

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/08 (Institution of the PNCC - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.
- 03/15 (IV Sunday of Lent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For + ROBERT POTVIN.*

- As we continue our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are grateful for your generous response to this year's Lenten Tithe dedicated to our Sacristy Renovation Project. **As of today, we have collected \$1,155 toward our goal of \$3,000.** Thank you to everyone who has already made a Lenten sacrifice to support this important improvement to our Church. In the vestibule, you will find a "fundraising thermometer" showing our progress.
- 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 April 5, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: ALAINA AND ANDREW COLLINS (03/15). 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

INSTITUTION OF THE P.N.C.C.

MASS INTENTION

For + CHARLES HENSLEY (Mass after the funeral)

INTROIT

C: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.

R: You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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 Wisdom.

Then shall the righteous one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at nought his labors.

Seeing this, the wicked shall be shaken with dreadful fear, and be amazed at the unexpected salvation.

They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is the one whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery, fools that we were!

WIS 5:1-5

His life we accounted madness, and death dishonored. See how he is accounted among the heavenly beings; how his lot is with the holy ones!

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

J 15:1-7

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 2

„Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before Him; with trembling pay homage to Him.“

READING 2

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

Now the Spirit explicitly says that in the last times some will turn away from the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and demonic instructions through the hypocrisy of liars with branded consciences.

They forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

TIM 4:1-5

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the invocation of God in prayer.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and His disciples as the branches. This image reminds us that the Christian life is not something we accomplish by our own strength. A branch cannot live or bear fruit apart from the vine, and in the same way our spiritual life depends entirely on our connection with Christ. Prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture, and faithful obedience keep us rooted in Him. When we remain close to Christ, His life flows through us and our lives begin to bear the fruits of faith, love, patience, and service to others.

Jesus also speaks about pruning, which can sound difficult but is actually a sign of care. A good vine grower prunes the plant so that it can grow stronger and produce more fruit. In our lives, God sometimes allows challenges, corrections, or moments of purification that help remove what weakens our faith. Though these experiences may be uncomfortable, they are part of God's loving work in us. When we remain in Christ and trust the Father's guidance, our lives become fruitful and our faith becomes a witness to others.