

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/26

(III Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
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(Solemnity - Presentation of Our Lord) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!

- FREE FOOD PANTRY in the Church Hall.

ST. JOHN’S COMMUNITY NEWS

- Recent project: **renovation of the choir space (catechism classroom)**: additional heating and security camera, windows’ sealing and painting, wall painting, monitor for catechism classes...
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: N/A. Happy birthday!

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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

III SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the benefactors of St. John’s Church.

INTROIT

C: How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel,

R: Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.

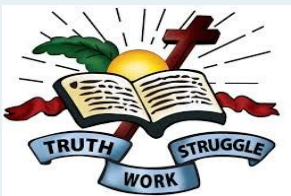
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!”

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19

„Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.”

READING 2

1 COR 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.
Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.

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

GOSPEL

LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Word of GOD (both all the writings of the Hebrew [Old Testament] and Christian [New Testament] scriptures) are GOD’s revelation to the people whom GOD has chosen to manifest the Truth. They all point to the Word of GOD Incarnate, Who is the ultimate revelation (“epiphany”) of the Truth of GOD. Jesus is the Word of GOD. He is the Truth. What He has come to proclaim is the GOoD News that GOD desires us to be one with Jesus, in proclaiming GOD’s glory.