

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, January 8

1 JN 5:14-21 / JN 3:22-30

9:00 am **Hugh Marriott**

by Lisa Cangelosi

5:00 pm **Annie Egan**

by John & Katrina Prior

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IS 42:1-4, 6-7 / ACTS 10:34-38 / LK 3:15-16, 21-22

7:30 am **Intentions of Dcn. Ed Muller**

by Dcn. Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am **Fr. Godwin Enem**

by Parish Staff

11:00 am **Intentions of Caroline Mazzola** *by Parish Staff*

Monday, January 10

1 SM 1:1-8 / MK 1:14-20

8:30 am **Intentions of Ron Johnson**

by Ann Johnson

Tuesday, January 11

1 SM 1:9-20 / MK 1:21-28

8:30 am **In Memory of Justina Muller**

by Dcn. Ed & Mary Lou Muller

Wednesday, January 12

1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20 / MK 1:29-39

7:00 pm **Joan Toriello**

by Parish Staff

Thursday, January 13

1 SM 4:1-11 / MK 1:40-45

8:30 am **Healing and Blessings for Sylvia Bera**

by Parish Staff

Friday, January 14

1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A / MK 2:1-12

8:30 am **Marion Gross**

by Frances DeWitt

Saturday, January 15

1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / MK 2:13-17

8:30 am **For Healing and Blessings of Fr. Peter Oddo**

by C. Tirado

5:00 pm **Catherine Prior**

by John & Katrina Prior

Sunday, January 16

IS 62:1-5 / 1 COR 12:4-11 / JN 2:1-11

7:30 am **Hugh Marriott**

by Lisa Cangelosi

9:00 am **Faye Cabral**

by Parish Staff

11:00 am **Alfred Priscoe**

by Parish Staff

Please Remember To Pray For The Following:



Colleen Apter, Ted Cassera, Matt Chapkosky, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, John, Joe Curulli, Marie Curulli, Larry Domonkos, Emma Finnegan, Jason, Henry Kochanski,

Bruce Konar, Susanne Martone, Mike Maldonado, Deacon Ed Muller, Yvette Murphy, Fr. Peter Oddo, Madelyn Patton, Joseph and Rosemary Sciascia, George Shammas, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Constance Van Hoven

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for August Silbernagel



A GOOD STEWARD

Christmas	\$ 7,048.00
Online Giving	\$ 650.00
December 26	\$ 1,639.00
Online Giving	\$ 455.00

Solemnity of Mary and January 2nd collections will be posted in next week's bulletin.

*2nd collection this weekend is for Diocesan Assessment.

Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love:

Captain Jason Gieniewski, US Army.



Scripture Message January 9, 2022

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son.

Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water. — **St. Maximus of Turin**

10 Reasons the holy Name of Jesus is so powerful



This month we celebrate the name of our Savior. Go deeper in this devotion with these 10 points.

1: He was named by the Lord...

“You shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give,” says [Isaiah 62:2](#). And then, the Angel Gabriel, the messenger of the Lord, brought that name to his family: Jesus.

2: ...and He was named by Joseph

Jesus, in another sense, was named by a human being. Gabriel told Joseph Mary “will bear a son, and *you* shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

3: Was He also named Emmanuel?

It has puzzled people for centuries that Matthew writes: “All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.’”

Why is he named Jesus, then? St. Thomas Aquinas explains that since “Jesus” means “Salvation,” Emmanuel “designates the *cause* of salvation, which is the union of the Divine and human natures in the Person of the Son of God.” Aquinas adds that Isaiah 9:6 says: “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace” — the consequences of his role as savior.

4: His name is new.

Recall that Isaiah 62:2 says, “You shall be called by a new name.” But Jesus’ name is not new — it is “Joshua,” used often before and after Jesus. Aquinas explains: All those Joshua’s “were saviors in a particular and temporal sense. But in the sense of

spiritual and universal salvation, this name is proper to Christ, and thus it is called a ‘new’ name.”

Just as Eve means “mother of all the living,” Abraham means “a father of many nations,” and Peter means “rock,” “Jesus” sums up who the Lord is: Savior.

5: Hallowed be thy name, too.

The Jewish people have a high regard for the sacredness of names — especially God’s. The divine name was not even allowed to be pronounced. Jesus passed this tradition on to us, teaching us to pray to the Father, “Hallowed be thy name.” Since Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, his name is also holy. Says St. Paul, “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

...to be continued

St. Bernardine of Siena’s prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus



The saint had a great passion for the name of Jesus and used this prayer regularly.

One of the greatest promoters of devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was Franciscan priest, St. Bernardine of Siena. He went so far as to create a sign with the monogram IHS on it and carry it wherever he went.

He preached about reverence for the name of Jesus and the need to invoke Jesus’ name in all things.

Below is a brief prayer composed by St. Bernardine of Siena honoring the name of Jesus, placing oneself under his most watchful care.

*Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength!
You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick.
To you our devotion aspires; by you our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating you. O Name of Jesus, you are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.*

The Baptism of the Lord

“The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their heart whether John might be the Christ... After all the people were baptized and Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.’”



The scene is familiar, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, and the affirming voice of the Father. John hesitated, but Jesus insisted, showing His total identity with the people He came to save. Our baptism initiated our Christian journey, as we accepted our mission sharing with Jesus as priest, prophet and king. As we live our baptismal commission, can we hear the same affirming voice of the Father approving our lives and witness to Jesus Christ? Yes, we are beloved, is He pleased, or can we do more?

Picking names of Saints

Like we have done in the previous years, names of saints are available for you to pick. The goal is for you to be able to pray and have a particular saint intercede for you during the year. It would also give you the opportunity to find more information about that saint. PRAY before you pick any name. And please keep the one you pick. Do not try to change and look for another saint familiar to you. Whatever saint you pick, try to know more about the saint and pray to that saint to intercede for you, your family, your friends and so forth.

If I am distracted, Holy Communion helps me to become recollected. If opportunities are offered by each day to offend my God, I arm myself anew each day for the combat by the reception of the Eucharist. If I am in special need of light and prudence in order to discharge my burdensome duties, I draw nigh to my Savior and seek counsel and light from him."
—St. Thomas More

Offering Mass for the living and dead

Why not do something different this New Year? Instead of requesting Mass for the dead, you may also pray for the living. You may offer Mass for them as part of their birthday gift. Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of His Father.

1. It doesn't cost anything...but if you're able to give, an offering is appreciated: There is no price tag on the Mass, however, it is customary to give an offering when requesting a Mass for an intention. That said, money should never be the reason for deciding against this beautiful tradition. Simply make your request known and talk with a priest who will make sure that a Mass is able to be said.

2. A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living: Though we often think of having a Mass said for those who have passed away, Masses can be offered for those who are still alive. The Council of Trent says that Mass may be said "for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities." In other words, if you know someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, there is no need to delay in doing so.

3. You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration: Again, most people remember to have a Mass said for the death of a loved one and a few may think to have a Mass offered for a special intention for a friend who is suffering, but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration! Is there a better way to show our gratitude to God? Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!





Unrealistic expectations? Disarm them today with God's help. Seek what God can do for you not what others can do for you.

Today the Church celebrates the baptism of Jesus. Why did Jesus get baptized? He obviously was free of sin. Unlike all the others, he had nothing to repent. In fact, unlike other gospels, Matthew's gospel deals with this differently. There the Baptist objects when Jesus comes to be baptized, saying Jesus ought to be baptizing *him*. But Jesus tells John that it's "proper" for him to be baptized, and John does so. But why did he go through this ritual? Why did he do it? I think the reality is much simpler — and can lead us today to a deeper appreciation of the Incarnation. Of course, the mystery of incarnation shows just how much God wanted to enter our world — to be one of us, to live as one of us, to share in all we are, even to the point of being baptized with all the others. By submitting himself to Baptism our Lord wanted to be in solidarity with all of us.

On that very day, Jesus found his way to the banks of the Jordan River. There, in that often muddy, meandering trickle of a river, John dipped our Lord's body into waters rich in the history of Israel. And when that happened, the Gospel tells us a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

To set the stage for that event, Luke gospel gives us a tiny detail that piques my imagination this Sunday. Hear again the first sentence from today's lesson: "As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." "In a word, John disarms their expectations by pointing to the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus, not John, will be the One who brings God's Kingdom. Jesus, not John, will baptize them with the very presence of God – Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus, not John, is alone worthy of being the promised Messiah of God. Do you see it? The people were focused on John. They expected John to be God's anointed Messiah. But alas, John was the herald, the voice that prepared the way for Jesus and his holy work."

Expectations are slippery realities, aren't they? Someone more cynical than I might say, "Keep your expectations low. That way, you'll never be disappointed." I think not. I think such an attitude steals something very precious in our souls. It steals the God-given gift of standing on tip toes, of daring to see beyond the far horizon, of believing that the best is always within us and maybe even just beyond us. It is this expectations reality I want us to consider on this Sunday when, long ago, so many had their expectations refocused and re-imagined. "Something else is at work in these texts. From Luke's Gospel, we see a people who had placed their hope in one person, only to learn God was doing another work, in another place, through another person. When you think about it, the real hero in this story was John the Baptist. He was so comfortable in being the Messiah's herald, he could say with confidence that someone else was coming, whose life, whose ministry, whose very presence would be the presence of God in human flesh. Indeed, John is a humble and honest man and knows very well how to disarm expectation.

Expectations often break human relations and ruin people's peace and happiness. It is like dreaming and hoping for what is never destined to be. It would be worthwhile to review our expectations about any number of things in our lives. Take, for example, our expectations of those who are closest to us. Wives, ask yourself if you have placed unrealistic expectations on your husband. Husbands, have you been expecting more from your wife than she is physically or emotionally or even spiritually able to give? And what about our children? Psychologists tell us that children can feel the pressure of parents' expectations so profoundly, they simply miss the once-in-a-lifetime gift of being a child.

"Disarming expectations is an invitation God delivers to us on this Sunday when we remember again the baptism of the Lord. If the people of that day had it all wrong about John and what to expect from him, how are we missing the gift God would bring us? Perhaps we would revisit the expectations we have placed on each other and remember that in so many areas of our lives, only God can meet our deepest needs. Yes, our Lord Jesus Christ comes as the only One worthy of our life's full devotion." Disarming expectations is not a story trapped in the pages of Luke's Gospel. No, not at all! Dearest friends, by disarming our shallow and misplaced expectations, God summons us this Sunday to take our focus off of what others can do for us and, in their place, see what God comes in Christ to do within us.

-- Fr. Abuchi