

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/05 (II Sunday in Lent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.
- 03/11 (Saturday) **Free Lunch Saturday** 11am - 12.30pm.
- 03/11 (Saturday) **Only4Men meeting** at 5pm. We will talk about St. Peter the Apostle. Please, read the Gospels' accounts about St. Peter before the meeting.
- 03/12 (Institution of the PNCC—solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall. No Mass intention so far!
- 03/18 (Saturday) **ALL DAY ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament. An excellent opportunity to spend 1 hour in the Lord's presence... To stop for a moment during this Lent season and "waste" some of your personal time for God. The list for "All day Adoration" is in the back of the church. **Please, make sure your name is on it! Don't miss this chance!**

- **Volunteers needed for our March events!** The list is in the back of the Church. Thank you for your time and dedication to St. John's Parish.
- Big THANK YOU to those who already sent back the "Lenten Tithe" to the Parish Office. With these offerings we're getting closer to reach our goal before Easter time - to purchase some of the liturgical items for the church.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MARGUERITE SMOLINSKI (03/12), JEAN PASTORE (03/24). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column“, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For St. John's church benefactors - both living and deceased.

INTROIT

C: I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the righteousness of my own based on the law,

R: But that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith.

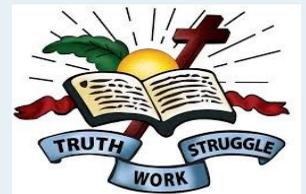
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram:

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

GN 12:1-4A

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

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

GOSPEL

MT 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 33

„Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.“

READING 2

2 TM 1:8B-10

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

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior

Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel of the Second Sunday in Lent, in all three liturgical cycles, is always that of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes His three closest disciples (disciplined learners) and is changed (transfigured, transformed) before their eyes. He becomes as radiant as light. Moses and Elijah appear with Him. The disciples are overwhelmed. A voice from the clouds and declares: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests." The Transfiguration is "sandwiched" between two predictions of Jesus' suffering and death (not part of today's Gospel selection).

As I reflect on the readings for this Sunday, I come to the theme of GOD's calling us to holiness and giving us hope of glory. We are called by GOD, just as Abraham was called. We don't always know where our paths will lead us. We are asked, like Abraham was asked, to put our trust and hope in a GOD Who leads us along a way of holiness, that includes suffering and death, but ultimately will lead to life and full relationship with GOD. Holiness is the realization of our being in relationship with GOD.