

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/18** (Today) One tenth of the Holy Rosary at 10am. before the Holy Mass begins. Reading of the Catechism of our Church at the end of the Mass. COFFEE HOUR in the Church Hall after the Mass.
- Collection at the door: “Heritage Sunday - Outreach to Poland”
- 10/21** (Wednesday) **THE HOLY ROSARY PRAYER at 5pm.**
- 10/24** (Saturday) **POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.** We’re looking for 2-3 volunteers who would like to help running the sale for the church.
- 10/25** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Mass Intention: For CELIA KODES (req. by Marguerite Hensley)

- **Yesterday’s POLISH DINNER** was a very successful event thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: Magda, Sandra and Diane. BIG THANK YOU to all of you for your time and hard work! We served almost 60 take-out dinner sets!
- 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

XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For a new St. John’s parishioner: Sandra!

INTROIT

C: Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

R: The Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He will.

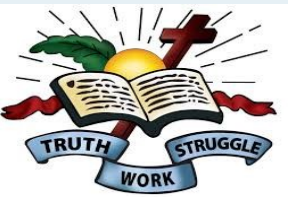
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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
Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.

IS 45:1, 4-6

It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of
the sun
people may know that there is none besides
me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"Give the Lord glory and honor."

PS 96

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St.
Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of
the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of
faith and labor of love
and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus
Christ,

before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word
alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and
with much conviction.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1 THES 1:1-5B

GOSPEL

MT 22:15-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, some of the Jewish leaders are out to trap Jesus with a question about the “poll tax.” According to Roman law, every year all people had to pay the equivalent of a day’s wage to Rome. This was besides all the other taxes that they had to pay. If Jesus would say that they should not pay the tax, then His enemies could report Him to the Roman governor for defiance of Roman law. If Jesus would say that the tax should be paid to Rome, then His enemies would condemn Him for not giving all to GOD. Jesus reversed the trap and catches His opponents in a trap. Jesus does not have the Roman coin with Him. He does not carry any coin with a graven image (which was against the Jewish law). Instead Jesus asks His questioners to bring forth the coin used for the “poll tax.” From their belongings, they pull out the Roman coin. Thus they are carrying around a coin with a graven image and a coin of their oppressors. Jesus asks whose image is on the coin. Obviously the image of Caesar is on the Roman coin. Jesus tells them to give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Not only is He telling them to pay the rightful tax to the government, but also He is also telling them to have nothing to do with anything which belongs to Caesar. The final point Jesus makes is His insistence to give to GOD what belongs to GOD, which is everything!

As I ponder the readings today I am reminded that I must give GOD everything that belongs to GOD. GOD created everything and is in control of everything. Even civil rulers can be instruments in the hands of GOD, as Cyrus was. GOD does not cause evil, however, GOD can make GOOD things happen even in bad times. My response is to praise GOD and give GOD all the glory which is due my Creator, Savior, and Benefactor. GOD is to be adored above all else. Even my gifts to GOD came originally from the hands of the LORD GOD.