

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 08/13 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall as usual with a cake for ANA, TED and MARILEN.
- 08/19 (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale 10am - 12pm**. Volunteers needed!
- 08/20 (XX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall. Mass Intention: For + BARBARA STEPIEN.

- 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: MARGUERITE & CHARLES HENSLEY (08/13), KRISTA COMTOIS (08/13). 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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BEHOLD
PARISH BULLETIN

XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ANA, TED & MARILEN - new parishioners of St. John's.

INTROIT

C: Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me.

R: Here deep calls to deep in the roar of Your torrents.
All Your waves and breakers sweep over me.

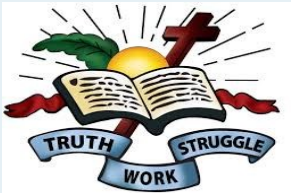
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD— but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake— but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A

After the earthquake there was fire— but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 85

„Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.“

READING 2

ROM 9:1-5

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

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites;

theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 14:22-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus today reveals His presence with His disciples as they are being battered about by the winds and waves during a horrific storm on the Sea of Galilee. When they first become aware of Jesus, they think they are hallucinating. Even after Jesus reassures them that it is He, they doubt. Presumptuous Peter challenges Jesus by saying, “Lord, if it is really You, command me to come to You on the water.” Jesus beckons Peter forth. For a while Peter does fine walking on the stormy sea. Yet, as he loses his focus on Jesus and looks at the stormy waters, he starts to sink. Jesus chides him for his lack of faith and failure to accept the presence of GOD with him. I wonder how many times I have missed experiencing the presence of GOD. I know that GOD is omnipresent (present everywhere), but I am sure there have been times when I was expecting GOD to manifest the divine presence in one way (as Elijah was expecting in the First Reading) and I missed out on the LORD’s self-revelation in other, more subtle ways. The challenge for me is to be open to GOD’s being with me at all times. I must keep my eyes open and expect the unexpected.