

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 06/28

(XIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *No Mass Intention so far!*
- 07/05

(XIV Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For little ANDY on the occasion of his 1st birthday (req. by the Collins family)*
- 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 July 12, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

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June 28, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the BENEFACTORS of St. John's Church.

INTROIT

C: Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the One I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.

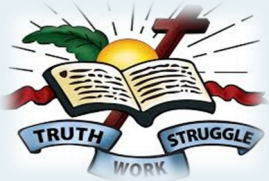
R: Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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 Second Book of Kings.

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.“

PS 89

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ROM 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL

MT 10:37-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his apostles:
"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus opens with what sounds like harshness - love me more than your father, your mother, your children - but the Greek word behind "worthy" is *axios*, a word from the marketplace meaning "counterbalance on a scale." Jesus is not demanding emotional detachment from the people we love most. He is asking whether our love for him is heavy enough to tip the scale when those two loves pull in opposite directions. The cross he mentions is not a metaphor for ordinary difficulty - every person in first-century Palestine knew exactly what a man carrying a cross looked like, where he was going, and that he wasn't coming back. To take up your cross is to walk in a direction your family will beg you not to walk. And yet the paradox cuts deep: you only truly *find* your life - the Greek is *psychē*, your soul, your very self - when you stop clutching it. The man who builds a wall around his life to protect it discovers he has built a prison.