

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.**
- 09/20 (XXV Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For new members: ANTHONY & ARMANDO.*
- 09/22 (Tuesday) **Women's Rosary Group** meeting at 6.30pm in the church hall.

- 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.
- 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 October 4, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MAVERICK MENARD (09/18). 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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September 13, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

MASS INTENTION

For the health of VANESSA MAGNOTTA

(req. by the Comtois family).

INTROIT

C: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

R: In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.

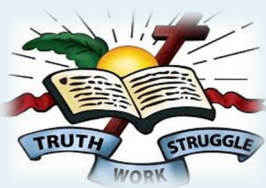
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

JER 31:31-34

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 15

„One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.”

READING 2

1 JN 4:7-9

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 10:25-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ ; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ ” “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The parable of the Good Samaritan turns a legal question into a call to action. The expert in the law wants a tidy definition - who exactly counts as my neighbor, so I know the limits of my obligation. Jesus refuses to give him a boundary. Instead, he shows mercy in motion: a despised outsider stops, gets his hands dirty, spends his own money, and follows through the next day. The priest and Levite had reasons to pass by - ritual purity, safety, schedule - reasons that probably sounded reasonable to them. Mercy doesn't ask whether someone deserves it or fits a category; it simply meets the need in front of it. Jesus flips the original question around: instead of "who is my neighbor?" he asks "who acted like a neighbor?" The answer isn't a definition to be understood, but an example to be imitated - "Go and do likewise." This week, maybe the invitation isn't to identify our neighbor, but to become one, especially for whoever we'd rather cross the street to avoid.