

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/19 (IV Sunday in Lent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.
- 03/23 (Thursday) **Funeral** of Adella CARNEILLA at St. John's Cemetery at 11am—graveside service.
- 03/25 (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale** 10am - 12pm.
- 03/25 (Saturday) **"Gathering in the Upper Room" - dinner** at 5pm. SIGN UP REQUIRED. Deadline: TOMORROW, Monday, March 20, 2023.
- 03/26 (V Sunday in Lent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.

- **THANK YOU** Parishioners and Friends of St. John's who joined us yesterday for ALL DAY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament. Time spent in front of real presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Bread is always very precious and fruitful!
- **THANK YOU** Magda, Joe, Mitchell and Mike for cooking and running yesterday's Free Lunch Saturday.
- 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: JEAN PASTORE (03/24), VIRGINIA NARKON (03/29). 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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March 19, 2023

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For spiritual renewal of our church during Lent and Easter seasons.

INTROIT

C: Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble!

R: Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

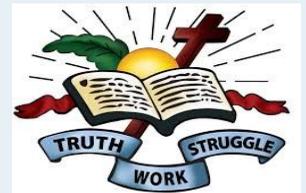
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 First Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel:
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."
As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse,

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

"The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 23

„The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention

EPH 5:8-14

the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore, it says:
"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel passage today is one we have heard many times. It is filled with powerful imageries. A man born blind becomes the center of attention (other than Jesus, Who is always, or at least should be, the Center of our attention). First, the blind man is the cause of the apostles' questioning Jesus about the reason for his blindness. The apostles want to blame it on the personal sin of the blind man or the sin of his parents. Jesus reassures His disciples that blindness is not a punishment from GOD for personal wrongdoings; blindness (and any other physical handicap) is part of the human condition that people experience in their lives.