

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12/24 (Christmas Eve) Solemn **Shepherds' Mass** at 6pm.
- 12/25 (Christmas Day) Solemn **Holy Mass** at 10am. No **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For the families of St. John's Parish.*
- 12/26 (Friday) **Wedding Mass** of Ana & Freddie at 3pm.
- 12/28 (Humble Shepherds - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *No Mass Intention!*

- Please remember that for Catholics, **the Christmas obligation** is fulfilled by participating in at least one Holy Mass on December 24 or December 25. If you are able, you are encouraged to attend both celebrations, but one Mass is sufficient to fulfill the obligation.

May you have a
blessed Christmas
season and may the
gift of faith, the
blessing of hope and
the peace of his love
be yours.



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December 24, 2025

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PARISH BULLETIN

SHEPHERDS' MASS (PASTERKA)

MASS INTENTION

For ++ JOHN & SOPHIE WROBEL (req. by Timothy Wrobel)

INTROIT

C: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name; announce salvation day after day.

**R: Tell God's glory among the nations; among all peoples
His marvelous deeds.**

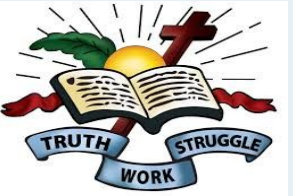
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**



HOLY MASS

. 6 pm



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.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,

IS 9:1-6

will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."

PS 96

READING 2

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

Beloved:
The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and
worldly desires
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly
in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great

God and savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from
all lawlessness
and to cleanse for himself a people as his
own, eager to do what is good.

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

TI 2:11-14

GOSPEL

LK 2:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

