

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/20 (XXIX 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.
- 10/25 **Due date for Remembrance Cards** to be returned to the Church.
- 10/27 (XXX 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.

- On **Friday, November 1, 2024**, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints** with a solemn Mass at 5:00 p.m. **We invite all children to join us by dressing up as their favorite saint!** After the Mass, we will gather for pizza and desserts for everyone to enjoy. During the gathering, the children will have the opportunity to present their saint costumes and say a few words about the saint they are dressed as. Each participating child will receive a surprise gift! We look forward to seeing everyone there and celebrating this joyful feast day together!
- FREE FOOD PANTRY.** One storage cabinet in the church hall has been transformed into small Free Food Pantry. All items stored inside are free to take. You can take as much as you need for yourself, your family, friends or neighbors. FREE FOOD PANTRY items will be also used to help all those who reach our church asking for food assistance.

CHURCH NEWS

- We have begun the renovation of **the stained glass windows**. Mike is currently working on the left side, and once that is completed, we will move to the right side before winter arrives.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: BP PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI (10/31). 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

XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + RONALD KONOPACKI (req. by Diane)

INTROIT

C: Therefore, holy “brothers,” sharing in a heavenly calling, reflect on Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.

R: For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

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



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 the Prophet Isaiah.

The LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be
accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light in fullness
of days;

IS 53:10-11

through his suffering, my servant shall justify
many,
and their guilt he shall bear.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 33

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

READING 2

HEB 4:14-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.
For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses,
but one who has similarly been tested in
every way,
yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of
grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely
help.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 10:35-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel comes at pivotal point in Mark’s Gospel and in the lives of the disciples. Jesus has just finished His third forecast of His impending suffering and death. He is journeying on to Jerusalem where He will freely and willingly embrace His passion. His disciples are still in a fog about what His Messiahship really means. They need their eyes opened (a reference to next Sunday’s Gospel) to the truth. They still think that Jesus is going to establish an earthly realm in which they will share in the power and hold positions of honor. Thus, James and John (the “sons of thunder”) approach Jesus asking for the number 1 and number 2 positions of honor in this coming reign. Jesus asks them if they can drink of the cup He will drink and be baptized (“plunged fully”) into the same pool as He is about to be “plunged” – that is the pool of redemptive suffering. They, not fully realizing what it means to be suffering servants/leaders, say, “Yes.” Jesus admits that they will have to suffer and even die as suffering servants, but the places of honor are reserved for those to whom His Abba-Father gives the positions. Jesus concludes this scene by bringing home the point that His Messiahship is not one of being honored and served as a great person, but one of serving and saving others through His ministry, suffering, and death.