

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 08/03 (XVIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 08/10 (XIX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *No Mass Intention so far!*

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: N/A.

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

XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

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

INTROIT

C: You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath.

R: Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.

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 Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!
Here is one who has labored with wisdom
and knowledge and skill,
and yet to another who has not labored
over it, he must leave property.
This also is vanity and a great misfortune.

ECC 1:2; 2:21-23

For what profit comes to man from all the
toil and anxiety of heart
with which he has labored under the sun?
All his days sorrow and grief are his occu-
pation; even at night his mind is not at
rest. This also is vanity.

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

GOSPEL

LK 12:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
“Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.”
He replied to him,
“Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?”
Then he said to the crowd,
“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”
Then he told them a parable.
“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.
He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’
And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger
ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself,
“Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years,
rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’
But God said to him,
‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have
prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure
for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 90

„If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
If you were raised with Christ, seek what
is above, where Christ is seated at the
right hand of God.
Think of what is above, not of what is on
earth. For you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in
glory.

COL 3:1-5, 9-11

Put to death, then, the parts of you that
are earthly: immorality, impurity,
passion, evil desire, and the greed that is
idolatry. Stop lying to one another,
since you have taken off the old self with
its practices and have put on the new
self, which is being renewed, for
knowledge, in the image of its creator.
Here there is not Greek and Jew,
circumcision and uncircumcision,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;
but Christ is all and in all.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, someone, who is unhappy with the way his sibling is handling their inheritance, asks Jesus to get involved in the situation. Jesus uses the occasion to remind His audience that the focus is in the wrong place. If people are merely interested in amassing wealth and possession, they will lose that what they treasure most when they are faced with death. Yet if one places value on developing a richer relationship with GOD, then death is a transition to fulfillment of one’s searching, and one will be rewarded far beyond one’s expectations.