

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/23 (Sexagesima Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism class for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 03/01 Fr. Adam at the Clergy Conference (Fall River, MA).
- 03/02 (Quinquagesima 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.

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: RENA GERVAIS (02/25), EDWARD MAKLES (02/26), RICHARD GRABOWSKI (02/28). Happy birthday!

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 2)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For peace in the world, that God's love may heal divisions, bring reconciliation among nations, and guide all people to live in harmony and justice.

INTROIT

C: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head.”

R: Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

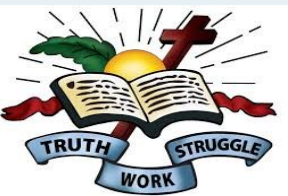
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul’s soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: “God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!” But David said to Abishai, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?” So David took the spear and the water jug from

their place at Saul’s head, and they got away without anyone’s seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: “Here is the king’s spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 103

„The Lord is kind and merciful.”

READING 2

1 COR 15:45-49

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

Brothers and sisters:
It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit.
But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

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

GOSPEL

LK 6:27-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some people wonder about GOD’s love. They ask, “If GOD loves us, why do GOoD people suffer?” Or they might voice the question, “How can GOD love those who are so hateful that they go out and hurt whomever they can?” Part of the answer to those questions come from what GOD’s love is all about. GOD loves unconditionally. GOD loves both sinners and saints. GOD is willing to give everyone chances to experience divine love and respond to that love. Yes, people will have to answer for the way they have responded to GOD’s love.