



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Revised Roman Missal: 636

Gospel Summary

Most of Mark's accounts of the events in Jesus' life are short and to the point. The account of Jesus' Baptism given in today's Gospel illustrates this. In a few brief sentences Mark tells of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The brevity of the final verse of the passage makes it unclear whether Jesus alone heard the voice that came from the heavens, or if everyone who witnessed his Baptism heard the same. What is clear from the words is the special relationship Jesus had with God the Father.

Reflection for Parents

The final words of today's Gospel are wonderful words for us to bestow upon our children. Who is not encouraged by the reminder that they are a beloved son or daughter? What child, at any age, does not long to hear from a parent, "With you I am well pleased?" Today is a good day to think about how often you take the time to lavish words of love and praise upon your child. Take time to be still and let your heavenly Father lavish those same words of love and praise upon you.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Set out pictures, candles, white garments, and other reminders of the Baptisms of family members. Recall the celebrations. Remind your family that the promises made at Baptism include: being taught to practice our faith, keeping God's Commandments, and loving God and neighbor. Talk about how family members are living out these baptismal promises today.

Discussion Starters

1. My favorite part of the celebration of Baptism is ... because ...
2. One of the baptismal promises I need to work harder at is ...
3. Someone who makes me feel special and loved is ...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the upkeep of the Church and it's surrounding. Thank you for your generosity.

- **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES 2021**

It will take place today, 10th January from 10.30am—11.30am and next Sunday, 17th January from 10.30am—12 noon in the Parish hall . The registration fee is \$20 per child (Registration fee-\$15 and Catechism workbook-\$5).

Friday classes will start on Friday, 22nd January from 5pm—7pm and Sunday school starts on Sunday, 7th February from 10.30am —12 noon.

- ◆ **HOLY HOUR**

The weekly Holy Hour will resume on Wednesday, 13th January immediately after daily Mass.

- ◆ **16TH VICARIATE ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The vicariate Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 24th January at the 9am Mass .

In conjunction with this, our 2020 Confirmandis will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on this day. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

- ◆ **CATECHISTS COMMISSIONING**

The commissioning for all catechists will be held Sunday, 31st January at the 9 am Mass. It is compulsory for all catechists from RCIA, Friday Class and Sunday School to attend.

- ◆ **GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FRIDAY CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All parents and students of Friday Class and Sunday School are requested to attend the assembly on Sunday, 31st January at 11:00am in the Church.

- **INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

Those who wish to have the Sacrament of Confession is requested to contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

The year of St. Joseph.

Sacred Scripture describes St. Joseph as “a Just man” (Matthew 1:19) which can also be translated as “righteous,” “upright,” or, “he who is virtuous in all things.” If we want to learn from St. Joseph, we must begin by imitating the virtues he practiced daily in his quiet, hidden life.

The monthly themes for the Year of St. Joseph are taken from St. Joseph's virtues and titles as prayed in the Litany of St. Joseph (see below).

January – Most Valiant Protector of Church

St. Joseph had the entire Church under his protection since the Holy Family was the Church. Our Lady is the Mother and Image of the Church, the Holy Spirit the soul of the Church and Christ the Church's head. To Joseph this treasure was entrusted and by his wit, his obedience and his sacrifice he valiantly defended them.

DAY	EVENT	READINGS	TIME
Monday 11	1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 1: 1-6 Mk 1: 14-20	5:30 pm
Tuesday 12	1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 2: 5-12 Mk 1: 21-28	5:30 pm
Wednesday 13	1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 2: 14-18 Mk 1: 29-39	5:30 pm
Thursday 14	1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 3: 7-14 Mk 1: 40-45	5:30 pm
Friday 15	1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 4: 1-5. 11 Mk 2: 1-12	12:15 pm
Saturday 16	1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 4: 12-16 Mk 2: 13-17	6 pm (Pre- registration)
	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Sam 3: 3-10.19 1 Cor 6: 13-15. 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42	
Sunday 17	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Sam 3: 3-10.19 1 Cor 6: 13-15. 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42	9 am (Pre- registration)