

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 08/02

(XVIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 08/09

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- We're happy to announce the launch of a brand-new website for our Hall: **manchesterbanquethall.com**! It makes it easier for people to learn about the space and get in touch to reserve the date. We've also launched a dedicated **Facebook page for the Hall**, where you can see photos & updates. Please give it a follow and share it with friends and family who may be looking for an affordable venue!
- **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 August 30, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: HARRIET ZAWISTOWSKI (08/02). 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

XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

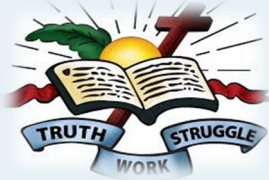
For + BENEDICT CARUSO (req. by the Comtois family).

INTROIT

C: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.
R: The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
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 the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully,

IS 55:1-3

listen, that you may have life.
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 145
„The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.“

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height,

nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ROM 8:35, 37-39

GOSPEL MT 14:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus had just received devastating news - the death of John the Baptist - and sought a quiet place to grieve, yet even in his own sorrow, when he saw the crowds, "his heart was moved with pity for them." This is who God is: present to our needs even in the midst of his own. The disciples' instinct was practical and reasonable - send the people away to fend for themselves, because the resources on hand were obviously insufficient. But Jesus doesn't ask them to solve the problem alone; he asks them to bring what little they have and trust him with it. "Bring them here to me" is the heart of this Gospel - not a demand for abundance we don't possess, but an invitation to offer what we do have, however small, and let God multiply it. The twelve baskets of leftovers remind us that God's provision is never merely adequate; it overflows. When we feel our resources, our energy, or our faith is too little for what's asked of us, this Gospel invites us to hand it over anyway, and to trust that Christ can do far more with our five loaves and two fish than we ever could alone...