

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/09 (V Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 02/16 (Septuagesima Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!

- We are excited to announce the launch of our [Confirmation Program](#)! This self-paced program is designed to help candidates grow in faith and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **If you would like to participate, please leave your name and email address on the sign-up list located at the back of the church.** Online & Printed Options Available: For those who prefer not to use a computer, printed materials will be available to complete the program.

We will be reaching out to all registered candidates in mid-February with further details. We encourage all those seeking Confirmation to take part in this journey of faith! If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Adam.

- 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

## V SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + TERESA.

### INTROIT

C: Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

**R: For this is our God, whose people we are, God's well-intended flock.**

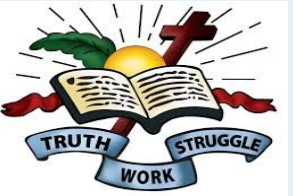
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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

IS 6:1-2A, 3-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Isaiah.

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, “See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 138

„In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.”

READING 2

1 COR 15:3-8, 11

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

Brothers and sisters,  
I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.  
After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.  
Last of all, as to one abnormally born, he appeared to me.  
Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

GOSPEL

LK 5:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Life can be quite challenging. We all have those days when we find it hard to get out of bed and face another day. Financial concerns, health issues, relational problems, and various other changes which we have to face make it difficult to get moving. How do you handle it when you are burdened? What has helped you get through those trying times? Often it is someone who reaches out to you with a comforting, compassionate hand and reminds you that GOD loves you and that GOD is ultimately in control. Spending time with the Lord Jesus in prayer, even if we don’t feel any immediate relief, can also strengthen us to deal with the our problems.