

January 13, 2019

*The Baptism of the Lord*

*First Reading. Is. 40: 15. 9-11*

*Second Reading. Tim 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

*Gospel. Lk 3: 15-16. 22-22*

## Reflecting on our own baptism

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time and which “made” us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members.

Our baptism is essentially a community experience; it is not just a private or a family event although in the way it was “celebrated” it may have looked like that. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership.

Perhaps we could paraphrase the words of John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address: “Ask not what the Church can do for you but what you can do for the Church.”

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Every word of Isaiah can also be applied to each one of us who has been baptized. So, let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work.

For it is a sobering fact that without our co-operation, much of God’s work will never get done.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This Friday we will begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is our yearly celebration made up of **reflection and prayer** to remind Christians that the restoration of full unity among us, according to the will of Jesus, involves every baptized person, both pastors as well as the faithful.

The Week takes place after the promulgation of the Second Vatican Council's decree "Unitatis Redintegratio," which has placed the Catholic Church firmly in the line of the ecumenical movement.

This week celebrates a fundamental truth: that Christ is the foundation of the Church. The Council strongly recommended prayer for unity as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement. Given that the reconciliation of Christians surpasses "human powers and capacities", prayer gives expression to “hope that does not disappoint”, to trust in the Lord who “makes all things new”.

But prayer must be accompanied by purification of the mind, the feelings and the memory. Thus, it becomes an expression of that "inner conversion," without which there is no true ecumenism. In a word, **unity is a gift of God**, a gift to be tirelessly implored with humility and truth.

The desire for Christian unity is spreading and deepening, touching new environments and contexts, arousing fervor for works, initiatives and reflections. Lately, the Lord has enabled his disciples to engage in important contacts of dialogue and collaboration. The pain of separation is felt with ever-greater intensity, given the challenges of a world that awaits a clear and unanimous evangelical testimony on the part of all believers in Christ.

The week will conclude on January 25, feast of the conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

## Masses for the Week

January 12, 2019- January 19, 2019



**Scalabrini House of  
Discernment is now located  
at St. Peter's**

Saturday, January 12

6:00 p.m. (English)

+Joe D'Egidio by wife Lydia & Family

Sunday, January 13

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Lucille Sciarra by Janie Costantini

+Socorro Capra by Natalia & Michele Capra

+Joe D'Egidio by Nick & Maria D'Egidio

For the deceased members of **San Trifone Society**

For the deceased members of **Santa Lucia Society**

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the Parish

Monday, January 14

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, January 15

6:00 p.m. +Ennio Capra by his kids & grandkids

Wednesday, January 16

6:00 p.m. +Cipollo Degracia by Nora Cansino  
Tamase

Thursday, January 17

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 18

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, January 19

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

**Adoration:** Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### **Last week's offerings**

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

**Last week's Offering: \$2,513.00**

\*\*Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie

Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

- \$2,950.00-

## Dates to Remember

**January 13, Costantinopoli Meeting**

After the 11:00 a.m. mass

**January 18, San Trifone Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

**January 20, Padre Pio Meeting**

After the 11:00 a.m. mass

**January 21, Polenta Dinner & Dance**

Contact the office at:

(323) 225-8119 or

Ada Iezza (626) 359-4301

Visit us on facebook: "St Peter's Italian Church Los Angeles"

Visit St. Peter's website: <http://stpeteritalianchurchla.org>

**Seminarians: Eduardo and Andres**

**Vocations Director: Fr. Leandro Fossa**

**Spiritual Director: Fr. Raniero Alessandrini**

**May you take great joy in your vocation as you begin to**

**share life at St. Peter's Italian Church.**

**Welcome home.**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Strive to be a 'safe adult' in a child's life**

One of the most common responses to stories from abuse victims who suffered in silence for years is, "Why did you wait so long?" For many children, they wait because they have no one they trust to talk to about what's happening to them. Many victims feel ashamed and guilty. Take steps to become a trusted adult to the children in your life. Tell them you will listen without judgment or punishment, even if they are scared to talk about something. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Safe Adults: What to Say and Do," go to <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN** **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16, 2019**

St. Peter/San Conrado mission will offer a seven-week Adult Confirmation preparation process during the Lenten Season.

The course is open to persons who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, have been baptized in the Catholic church, and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Interested parties must pre-register and provide a copy of your baptism certificate.**

**Contact Fr. Louis Piran, c.s. to register. (323) 225-8119**

### **\*\*\*Sunday Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up\*\*\***

**The numbered Sunday Offering envelopes are ready  
at the main entrance of the church, please pick up  
your envelopes**

### **Make your reservations**

**January 21: Polenta dinner & dance.**

**Net proceeds benefit St. Peter Italian Church.**

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**February 16: Valentines and crowing of  
the Parish Queen.**

Contact the parish office for Reservations 323-225-8119.