

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- 09/27

(XXVI 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 ZUZANNA on the occasion of her 7th birthday.

- To all our volunteers who donated items, helped prepare, and worked yesterday's **Annual Parish Yard Sale** - thank you! Your generosity and hard work made this year's sale a wonderful success, with strong interest and support from our local community. All proceeds go directly to supporting our church. God bless you all for your dedication to our parish 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 October 4, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: ANDREW COLLINS (09/21), DONALD TENEROWICZ (09/21), LINDA JOHNSON (09/22), JONATHAN COMTOIS (09/24). 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

XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For ANTHONY & ARMANDO - new members of our Parish.
Welcome to St. John's family!

INTROIT

C: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

R: The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

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.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

IS 55:6-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is near to all who call upon him.“

PS 145

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.
If I go on living in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.
And I do not know which I shall choose.
I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with
Christ, for that is far better.
Yet that I remain in the flesh

is more necessary for your benefit.
Only, conduct yourselves in a way
worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

GOSPEL

MT 20:1-16A

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This parable unsettles us precisely because it offends our sense of fairness - and that's the point. The landowner isn't running a business by our logic; he's revealing the logic of grace. God doesn't pay wages for hours logged in holiness; He gives Himself fully to whoever shows up, whether at dawn or at five o'clock. The workers hired first aren't wronged - they receive exactly what was promised. Their grumbling exposes something in us too: a quiet resentment when God is generous to someone we've judged less deserving. The late-comers didn't earn a full day's pay; they received a gift from an owner who simply wanted them working in his vineyard, however brief the hour. That's mercy - not calculated, not rationed, but given freely because the giver is good.