

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 08/30 (XXII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *No Mass Intention so far!*
- 08/31 (Monday) **Parish Committee meeting** at 5.30pm.
- 09/06 (XXIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For our parish children starting catechism classes today, and for the catechists who guide them in faith.*

- Our **Annual Parish Tag Sale** will be held on **Saturday, September 19**. Volunteers Needed: If you're able to lend a hand on the day of the sale, please contact the Parish Chairman. We encourage all parishioners to **donate items for the sale**. Items may be dropped off at the church office door any day, any time leading up to the event.
- **Women's Rosary Group – First Meeting.** Join us for the first meeting of our women's rosary group on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 PM. All women are welcome to attend. For more details, please contact Krista.
- **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 September 13, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: DIANE & EDWARD MAKLES (09/01). 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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August 30, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For ++ JOYCE & PAMELA SULZINSKI (req. by Jocelyn)

INTROIT

C: I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

R: My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me.

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 Jeremiah.

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

JER 20:7-9

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.“

PS 63

READING 2

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ROM 12:1-2

GOSPEL

MT 16:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Peter’s rebuke comes from a place of love, yet Jesus names it sharply as satanic thinking. That’s a striking juxtaposition. Peter isn’t being malicious - he’s reacting the way any of us would if someone we loved announced they were walking toward suffering and death. But Jesus sees something dangerous underneath the well-meaning protest: an attempt to steer him away from the cross, to offer him a path of comfort and self-preservation instead. This is the same temptation Jesus faced in the desert - the offer of glory without sacrifice, life without the cost of love. Peter, without realizing it, becomes a mouthpiece for that old temptation. The lesson here isn’t that human concern is bad, but that even our most loving instincts can pull us away from what God asks of us, especially when what God asks involves suffering. Discernment means being able to recognize when comfort and self-protection are dressed up as wisdom or love.