

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/29 (XXVI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) and the **Food Sale** in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 10/05 (Saturday) **Diocesan Synod** (Zoom meeting). Fr. Adam and Mitchell are delegates to the Synod.
- 10/06 (XXVII Ordinary Sunday) **NO MASS at 10am. Service with Deacon Justin at 11am** with the Holy Communion. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Service.

- Throughout September, we will be holding our **Food Sales every Sunday after Mass from 11am to 12pm**. We're trying this new schedule to see if it works better than our previous times. This will also be a great opportunity for parishioners and visitors to purchase delicious food while supporting our church. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Food Sales on Sundays, a sign-up sheet is available in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continued support!

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: BRUCE MCHUGH (09/29), EASTON COMTOIS (10/04). 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

XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ZUZANNA on the occasion of her 5th birthday!

INTROIT

C: Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts, above all that you may prophesy. On the other hand, one who prophesies does speak to human beings, for their building up, encouragement, and solace.

R: For no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.

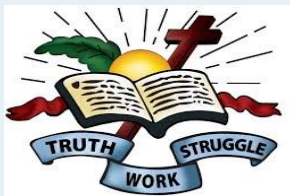
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Numbers.

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp.

They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent;

yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses,

NM 11:25-29

"Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, " Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said,

"Moses, my lord, stop them."

But Moses answered him,

"Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19

„The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. James.

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters

JAS 5:1-6

have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel today introduces some of the sayings of Jesus, of which the first parallels the reading from Numbers. In those verses the apostle John is concerned because some individuals (who are not part of the regular disciples of Jesus) are performing mighty deeds in Jesus' name. Jesus responds that anyone who does GOoD in His name is furthering the GOoD News and will be rewarded for doing so. In contrast, Jesus declares anyone who misleads even a child down the wrong path is doing a terrible thing and will have to answer for their mis-guidance of others. Jesus condemns the person to a fate which was inconceivably horrible to the Jews of His day – being drowned in the sea. The last section of today's Gospel pericope focuses on the need of a disciple of Jesus to avoid all occasions of sinfulness. Jesus cautions that it would be better for a person to cut out whatever is a possible source of sin in one's life rather than to face the fires of