

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/02 (Sexagesima Sunday) Holy Mass at 10 am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 03/03 (Monday) Parish Committee meeting at 5.30 pm.
- 03/05 (Ash Wednesday) Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes at 5 pm.
- 03/09 (I Sunday of Lent) Holy Mass at 10 am. [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 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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PARISH BULLETIN

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 3)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

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

INTROIT

C: Grant me justice, Lord! I have walked without blame. In the Lord I have trusted; I have not faltered.

R: Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by your faithfulness.

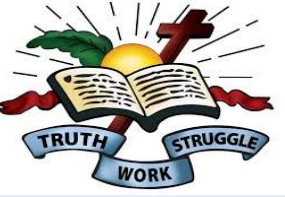
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

SIR 27:4-7

A reading from the Book of the prophet Sirah.

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one’s faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 92

„Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.”

READING 2

1 COR 15:54-58

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

Brothers and sisters:
When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

GOSPEL

LK 6:39-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable, “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye. “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel today has three parts: 1) an analogy speaking about the need for an “insightful” teacher rather than a mere fellow, blind traveler along the road of faith; 2) a challenge to examine one’s one life before criticizing others (using the analog of a person with a plank of wood in her/his eyes, trying to remove a splinter from another person’s eye); and 3) a reminder that we can only produce GOoD fruit if we act out of the GOoDness of our whole being. Jesus is challenging His disciples (past and present) to strive to be GOoD by reflecting on their lives and seeing how they can improve and bear the GOoDness which GOD has given them. What strikes me in today’s readings is the need to consciously look at our relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Abba-Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. As we do that, we need to focus on what GOoD gifts GOD has bestowed on us and how we have used those gifts for not only our betterment, but also for the betterment of others. That takes work, diligently searching our own lives.