

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/03 (XXXI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. NO **Catechism class** for children. **Pizza Brunch** in the church hall! Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship. **During the brunch, children dressed as saints will present their costumes and share a bit about their chosen saint.** Each child who dresses up as a saint will receive a special gift. We look forward to celebrating together!
- 11/10 (XXXII 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. No Mass intention so far!
- 11/15 (Friday) **Parish Committee meeting** in the Church hall at 4pm.
- **Thank you, MAGDA,** for your beautiful work in decorating the side altar for November. Your dedication is greatly appreciated by all of us!
 - **Thank you, TIMOTHY,** for your dedication to caring for St. John's Cemetery all year round. As we enter November and visit the cemetery to pray for our loved ones, we are especially grateful for the peaceful and respectful space you maintain as the Cemetery Sexton. We truly appreciate all that you do for our community!
 - **FREE FOOD PANTRY** in the Church Hall.

CHURCH NEWS

- We have begun the renovation of **the stained glass windows**. The left side is almost done—we hope to have few more warm days to finish up with the right side.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: ROBERT KLIMEK (11/07), DONNA MOTULSKI (11/09), ALAINA COMTOIS (11/09). 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

XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For all buried at St. John's Cemetery.

INTROIT

C: You, O Lord, are near and all Your commands are permanent. Of old I know from Your decrees, that You have established them forever.

R: See how I love Your precepts, O Lord; in Your kindness give me life.

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 the Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I
enjoin on you, and thus have long life.
Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe
them, that you may grow and prosper the
more, in keeping with the promise of the
LORD, the God of your fathers,
to give you a land flowing with milk and
honey.

DT 6:2-6

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the
LORD alone!
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
Take to heart these words which I enjoin on
you today."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

" I love you, Lord, my strength."

PS 18

READING 2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:
The levitical priests were many
because they were prevented by death
from remaining in office, but Jesus, because
he remains forever, has a priesthood that
does not pass away. Therefore, he is always
able to save those who approach God
through him, since he lives forever to make
intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a
high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled,

separated from sinners, higher than the
heavens. He has no need, as did the high
priests, to offer sacrifice day after day,
first for his own sins and then for those of
the people; he did that once for all when he
offered himself. For the law appoints men
subject to weakness to be high priests,
but the word of the oath, which was taken
after the law, appoints a son,
who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HEB 7:23-28

GOSPEL

MK 12:28B-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the
commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord
alone!*
*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.*
The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other
commandment greater than these."
The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is
no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding,
with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt
offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,
he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him
any more questions.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, as Jesus is confronted by a religious leader, He affirms the importance of
the “Shema Israel.” GOD alone is one, there is no other. Because of this, one must love GOD with
one’s whole being, mind, soul, and strength. Jesus then completes the Great Command of Love by
quoting the need to love others as one loves oneself. After the religious leader acknowledges what
Jesus said, He says that the religious leader is on the right track and is part of the Reign of GOD.
What struck me in the Gospel is that Jesus “saw that [the religious leader] answered with
understanding.” “Understanding,” similarly to “hearing” (shema) is a multi-action word. The
Jewish concept of a person was different from the Greek concept of multi-faceted person. A
person, according to the Hebrew thought process, is a complete unity of all aspects: mental,
physical, psychological, and emotional. Similarly, when one “hears” or “understands” it is not
simply a matter of physical sounds striking the ear drums or a mental process of recognition of
thoughts. “Hearing” and “understanding” implies a complete response of mind, body, emotions,
and strength. It means one implements into the fullness of one’s life what is heard and