

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/17 (XXXIII 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.
- 11/24 (Solemnity—Christ the King) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!
- 12/01 (I Sunday of Advent) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. with a blessing of the Advent Wreath and blessing of Advent Calendars for children. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!
- 12/07 (Saturday) **Christmas Parish Dinner and BINGO** in the Church hall. This event is open to all: parishioners and friends of St. John’s. Join us in the Church Hall for a festive evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Dinner: Starts at 3:00 PM – Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet for just \$10 (children under 15 eat free!). Bingo: Begins at 5:00 PM – Bingo cards available for purchase separately, with great prizes to win!
- 12/13 (Friday) **Christmas POLISH FOOD SALE** in the Church hall from 4pm to 6.30pm. Food raffle with great prizes!

- **FREE FOOD PANTRY** in the Church Hall.

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PARISH BULLETIN

## XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + STEFAN PIETRZYK (req. by Cintia Pietrzyk).

### INTROIT

C: The brightness of the sun is one kind, the brightness of the moon another, and the brightness of the stars another. For star differs from star in brightness.

**R: So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible.**

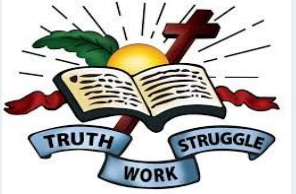
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



## HOLY MASS

. 10 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 First Book of Daniel.

In those days, I Daniel,  
heard this word of the Lord:  
"At that time there shall arise  
Michael, the great prince,  
guardian of your people;  
it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress  
since nations began until that time.  
At that time your people shall escape,  
everyone who is found written in the book.

DN 12:1-3

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the  
earth shall awake;  
some shall live forever,  
others shall be an everlasting horror and  
disgrace.  
“But the wise shall shine brightly  
like the splendor of the firmament,  
and those who lead the many to justice  
shall be like the stars forever.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*"You are my inheritance, O Lord!"*

PS 16

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:  
Every priest stands daily at his ministry,  
offering frequently those same sacrifices  
that can never take away sins.  
But this one offered one sacrifice for sins,  
and took his seat forever at the right hand  
of God;  
now he waits until his enemies are made his  
footstool.

HEB 10:11-14, 18

For by one offering  
he has made perfect forever those who are  
being consecrated.  
Where there is forgiveness of these,  
there is no longer offering for sin.

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

GOSPEL

MK 13:24-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the  
powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in  
the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his  
elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves,  
you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening,  
know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away  
until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will  
not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor  
the Son, but only the Father."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Mark’s Gospel, today’s passage is part of the “apocalyptic” chapter 13. It speaks of  
distressful times when Jesus' disciples will experience persecution. Yet there will come a time,  
Jesus promises, when He will return in the glory of the “Son of Man” and will judge all peoples,  
calling the elect into His Reign. Although the signs of the “end times” are evident in events that  
have happened, the fullness of the end of time is not able to be calculated by anyone except  
Jesus’ Abba-Father. Even Jesus during His earthly sojourn does not know the exact moment of the  
final judgment. The passage ends with Jesus giving a warning to His disciples to always be  
prepared for the end times.

It is important for us to realize as we reflect on today’s apocalyptic readings that they are truly  
pieces of divine revelation. As with all of scripture, there is Truth in them. Many biblical scholars  
also admit that they are symbolic in that they often were written to give hope to the people of the  
time of the writing, using terms which mask what was happening at the time of the writing. Yet in  
them can be found the universal Truth which spans beyond the period in which the author and his  
audience lived.