

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/08 (Sexagesima Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For RACHEL and ANDREW MENARD family (new members of St. John's Parish)*
- 02/15 (Quinquagesima Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For RENÉE MEUNIER (new member of St. John's Parish)*
- 02/16 (Monday) **Kids Movie Night** at 5pm. This event is open to all kids - both from our parish and the wider community. Come enjoy a fun, family-friendly movie and a great evening together. We look forward to seeing you there!
- 02/18 (Ash Wednesday) **Holy Mass** at 5pm. with distribution of Ashes.

- **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.

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION

For RACHEL & ANDREW MENARD family (new members of St. John's Church).

INTROIT

C: My brothers [and sisters], show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

R: But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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 Leviticus.

The LORD said to Moses,
"Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

LV 19:1-2, 17-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is kind and merciful.“

PS 103

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in

1 COR 3:16-23

the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 5:38-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Gospel, Jesus overturns the instinct for revenge and replaces it with the demanding freedom of love. He does not deny the reality of evil, but He refuses to let evil have the final word. By calling His disciples to turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, and give generously, Jesus invites us to break the cycle of resentment and retaliation. Loving enemies and praying for those who persecute us is not weakness—it is a radical strength that mirrors the mercy of God Himself. God's love is not selective; it falls on the just and the unjust alike, and Jesus asks us to reflect that same generosity of heart. This passage challenges us to move beyond ordinary goodness and into a holiness that reveals we truly belong to our heavenly Father.