

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/06 (Today) Today we return to reading the Catechism of our Church.
Collection for Missions at the door.
- 09/12 (Saturday) Parish Committee meeting at 10am.
- 09/13 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 09/20 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 09/26 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm. We're looking for 2-3 volunteers who would like to help running the sale for the church.
- 09/27 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- Father Adam with his family are going on vacation this coming week. He'll be back on Friday evening (09/11). In any case of spiritual need during these days of Fr. Adam's absence, please, contact Fr. Henry Smolinski (phone no. 860-688-6882)
 - We're looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would like to sacrifice some time cleaning the church this month. Thank you & God bless you!
 - 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 Sunday!

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the benefactors of St. John's Parish.

INTROIT

C: Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt.

R: A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.

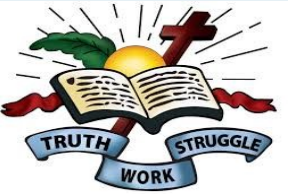
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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:
You, son of man, I have appointed watch-
man for the house of Israel;
when you hear me say anything, you shall
warn them for me.
If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you
shall surely die, ”
and you do not speak out to dissuade the
wicked from his way,
the wicked shall die for his guilt,

EZ 33:7-9

but I will hold you responsible for his
death.
But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 95

„If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one
another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled
the law.
The commandments, “You shall not commit
adultery;
you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you
shall not covet, ”
and whatever other commandment there
may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,

ROM 13:8-10

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 18:15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault betwe-
en you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not
listen, take one or two brothers along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on
the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If
he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax col-
lector.
Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever
you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree
on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my he-
avenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the
midst of them.”

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to His disciples on the need to be in harmony with their fellow
believers and to honestly, lovingly, and affirmatively encourage those who are out of sync with the
Gospel command of love and challenge them to get back inline. Jesus’ words today give a step by
step process to follow with those with whom one is in contention: 1) personal, one-to-one, enco-
unter; 2) small group of the faithful, 3) the whole church. The purpose should always be to help
the one who is erring to come back to the full union with the body of believers. Jesus ends this
passage with a request that the whole activity be done in prayer and recognition of His presence
with the community of believers.
As I reflect on the readings I realize the need for me to be in touch with the LORD GOD in my
own life. It is when I am aware of my own sinfulness and shortcomings that I can be more attentive
to GOD speaking in my life. I have to take responsibility for my own failures. As I am progressing
along the road to the LORD, then I must reach out to those who have also taken some wrong paths
along the journey. I must treat them with the same compassion and mercy that I have experienced
from GOD for my own transgressions. I am never to act self-righteously, with a “better-than-thou”
or “holier than thou” attitude. That is not loving others the way I have been loved by the Abba-
Father and the Lord Jesus in union with Holy Spirit of love.