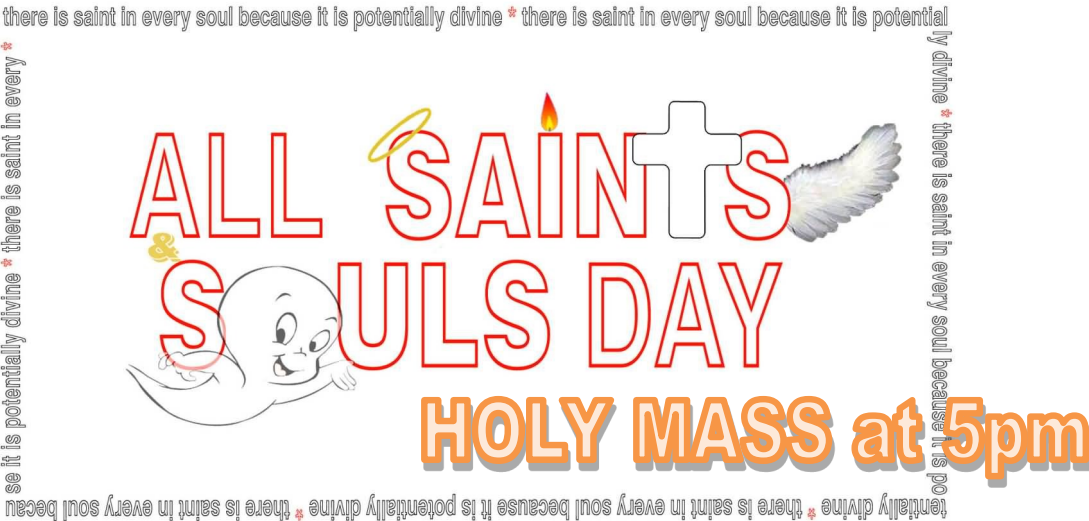


# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/31 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. After the Mass we pray one decade of the Holy Rosary outside at the Shrine of Mary along with the blessing of a new bench.
- 11/01 (Monday) Solemn Holy Mass at 5pm on the occasion of ALL SAINTS.
- 11/02 (Tuesday) Holy Mass at 5pm on the occasion of ALL SOULS DAY.
- 11/06 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale
- 11/07 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass Intention so far! After the Mass we go to bless St. John's Cemetery (Jefferson St.)
- 11/10 (Wednesday) Parish Committee meeting at 3.30pm

- Thank you to Linda & Jacqueline for cleaning the church past week. Now we're ready to celebrate ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS days!
- 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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October 31, 2021

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For all Parishioners & Friends who submitted ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE cards to our Church.*

### INTROIT

C: You, O Lord, are near and all Your commands are permanent. Of old I know from Your decrees, that You have established them forever.

R: See how I love Your precepts, O Lord; in Your kindness give me life.

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 Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
"Fear the LORD, your God,  
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,  
all his statutes and commandments which I  
enjoin on you, and thus have long life.  
Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe  
them, that you may grow and prosper the  
more, in keeping with the promise of the  
LORD, the God of your fathers,  
to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

DT 6:2-6

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the  
LORD alone!  
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.  
Take to heart these words which I enjoin on  
you today."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*"I love you, Lord, my strength."*

PS 18

READING 2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:  
The levitical priests were many  
because they were prevented by death  
from remaining in office, but Jesus, because  
he remains forever, has a priesthood that  
does not pass away. Therefore, he is always  
able to save those who approach God  
through him, since he lives forever to make  
intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a  
high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled,

separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

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

HEB 7:23-28

GOSPEL

MK 12:28B-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, as Jesus is confronted by a religious leader, He affirms the importance of the "Shema Israel." GOD alone is one, there is no other. Because of this, one must love GOD with one's whole being, mind, soul, and strength. Jesus then completes the Great Command of Love by quoting the need to love others as one loves oneself. After the religious leader acknowledges what Jesus said, He says that the religious leader is on the right track and is part of the Reign of GOD.

What struck me in the Gospel is that Jesus "saw that [the religious leader] answered with understanding." "Understanding," similarly to "hearing" (shema) is a multi-action word. The Jewish concept of a person was different from the Greek concept of multi-faceted person. A person, according to the Hebrew thought process, is a complete unity of all aspects: mental, physical, psychological, and emotional. Similarly, when one "hears" or "understands" it is not simply a matter of physical sounds striking the ear drums or a mental process of recognition of thoughts. "Hearing" and "understanding" implies a complete response of mind, body, emotions, and strength. It means one implements into the fullness of one's life what is heard and understood.