

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

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

— Titus 3:5

BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.
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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
Last Week's Collection	\$1,560.00	\$1,230.00
Number of Families contributing	68	71
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (1 Week)	\$4,359.00	\$4,359.00
Received to Date	\$1,560.00	\$1,230.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,799.00	\$3,087.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$52.00	\$52.00

Seven ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$2,960.00	\$2,960.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$14.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$16.00.

BAA totaled \$40.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The day that Uncle Billy and Aunt Sally celebrated their 75th Wedding anniversary, newspaper men from all over came to interview them.

They were interested in only one thing: the "secret" to the success of the marriage. If you get your feelings hurt, just shut your mouth real tight and never say a word. If you just have to say something, tell it to Him up there."

All of us could take to heart the simple wisdom of Uncle Billy and Aunt Sally.

It's silence when your words would hurt.

It's patience when your neighbor's curt.

It's deafness when a scandal flows.

It's thoughtfulness for other's woes.

It's promptness when stern duty calls.

It's courage when misfortune falls.

Children begin by loving their parents; after a time, they judge them; rarely, if ever, do they forgive them.
—Oscar Wilde

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Black Betty in loving memory of her on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
2. a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD'S PLAN

***God's plan is always the best.
Sometimes the process is painful and hard.
But don't forget that when God is silent,
He's doing something for you.***

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jim Bosco Sherlock and Cameron Riley.

THANK YOU to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Raphael, St. Mother Theresa and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Jude.

JESUS IS

**When it seems like there is no way...
Jesus is a way-maker, promise-keeper, miracle-worker,
and light in the darkness.**

FIVE PILLARS

Life has five pillars:

1. **FAMILY**
2. **FRIENDS**
3. **KINDNESS**
4. **HONESTY**
5. **HUMILITY**

But the foundation ...is always **LOVE**.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

You're getting old when you enjoy remembering things more than doing them.

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something.

UNDERSTANDING IS DEEPER THAN KNOWLEDGE

**There are many people who know you,
But there are very few who understand you.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK An 85-year-old woman decided to take up skydiving. After she attended instruction classes, the day came for her first jump. Strapping on a parachute, she stood awaiting her turn to leap out of the plane. But when she looked at the ground below, she lost her nerve.

Finally, she reached into her pocket, pulled out a small transmitter and radioed her instructor on the ground: "Help! I've gotten up, and I can't fall down.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of the Holy Souls.

Tuesday: For Tommy Mack and for Mary Regina Mack on her Birthday.

Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Mary Hunn on her Birthday.

Friday: In thanks to the Infant Jesus of Prague on his Feast Day for Trust.

THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE

Abundant in mercy and bountiful love,
God gave us what we did not deserve;
The greatest gift in all the world –
His Son, who came to serve.

No longer enslaved in Satan's chains,
We're no longer children of wrath,
For God raised us up with Christ's saving work,
That leads us to a heavenly path.

The power of His grace upon sinners like us
Reveals what God can do,
And what a difference it makes in a person's life,
To have their heart renewed.

Secured by Christ we now live life anew,
Running the Victor's race,
And how thankful we are to God above,
For the riches of His grace.

READERS

Sat. Jan. 8th, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Jan. 9th, 10:00 A.M.

Sat. Jan. 15th, 4:00 P.M.
Dayna & Leah

Sun. Jan. 16th, 10:00 A.M.

Sat. Jan. 8th, 7:00 P.M.
Natalie & Mary Martha

Jersey & Christina Apple

Sat. Jan. 15th, 7:00 P.M.
Ritz & Savannah

Jersey & Bridgette Anna

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Skylar
Tuesday	-	Gwen
Wednesday	-	Christina Apple
Thursday	-	Mary Ashley
Friday	-	Dayna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Kim Gallon
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front		January 8th Winnie Ann
Right		Cathy Pole
Left		Catherine Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

Right		January 8th Mary Regina
Left		Mary Cat

Sunday

January 9 th		Sunday January 16th Rose Marie
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WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.

SIGNS

“PAIN” is a sign that... “YOU’RE ALIVE.”

“PROBLEM” is a sign that... “YOU’RE STRONG.”

“PRAYER” is a sign that... “YOU’RE NOT ALONE.”

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

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Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.