### **COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Solemnity of Brotherly Love) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism class for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
 (Monday) Parish Committee meeting at 6pm.
 (XXV Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism Class for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. Mass Intention: For + ANNA WARENYCIA

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making yesterday's
 Annual Parish BBQ such a joyful and successful event. Whether you helped with
 setup, cooking, organizing activities, donating supplies, or simply by being present
 and sharing fellowship, your support made the day truly special.

We are blessed with such a dedicated parish family, and it is through your generosity and teamwork that events like these bring our community closer together. **Thank you all!** 

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**September 14, 2025** 

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### PARISH BULLETIN

### **SOLEMNITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE**

### **MASS INTENTION**

For + JOREL SMITH (req. by Aurora)

### INTROIT

C: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

R: In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.

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 JER 31:31-34** 

## A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PS 15** 

"One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

### **READING 2**

1 JN 4:7-9

# A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

### This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL LK 10:25-37** 

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

This parable is a tale told by Jesus to illustrate a point. But it reflects a curious phenomenon observable in every age. Good, religious people, who you'd figure to be most likely to help, are often the very ones who use piety and family obligations as an excuse. "Someone else will have to do it – I don't have time." On the other hand, it is often those you'd least expect who actually go out of their way to lend a helping hand. Jesus said: "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father" (Matthew 7:21). And the will of the Father is not just that we abstain from doing bad things (sins of commission) but that we actually fulfill our obligation to do justice and works of mercy.