

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/06 (XXIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 09/13 (Brotherly Love - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For the health of VANESSA MAGNOTTA.*
- 09/19 (Saturday) **Annual Parish Tag Sale.**
- 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 20, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: EZRA COMTOIS (09/12). 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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September 6, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For our parish children starting catechism classes today, and for the catechists who guide them in faith.

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C: Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt.

R: A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.

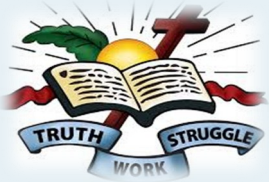
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Ezekiel.

Thus says the LORD:
You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel;
when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.
If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, "
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,
the wicked shall die for his guilt,
but I will hold you responsible for his death.

EZ 33:7-9

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 95

„If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.“

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, "
and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this

saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ROM 13:8-10

GOSPEL

MT 18:15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.
If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.
Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This passage from Matthew 18 lays out a remarkably practical and merciful path for handling conflict within community, one that moves deliberately from privacy to wider involvement only as needed, always aiming at reconciliation rather than punishment or public shaming. Jesus insists that the first move is quiet and personal - "between you and him alone" - protecting the offender's dignity and giving him every chance to hear the truth without humiliation; only if that fails does the circle widen, first to a few witnesses, then to the whole community, escalation used sparingly and as a last resort rather than a first impulse. Even the final step, treating the unrepentant person "as you would a Gentile or a tax collector," is less a verdict of rejection than an honest acknowledgment that the relationship has changed - and notably, Jesus himself was known for seeking out Gentiles and tax collectors, so even this "exclusion" leaves the door open to mission and grace rather than closing it forever. The teaching then pivots to the astonishing authority given to the gathered community - binding and loosing, answered prayer, Christ's own presence "where two or three are gathered" - suggesting that this whole process of fraternal correction isn't merely social housekeeping but something charged with real spiritual weight, because unity and truth-telling within the community are bound up with heaven itself. Read together, the passage offers a vision of correction rooted not in judgment but in love: the goal throughout is not to win an argument or expel a sinner, but to "win over your brother," restoring what was broken through patience, humility, and above all, presence.