

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/11

(Christian Family - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 10/18

(XXIX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
No Mass Intention.

- Women's Rosary Group Meeting.** Join us for the meeting of our women's rosary group on Tuesday, October 20 at 6 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 October 18, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: WINSTON MENARD (10/18). 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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October 11, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

CHRISTIAN FAMILY - SOLEMNITY

MASS INTENTION

For + JOZEF PALUSZYNSKI (req. by Maria, Joe & Robert)

INTROIT

C: Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R: So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

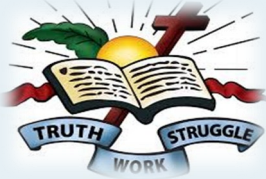
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 Genesis.

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.

GEN 1:26-28,31A

God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128

"Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

READING 2

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

Children, obey your parents [in the Lord], for this is right. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise, "that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ, not only when being

watched, as currying favor, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, willingly serving the Lord and not human beings, knowing that each will be requited from the Lord for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Masters, act in the same way toward them, and stop bullying, knowing that both they and you have a Master in heaven and that with him there is no partiality.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPH 6:1-9

GOSPEL

LK 2:41-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On the Solemnity of the Christian Family, we might expect a Gospel of a peaceful home in Nazareth. Instead, the Church gives us a family in crisis: a lost child, three days of searching, and a mother's words that every parent knows by heart: "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." The Holy Family was not spared confusion, fear, or misunderstanding. Mary and Joseph did everything right. They kept the feast, traveled with their relatives, and trusted their community, and still they lost sight of the child entrusted to them. Even after they found him, they did not understand his answer. That is a real comfort for our own families. Holiness in the home does not mean the absence of worry, conflict, or bewilderment. It means staying faithful through them: going back to look, refusing to give up, and asking honest questions even when the answers are hard to grasp.