

JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.



It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah shares a message of hope, “Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?” We should ask ourselves, “Who is the king of our hearts?” As Christian stewards, it should be God. We often fill our lives with things that satisfy us only for a moment. If we truly do belong to Christ, then we will make Him our top priority. What we fill our lives with should reveal that He is King.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 11

8:30 a.m. - Margaret Doodeman †
Special Intentions

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 a.m. - Special Intention
9:30 a.m. - St. Peter School Virtual Mass
7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 a.m. - Callista Wallace † | Joan Doyle †

Thursday, January 14

No Mass

Friday, January 15

8:30 a.m. - Katherine McKennirey †

Saturday, January 16

5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube
Jim Colli †

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m. - Ethal Grey & deceased members of the Grey & Adams families †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

“Incline your ear and come to Me.”

What is the Lord asking you as you incline your ear?
Could it be to consider a call to serve as a priest,
deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact
Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603
or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

Our RCIA session this week is
“The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony”.
Interested in joining us at 7:00 pm,
Tuesday, January 12, 2021?
Please contact the parish office.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

*We pray that our personal relationship with
Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God
and a life of prayer.*

ASAP

ALWAYS STOP AND PRAY

DID YOU KNOW....

...that the feast of the Baptism of the Lord closes off the Christmas season in the Church? I am in awe at how fast the season has flown by, and also in awe when I ponder the question “Why did Jesus need to be baptized?” When we think of Baptism, usually we think of the Sacrament that washes away sin and begins our new life Christ. Jesus doesn’t need either, since He *is* Christ, and He never sinned... yet He chooses to be Baptized anyway. At first it may seem a little odd that He does this, so the Catechism offers some insight: “*Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to “fulfill all righteousness.” Jesus’ gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying.*” (#1224). Jesus’ self-emptying action is a central part of all that He came to do. It’s a humbling action, echoed by many other things Jesus would do to demonstrate self-giving, summed up beautifully in the words of consecration at Mass: “*This is my body, given up for you.*” We are invited to step through the waters of Baptism and live a life like Jesus lived: a life of self-emptying for the sake of God and others.



REMINDER: CWL 2021 MEMBERSHIP

It is that time again for our Annual Due for 2021. We are most grateful for your continued support. Through your membership, it enables us to help the different charitable organizations in our community. Please put your cash or cheque for \$25.00 made payable to *St. Julia CWL* in a plain envelope which can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office. Please ensure your envelope is clearly marked with your name, address, telephone number and email if you have one. You may call Karen at (905) 688-1724 if you can't make it to church and we will gladly do a pick up. Thank you!



Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.

