

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/16 (Septuagesima Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 02/23 (Sexagesima 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: MARILEN POTVIN (02/21), GEORGIANNA LAFRANCHISE (02/22) . Happy birthday!

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 1)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the benefactors of St. John's Church both living and deceased.

INTROIT

C: Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in the company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night.

R: They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

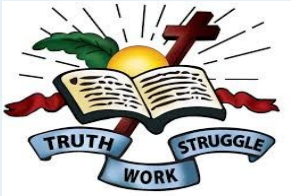
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

JER 17:5-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,
who seeks his strength in flesh,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
He is like a barren bush in the desert
that enjoys no change of season,
but stands in a lava waste,
a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:
it fears not the heat when it comes;
its leaves stay green;
in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 1

„Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.”

READING 2

1 COR 15:12, 16-20

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

Brothers and sisters:
If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,
how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;
you are still in your sins.

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.
But now Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

GOSPEL

LK 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Two days ago we celebrated Valentine Day. It is a day when many people give gifts of love to the special people in their lives. It is a GOoD thing to show one’s love for others and to gift the person(s) who are meaningful to you. What if you take the time to choose a special gift for your loved one and you wrap it up and present it to that person, and the person takes the gift and puts it on a shelf, unopened, how would you feel? You might feel disappointed, even upset. You might feel rejected and dejected.

GOD is an even greater lover. GOD constantly gifts us with special presents, but sometimes we fail to appreciate and use the gifts which GOD gives us. We reject the love of GOD symbolized by the gifts which GOD gives. If we, on the other hand, gratefully accept what GOD bestows upon us and appreciate GOD’s presence in the presents, then we demonstrate our desire to have GOD be the focus of our lives.