

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

01/25 (III Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. No **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.

02/01 (IV Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. No **Catechism class**. At the meeting: Fr. Adam's Pastoral report, Parish Committee reports & election of the Parish Committee officers for 2026. **All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Feb 8.**

- **Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is February 22, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MICHAEL PAPALEO (01/25), MARGUERITE HENSLEY (01/31). Happy birthday!

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PARISH BULLETIN

III SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For BRANDON MOWERY's full recovery and gift of faith.

INTROIT

C: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?

R: The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?

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 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

IS 8:23—9:3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

READING 2

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong

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1 COR 1:10-13, 17

to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 4:12-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel relates the beginning of Jesus's public life in the Galilee near the region of Naphtali and Zebulun. After being baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, Jesus spends forty days in the desert. He is then tempted by Satan. It is only after that experience that Jesus starts His ministry as related in our Gospel selection today. Matthew shows that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus' calling was to announce Light shining upon the people, to bring hope to those in darkness.