

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/01 (XXII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 09/08 (Solemnity of Brotherly Love) Solemn **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism class for children**. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 09/14 (Saturday) **Church Tag Sale** 9 am—3 pm.
- We want to extend our gratitude to all the volunteers who made yesterday’s BBQ a wonderful success. Your hard work, collaboration, and dedication made the event special. It was a beautiful day of fellowship, filled with great food and even greater company. Thank you for coming together to serve our community with such joy and generosity. We couldn’t have done it without you!
  - Our parish will be hosting a **TAG SALE** 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**.

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PARISH BULLETIN

## XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ++ HENRYKA KLAPINSKA and ZOFIA MENDELOWSKA  
(req. by Janina)

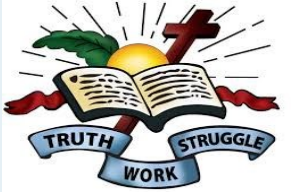
### INTROIT

C: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.  
**R: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.**  
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

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus

DT 4:1-2, 6-8

will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 15

„The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.“

READING 2

JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27

A reading from the Letter of St. James.

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save

your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

GOSPEL

MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus is questioned about the failure of His disciples to practice all the ritual purification of hands and food. These elaborate rites were not part of the Torah, but prescriptions of other non-Canonical writings of rabbis (the “tradition of the elders”). [Canonical writings are those held to be part of the Bible, the inspired Word of GOD. Non-Canonical writings would be religious works held as being important but not necessarily divinely inspired.] Jesus responds by criticizing the hypocrisy of the religious leaders who pay more attention to the minute details of human prescriptions and fail to focus on the purpose of GOD’s inspired Word, which was meant to bring people closer to GOD.