

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 07/30 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall.
- 08/03 (Thursday) **Virtual Bible study** at 7pm. will be led by Fr. Adam. If you want to join, ask for the Zoom link here: ksobiechowski@yahoo.com
- 08/06 (Solemnity—Transfiguration of our Lord) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall. No Mass intention so far.

- Used clothing drop-off shed operated by our Church is located on the parking lot of CCGC across the street. We encourage parishioners and friends to use THIS shed as it's going to support St. John's. Please, spread the word about it. THANK YOU!

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: FR. HENRY SMOLINSKI (07/31). 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

XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BP JERRY RAFALKO (bishop of the Western Diocese)

INTROIT

C: For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

R: Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

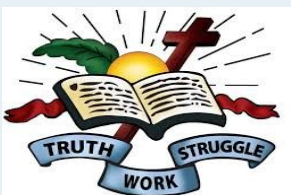
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Kings.

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, I love your commands.“

PS 119

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

ROM 8:28-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 13:44-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus relates three parables in the Gospel. Each of them speaks about the price of being a part of the Reign of GOD. It takes wisdom and costly choices on the part of those who want to be a part of the Reign of GOD. It means giving up all other values in order to be a part of GOD and the divine plan. The Reign of GOD in our lives is both demanding and rewarding. It is not something which comes easy or without a price. If we really want to be part of GOD’s plan, it means we have to have wisdom. That wisdom will lead us to make right choices. Wisdom will also help us to see the big picture. Sometimes we get so caught up with the little picture that we fail to see GOD’s wisdom in action. We focus on our own suffering and problems and do not see that GOD is at work even in, and especially during, those difficult times in our lives. GOD loves us and wants us to be a part of the divine plan.

The Lord Jesus says it will take a full commitment on our part. We must be willing to give up all the things that we hold as valuable in order to buy into this treasure beyond all other treasures. It means that in the face of difficulties, we will have to fully trust in the LORD, believing that GOD will make everything turn out right in the end. It also means we have to be patient in order to see the fulfillment of GOD’s plan.