

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 06/01 (VII Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 06/06 (Friday) **Funeral Mass of RENA GERVAIS** at 10am.
- 06/07 (Saturday) **Annual Church Tag Sale**.
- 06/08 (Pentecost—Solemnity) **NO MASS** at 10am! **Holy Mass** at **4pm** celebrated by Bishop Paul with the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Reception** in the church hall after the Mass for everyone present. *Mass Intention: For those who are about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

- **Support Our Church – Leave a Review!** If you’ve ever rented or attended an event at St. John’s Church Hall, we’d love to hear from you! Even a short review like “I like this place, it’s nice and neat” makes a big difference when people search for a place to rent—and it helps support our parish. Scan this QR code to leave your review. Thank you for your support!



- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: DONNA & WALTER MOTULSKI (06/04), ANAND & LAVANYA JAYARAJ (06/07). Happy Anniversary! Happy Birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

VII SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + JAN STEPIEN (req. by Karolina Stepien Jager)

INTROIT

C: Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received.
Alleluia.

R: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. Alleluia.

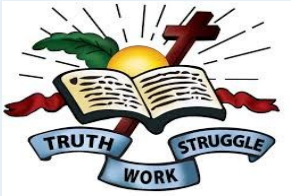
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Acts of the Apostles.

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him.

ACTS 7:55-60

The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them;” and when he said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97

„The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.”

READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: “Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

“I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root

REV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

and offspring of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

Let the hearer say, “Come.”

Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 17:20-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Unity could be called the theme of the readings today. Unity demands effort, but brings a sense of peace. In our First Reading, we hear of the first Christian being martyred. As St. Stephen is being stoned he prays the first prayer addressed to Jesus in scriptures, a prayer to be united with Jesus through his death. The Responsorial Psalm speaks of the unity of all peoples as they praise LORD GOD Who is ruler of all the world. In our Second Reading, St. John shares the message of Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, Who is coming soon to unite all people. In the Gospel, Jesus prays to His Abba-Father and asks that His followers be one, just as Jesus and His Abba are one.

The stoning of St. Stephen is the first in a few ways. It is the first martyrdom of a believer in Jesus. During his stoning, Stephen prays the first prayer addressed to Jesus. Stephen also, like Jesus before him, prays for those who are mistaken in their drive to martyr him, including a certain Saul who will later become St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Stephen sense a connection, a union, with Jesus and even with those who are part of his persecutors. His being a witness (martyros) unites him with all who will be martyrs after him, including Paul.