

January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord

[Jesus] was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Mark 1: 7-11

"What do you wish for your child?"

Will you ever forget that moment when you held your child in your arms? That little brand-new, never-to-be-duplicated person-in-progress so small in your own hands. What an amazing miracle! Have you ever held anything as beautiful since?

It was while you were still in that same spirit of awe that the Church asked, What do you wish for this child? That's the first question asked of parents and godparents as they come to the baptismal font. It's a loaded question.

Of course, you wish health and safety for your child. You want your child to be spared all distress and harm in their lifetime. But we're realistic enough to know how unlikely that is. Every life holds its share of difficulties, threats and harms. Even the joys and good in our lives often come accompanied by pain and disruption.

And so we look to a deeper longer within ourselves to answer the question: What do you wish for this child? By bringing our child to be baptized we declare our deepest wish — that this child will live not only as a child of this world, but as beloved child of God. We declare our hope that our child will live sustained by the truth that no matter what happens in this life, he or she will be cradled in the palm of God's hand.

The rituals of Baptism enact both our fear and our faith. Our children are plunged into the waters to symbolize the dangers that life can hold. We face head-on our biggest fears as we hold this fragile life in our hands as the water is poured. Then the child is dressed in a white garment and sealed in the Spirit of God. Godparents handed a candle aglow with a flame from the Easter candle — the light of Christ.

On the day of Baptism, we bring our fears and hopes to the waters — and hope emerges triumphant.

In the waters of Baptism, we enter into the life of God – a God who has entered our life in the person of Jesus. God has loved us, cried with us, endured our pain and fear, experienced our despair and anger. God our Creator and Father is present in all our tears and laughter, in all our struggles and triumphs, in all our joys and grief. Today's feast of Jesus' Baptism invites us to embrace again the Spirit of God that first embraced us in our own Baptisms and the Baptisms of our children. Let that Spirit continue to lead and nudge us along as we "seek" to realize the goodness and meaning of that precious moment when God claimed us his own.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

Reconciliation:

By request

Mass During the Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm
Friday at 10 am.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 1, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$125.00
Building Fund	10.00
Christmas	120.00
Advent	20.00
New Year's Day	730.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00
Envelope Contribution	160.00

January 3, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$992.00
Building Fund	80.00
Christmas	20.00
New Year's Day	95.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Sunday Missals	10.00
Envelope Contribution	75.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Special Intention
Wed. 7pm	Late Father Don Leonard
Thu. 7pm	Late Patrick Joyce
Fri. 10am	Late Brian Canning
Sat. 4:30	Late Basil Donahue
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from: Ken and Kay Hynes, David and Dorothy Brake, John Carroll, Tony Griffin, Margaret McCarthy, Ken and Sharon Bennett, Nora Burton, Joe and Marie Byrne, Veronica Hickey, Rita Pye, Jacqueline Neville, Margaret Dalley, and Joe Hayes.

FACE MASKS: These masks should be worn at all times. They may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing from others.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a meeting on Monday, January 11th at 6:00 pm.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to the family of Jack Samuel Ford Joyce whose baptism was celebrated this past weekend. May he live a long and faithful life and his family show their love for him by their faithful witness.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Are now available in the church. \$5 each.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2021: Now available for pick up at the church.

RECIEPTS FOR 2020: The receipts for 2020 contributions are currently being worked on and will be available very shortly.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

Today the Church marks the end of the Christmas season. During the season of Christmas, the Church celebrates three feasts which mark the revelation of God to humanity: Christmas as the Incarnation of God, Epiphany as the revelation of God to the Gentiles through the visitation of the Magi and the Baptism of Jesus as the revelation of the Trinity (Jesus Son of God present at the baptism, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son in whom He was well pleased). For more about the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, visit www.rcchurch.com



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:

Donations were made for Christmas flowers in memory by the following: Edward, Marion Debbie in memory of William, Elizabeth, Doretta, David and Paulette Dobbin; Don and Theresa George in memory of Michael and Ada George; Joan Hutchings in memory of deceased members of the Hutchings family; Colleen Boland in memory of Bill Boland; Margaret McCarthy in memory of Bill and Betty McCarthy and the deceased members of the McCarthy family; Tom and Eileen Moore in memory of Jack and Joan Hearn; Veronica Hickey in memory of the Joyce and Hickey families; Doug and Donna Beales in memory of Dana Beales, Jerome and Elsie Beales; Annie Griffin in memory of Thomas Griffin Sr. and Brian Griffin; Doreen Jones in memory of David Jones; also donations were made by: Rita Pye; Catherine Musseau; Dorothy Anne Jones; and Barbara Neville.

LADIES FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to our winners in the December draw. Peggy Young and Mona Specker each won \$56.00, while Linda Tarbett and Barbara O'Blenis each won a turkey complete with all vegies for a boiled dinner. The names of people who donated for the draw are posted on the inside door of the church. Our draw for January will return to 10% of the money received for the month. Deadline for donations will be Sunday, Jan 23. Draw will be made on Sunday, Jan 30. Those whose last names begin with A through E will be asked for a donation, but all are invited to take part. On behalf of Sacred Heart Ladies Group, I would like to thank you for your past support and wish you all a happy, healthy new year.

Ordinary Time/Season of the Liturgical Year

- For Learning
- For Growing
- For Exploring the Christian Story
- We Remember the Church's Mission



ORDINARY TIME: In the liturgy of the Roman Rite, Ordinary Time, in Latin *Tempus per annum*, is that time of the liturgical year which is not connected directly with one of the great seasons, Christmastide and Eastertide, as well as the times of their preparation, Lent and Advent. Thus, the Ordinary Time of the liturgical years splits in the days between Christmastide and Lent, and that between Eastertide and Advent. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of Christ the King. The liturgical color assigned to Ordinary Time is green.

The word "ordinary" as used here comes from the ordinal numerals by which the weeks are identified or counted. It begins with the 1st week of Ordinary Time in January and ends with the 34th week sometime in November. It is suspended for Lent and Easter.

