

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104.*

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
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| Last Week’s Collection | \$3,479.00 | \$2,268.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 156 | 116 |
| Total Pledge for 2019 | \$167,031.00 | \$163,188.00 |
| Pledged to Date (1 Weeks) | \$167,131.00 | \$162,928.00 |
| Received to Date | \$4,494.00 | \$2,268.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$1,393.00 | \$2,055.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$218.00 | \$218.00 |

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2018 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$120.00 | \$120.00 |

Five people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

13 **CHILDREN** contributed \$51.00

POOR BOX totaled \$48.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 105, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

BE CAREFUL

A single moment of misunderstanding is so poisonous, that it makes us forget the hundred lovable moments spent together within a minute.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A beautiful, expensively dressed lady came to her psychiatrist saying that she felt unhappy and her life was empty and meaningless. The psychiatrist called over the old lady who cleaned the office floors and then said to the rich lady “I am going to ask Mary here to tell you how she found happiness. Kindly listen to her.” So the old lady put down her broom, sat on a chair and told her story:

“Well, my husband died of malaria and three months later my only son was killed by a car. I had nobody – I had nothing left. I couldn’t sleep. I couldn’t eat. I never smiled at anyone. I even thought of taking my own life. Then one evening a little kitten followed me home from work. Somehow I felt sorry for that kitten. It was cold outside, so I decided to let the kitten in. I got it some milk, and the kitten licked the plate clean. Then it purred and rubbed against my leg, and for the first time in months, I smiled. Then I thought, if helping a little kitten could make me smile, maybe doing something for people could make me happy. So the next day I baked some biscuits and took them to a neighbor who was sick. Every day I tried to do something nice for someone. It made me so happy to see them happy. Today, I don’t know of anyone who sleeps and eats better than I do. I’ve found happiness, by giving it to others.”

When she heard that, the rich lady cried. She had everything that money could buy, but she had lost the things which money cannot buy.

The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are: but on how happy others can be because of you.

Happiness is not a destination, it’s a journey.

Happiness is not tomorrow, it is now.

Happiness is not a dependency, it is a decision.

Happiness is what you are, not what you have!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Kathleen Alexis Sherlock in loving memory of her on the 6th Anniversary of her death;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS NOVENA will be in the Church at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA The Legion of Mary will hold a Novena to Divine Mercy beginning this Monday, January 14th. It will be held Monday — Thursday at 3:00 P.M. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- When you have sinned, call Psalm 51
- When God seems far away, call psalm 139
- When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11
- When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinth 13
- When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The owner of a large factory was making a surprise check-up on his staff. Then he noticed a young man standing lazily there. "How much are you paid a week?" asked the owner angrily. "Three hundred bucks," replied the young man. Taking out \$300 from his wallet, the owner slapped the money into the boy's hands, and said, "Here's a week's pay – now get out and don't come back!"

Turning to one of the supervisors, he said, "How long has that lazy bum been working here anyway? "He doesn't work here," said the supervisor. "He was just here to deliver a pizza."

WHEN YOU ARE BORED JUST THINK ABOUT THESE:

1. **If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?**
2. **Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?**
3. **Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?**
4. **Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it takes just 75-100 years to fully work.**

THANK YOU to five members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:* The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday: St. Anthony
Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:* For a Special Intention.
Tuesday: In honor of the Holy Souls.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Thursday: For the suffering souls.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

O, SAVIOR BORN OF MARY

*O, Savior born of Mary,
 Unto the earth You came,
 The Son of God most holy,
 Puts on our human frame.*

*A manger mean and lowly
 Was where You laid Your head,
 While angel choirs adoring
 Sang round Your little bed.*

*Your home, a humble stable,
 Where shepherds knelt to pray;
 O, Savior born of Mary,
 Bless now this Christmas Season.*

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 12 th , 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie | Sat. Jan. 12 th , 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa |
| Sun. Jan. 13 th , 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria |
| Sat. Jan. 19 th , 4:00 P.M. Ivana & Ritz | Sat. Jan. 19 th , 7:00 P.M. Jay & Carolyn |
| Sun. January 20 th , 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - | Joy |
| Tuesday | - | Celia |
| Wednesday | - | Theresa Maria |
| Thursday | - | Natalie |
| Friday | - | Christina |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | January 13 th |
| Front | Bridget Ann |
| Left Cup | Winnie Ann |

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| January 14 th | January 20 th |
| Pete Man's Nora | Pete Man's Nora |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Mary Cat |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Rosie Cat |
| Thursday | Betty Jo |
| Friday | P.A.'s Ann Marie |



- ❖ *It's not important to hold all the good cards in life, but it's important how well you play the cards you hold.*
- ❖ *Often when we lose all hope and think this is the end, remember God and pray, it's just a bend, not the end.*
- ❖ *Have faith and have a successful life. One of the basic differences between God and man is, God gives and forgives, but the man gets and forgets. Be thankful in life.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR HEALTH

Lord, I thank You for the blessings of good health that I and those dear to me have enjoyed. May we continue to experience health in every aspect of our lives. Restore physical health to those of us weakened with illness, peace to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. We offer this prayer to God our loving Father through Christ our Lord. Amen.