthday!

- Yesterday's GOLABKI FESTIVAL was very successful thanks to the work and dedication of our volunteers: **Magda, Jacqueline, Linda, Nancy, Diane and Mitchell.** **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO TO ST. JOHN'S 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 week!**

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For all parishioners and friends of St. John's Church!

INTROIT

C: Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

R: But, You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!

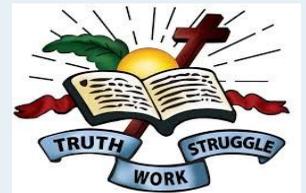
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Wisdom.

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.
Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.
For if the just one be the son of God, God will
defend him and deliver him from the hand of
his foes.

WIS 2:12, 17-20

With revilement and torture let us put the
just one to the test that we may have proof
of his gentleness and try his patience.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take
care of him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 9:30-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord upholds my life.“

PS 54

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St.

James.

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all
pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in
peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the con-
flicts among you come from?

JAS 3:16—4:3

Is it not from your passions
that make war within your members?
You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
you fight and wage war.
You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on
your passions.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus spends some private time with His closest disciples. He instructs them about the true role of being a leader. He, the Master and Teacher, will be rejected, persecuted, and put to death precisely because He is fulfilling the will of GOD and being of service to others. As they continue their journey, the disciples do not want to dwell on the morbid thought of Jesus' death and turn their human-based attention to their ranking as disciples of Jesus. Jesus challenges them on this very point, realizing they have missed the point that He has just made concerning the need to think of others rather than oneself. He brings into their midst a *παις* – *pais* (a word which can be translated either as “child” or “servant”) and says that they must receive (welcome or serve) those such as the *pais* if they want to be received (welcomed or served) by Jesus and by His Abba-Father.