

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 08/18 (XX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 08/25 (XXI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass. *Mass Intention: For ++ RICHIE & MAUREEN JEPEAL, + JAKE JALBERT.*
- 08/31 (Saturday) **Parish BBQ** 3-6pm. *Rain date: 09/01 3-6pm.*

- Our parish will be hosting a **TAG SALE** at the beginning of September 2024 on the church grounds to raise additional funds for our church. We invite you to donate any items you no longer need. Your generous contributions will help our fundraising efforts. Additionally, if you would like to assist in organizing or helping during the event, we welcome your support! For donations or to offer your help, **please contact Ana or Marilen.**
- We are excited to announce that we will be having BINGO game at our Parish BBQ in August. To make this event even more special, **we are seeking donations of items that can be used as bingo prizes.** We kindly ask that all donated items be unused. Your generous contributions will help make our event enjoyable and memorable for everyone. Thank you for your support and generosity!

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: AGNES SIMPSON (08/21). 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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August 18, 2024

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PARISH BULLETIN

XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BARBARA STEPIEN (req. by Joseph Stepien)

INTROIT

C: He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers.

R: In order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

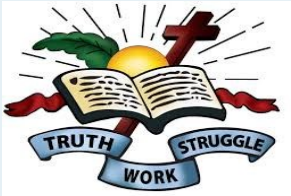
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

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

PRV 9:1-6

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has set up her seven columns;
she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine,
yes, she has spread her table.
She has sent out her maidens; she calls
from the heights out over the city:
"Let whoever is simple turn in here;
To the one who lacks understanding, she
says, Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!
Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 34

„Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.“

READING 2

EPH 5:15-20

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

Brothers and sisters:
Watch carefully how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise,
making the most of the opportunity,
because the days are evil.
Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of
the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine,
in which lies debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and playing to the Lord in your
hearts, giving thanks always and for every-
thing in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will
live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh
to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of
the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on
the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent
me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will
have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike yo-
ur ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus realizes that some of those who listen to Him have missed the po-
int. They are thinking that Jesus is describing cannibalism. Instead, Jesus wants people to come to
Him and be fed on Him in order to receive real understanding and wisdom. Jesus promises to give
His very Body and Blood to those who will accept Him. In the light of what Jesus did at the Last
Supper, we can better understand Jesus’ transforming bread and wine into His own Body and Blood
and giving them to His disciples (that is, all who believe in Him and come to Him).
Jesus is truly our spiritual food for our journey to house of His Abba-Father, Who happens to be
GOD. Jesus nourishes us in many ways: through His Word that is food for our thoughts; through
His ministry that is healing food for our bodies; through His sacramental presence that is our spiri-
tual food. Jesus also feeds us through our communion (union with) with Him and with all those
who are in communion with Him. Thus, we are nourished by the community of believers who co-
me to the Lord’s table.