

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/06 (V Sunday in Lent) Holy Mass at 10 am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 04/13 (Palm Sunday) Holy Mass at 10 am with the blessing of palms. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!

- As every year, we invite everyone to join us for **Easter Breakfast following the Easter Sunday Mass**. To help us prepare enough food and seating, please sign up if you plan to attend. The sign-up sheet is available in the church vestibule. We look forward to celebrating the joy of the Resurrection together!
- Magda is looking for **2 volunteers to help prepare Easter Breakfast** on Easter morning at 10:00 AM. Those helping will not be able to attend Sunday morning Mass, so they will need to participate in the Saturday evening Paschal Vigil, which fulfills the Sunday obligation. If you're willing to help, please speak with Magda. Thank you!
- We were planning to take our kids to see the new release "The King of Kings" in theaters on Palm Sunday, but unfortunately, the tickets are sold out. But don't worry—we have another idea! Once the movie becomes available on Netflix, we'll organize a special **Movie Night in the parish hall for all our kids**.
- 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...
- Recent project: **bathroom renovation (right side)**.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: N/A.

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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

V SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

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

INTROIT

C: So whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R: And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

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

. 10.00 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

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters,
who leads out chariots and horsemen,
a powerful army,
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,
snuffed out and quenched like a wick.
Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!

IS 43:16-21

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers.
Wild beasts honor me,
jackals and ostriches,
for I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink,
the people whom I formed for myself,
that they might announce my praise.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 126

„The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:
I consider everything as a loss because of
the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the
loss of all things and I consider them so
much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be
found in him, not having any righteousness
of my own based on the law but that which
comes through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God, depending on faith
to know him and the power of his
resurrection

and the sharing of his sufferings by being
conformed to his death, if somehow I may
attain the resurrection from the dead.
It is not that I have already taken hold of it
or have already attained perfect maturity,
but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may
possess it, since I have indeed been taken
possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and
sisters, I for my part do not consider myself
to have taken possession. Just one thing:
forgetting what lies behind but straining
forward to what lies ahead, I continue my
pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s
upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

PHIL 3:8-14

GOSPEL

JN 8:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOD is constantly offering us the gift of new life. It is ours for the taking, but it does demand that we respond to the gift by living differently than we did with our old lives. I recall reading about, and talking with, individuals who had a “near-death” experience. They were clinically dead, but were revived. Of the common experiences they share, one is the sense that they still had something to do with their lives here on earth. They returned with new enthusiasm for life. Their former lives of living somewhat selfishly were changed to being dedicated to assisting others and doing what was best for all whose paths they crossed. They no longer acted with fear, but were motivated by a renewed sense of what “life” is all about.

In the Gospel, the righteous religious leaders bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They hope to trap Jesus, to exalt their own righteous ways, and to punish an evil doer. Jesus turns the cards on them by giving permission to those who are without sin to be the first to throw stones at the sinful woman. As the accusers start reflecting on their own lives, they realize that they are not free from sin. Beginning with the eldest, and most likely the “wisest,” they drop their stones and walk away in silence.