

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/26

(XXX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.
- 11/01

(Saturday - All Saints Day) **Solemn Holy Mass** at 5pm. with the Litany of the Saints.
- 11/02

(Sunday - All Souls Day) **Solemn Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For all deceased commemorated in this year's Remembrance Cards.*

- As part of our **evangelization mission** here at St. John's Church, we are launching a small social media campaign to share the stories of our parishioners. We would love to hear ***how you first started coming to St. John's and why you are a part of this parish family.***

We ask you to share your story in just one short paragraph and hand it in (text, email, or written copy) to Fr. Adam. By sharing your personal witness, you can help others reflect on their own faith and invite them to join us at Mass.

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: BP PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI (10/31). 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

XXX ORDINARY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For peace in our families, communities and in the world.

INTROIT

C: For He is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites.

R: Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed.

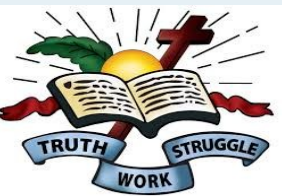
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Sirach.

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord hears the cry of the poor.”

PS 34

READING 2

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

Beloved:
I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on

2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18

my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL

LK 18:9-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus presents a parable to those who proudly think that they are above the rest of humanity. According to Jesus’ telling of the parable, two individuals enter the Temple to pray. The first one is a Pharisee who boastfully sees himself better than all other people, especially better than the sinful tax collector. After all, the Pharisee publicly does everything by the letter of the law so that he can be admired for his righteousness. The Pharisee does not really need GOD’s help since he is already justified in his own mind. Yes, it would be nice if GOD would agree with him, but even that is not necessary. The tax collector on the other hand humbly and contritely admits that he is in need of GOD’s help and forgiveness. He is a sinner who needs GOD’s spiritual healing. He can honestly confess that he is not perfect and wants a better relationship with GOD.

As I reflect on the readings, I am challenged to look at my own relationship with GOD – my prayer life – and see what is my attitude when I enter the presence of the Lord Jesus through prayer. At times I have come with an attitude of superiority and self-righteousness. I have turned to GOD in prayer, hoping that GOD would pat me on the back and say, “Great job!” My attitude has been prideful. I figure that I am doing GOD a favor by my turning to the Lord Jesus in prayer. I have been no better than the arrogant Pharisee in the parable.