

# Saint Kathryn Parish

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

10 January 2021

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we conclude the Christmas season, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a feast which connects us to the end of the other great celebratory season of Easter. Just as the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus in the Jordan, so will the Holy Spirit descend on the Church at the feast of Pentecost. Both Christ the Head and the members of Christ's body receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus to give witness to the invisible reality, that indeed, Jesus is God's only begotten Son. The Holy Spirit descends upon the Church at Pentecost not only to clothe the members of Christ's body with power from on high, but also to proclaim the invisible reality that the Church is Christ's body in the midst of the world and appointed by Christ to continue His work and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. In both instances, the Holy Spirit

announces an invisible mystery not seen by the human eye.

At our own baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon us, to confect an invisible mystery: our salvation, our incorporation into Christ, as members of His body the Church, and our transformation from sons of Adam to sons of God and coheirs with Christ to the Kingdom of Heaven. Indeed, each of us carries within us an unseen reality--the very image of Christ is imprinted upon our souls--so that whenever the Father looks upon us, He sees the very image of his only begotten Son. As St. Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, *"But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us...always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body"* (2 Cor. 4: 7, 10).

In honor of this feast, may we always give thanks to God for the grace of our own Baptism. May we never take for granted the grace of the new and eternal life, which we received at the waters of the font. May we always seek to be conscious that by our Baptism, we have become Christ-bearers in the world and that we are temples of the Most Holy Trinity. Might we take the time to research the day of our own Baptism and when that day arrives each year, may we celebrate it in some special way, honoring it, and giving thanks to God for making us his sons and daughters through His Son Jesus Christ. As I celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I offer my gratitude to the Lord for the grace of my own baptism, which made me an adopted son of God. I also give thanks to God for the priest, my great uncle, Fr. Leo Monette, who baptized me at St. Patrick Church in Nashua on September 2, 1973.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you who sent Christmas cards, greetings, gifts, baked goods, and of course chocolate! I was deeply moved and humbled by your many expressions of prayerful best wishes, thoughts, and prayers. That you would remember me in this season which is so busy meant so much to me and I cannot begin to thank you enough for your expressions of love and support. As I read each of your cards and personal notes, I realized how much it means to be thought of...and maybe this is so much more the case this year because of the increased social isolation that each of us is experiencing in one way or another due to the worldwide health crisis. Something as simple as a greeting card can make all the difference in the life of another person. To be thought of seems so simple and yet it is the greatest gift that can be given!

The whole of this Christmas season has been a celebration of just that--that each of us has been thought of--by God. God never ceases to think of us, and we are always in the mind and heart of God. This is why He sent His Son to us; this is why God became flesh, and the invisible became visible--to remind all of humanity that He has not forgotten us and that His love for us knows no bounds. In the words of St. Leo the Great (400-461), in his Christmas homily, we are reminded: *"Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men? Christian, remember your dignity. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom. Through the sacrament of baptism, you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit."*

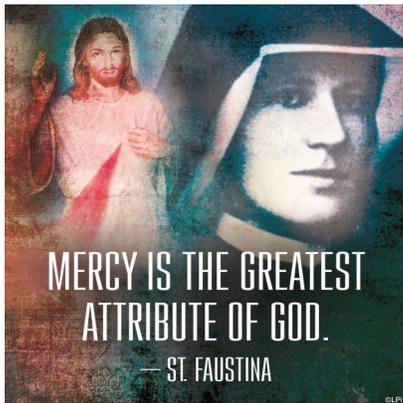
In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Michael



**VOCATIONS** "Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH** Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Bereavement - Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again," a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 - March 4) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/berereavement](http://www.cc-nh.org/berereavement). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

**SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS**



In advance of our upcoming 20% Fifth Anniversary sale we will try and mention new products and also other items we feel would help start the New Year off better. As always, we promote our books as much as we can. One of the newest and best

we have come across thus far is titled *Jesus Speaks to Faustina and You* by Susanne Tassone. Anyone who has ever read the Diary of Sr. Faustina knows what a huge undertaking that is. The paperback version of her famous book is about 700 pages long! Tassone's book is very manageable as it is printed to be a daily reflection guide. A quote from her book, a short explanation, and then a short prayer. She does this for every day of the year. If you're looking for something to get back into a "routine" of daily prayer and reflection this is it. Best guess is that this is going to end up being either our "Book of the Year" or at a minimum one of our top 5. The good thing is the publisher is local and we have access to copies on a pretty quick timeframe. We should have a half dozen copies in the store at any given time, but if by chance we don't they're only a day or so away. Start the New Year right!

**FORMED.ORG** Merry Christmas! We have renewed our parish subscription to [formed.org](http://formed.org). Why not take advantage of this great resource? Formed has a wealth of Bible studies, movies, and even children's activities. Read weekly meditations and listen to audio while you're traveling. You'll hear top speakers like Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Dr. Scott Hahn, and also many stories and videos written for children. Simply visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and use our parish code, 748649, to enter. Enjoy!

**BLOOD DRIVE** The Knights of Columbus Council #5162 will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, January 30th in the Church Hall. Donation hours will be 9 am to 2 pm. The Red Cross is taking special precautions during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the safety of donors and staff. Whole blood and "Power Red" (i.e. "double red") donors are accepted. Please sign up now on-line at: [www.rcblood.org/appt](http://www.rcblood.org/appt). Once registered, save time by using RapidPass® to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. Get started at: [www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass).

The need for blood is constant, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. Please volunteer.

**REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US**

Christmas Offertory:	
In Church:	\$ 4,931.00
Online:	\$ 3,110.00
Mail:	\$ 9,360.00
Total:	\$17,401.00
Offertory, December 26-27:	
In Church:	\$ 1,906.00
Online:	\$ 5,831.82
Mail:	\$ 1,000.00
Total:	\$ 8,737.82
Offertory, January 2-3:	
In Church:	\$ 3,135.00
Online:	\$ 9,421.82
Mail:	\$ 2,431.00
Total:	\$14,987.82
Christmas Flower Fund:	\$ 1,050.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 1,303.00

**COLORING CONTEST** Calling all children of the parish! As we have just celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, and in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, let's keep the spirit and the fun of the Christmas season going through the whole month of January with our annual coloring contest! Pick up your coloring page in the back of the church, at Religious Ed. Class, or on our website. There are two pages to choose from, one for grades 3 and under and one for grades 4-6. One



winner will be chosen from each grade 1-6, and another for ages 5 and under, and prize bags will be awarded! Please write your name, grade, and phone number on the back of your contest entry, so judges do not see names. Please have all entries in to your teacher or the office by January 31, 2021. All entries will be displayed in the Parish Hall, and the names of all winners will be announced in the bulletin!



Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire (formerly known as Anne-Marie House) has renovated and moved into the former Infant Jesus School in Nashua. In this new facility, they will be able to help more families than ever in their mission to "end homelessness one family at a time." We have a wish list from FPSNH. Are you able to donate any of the following items that they will need as families soon begin moving in? If so, please call them at the number below. Thank you!

- 20 Twin sheets (new)
- 20 Twin Blankets (new)
- 10 Full Sheets (new)
- 10 Full Blankets (new)
- 10 Crib sheets (new)
- 10 Crib blankets (new)
- 30 Pillows (new)
- 30 Towels (new)
- 10 Hand towels (new)
- 20 Wash cloths (new)
- 20 Padded Fabric Mattress Covers Twin (new)
- 10 Padded Fabric Mattress Covers Full (new)
- Glassware, Plates, and Bowls to support 10 families (approximately 35 individuals)
- Pots and Pans
- 10 toilet bowl brushes
- 10 toilet bowl plungers
- 20 Small trash barrels
- 10 Shower Curtains
- 10 Bathroom rugs
- 10 first aid kits
- 10 cleaning buckets
- 10 Brooms and dust pans
- 10 mops
- 10 individual bottles of multi purpose cleaner
- 60 rolls of paper towels
- 100 rolls of toilet paper

## PHONE FRIENDS and PEN PALS for SENIORS

Do you like talking on the phone?

Do you like getting letters?

It may not be easy these days to make new friends in person, but we can help you meet some new people through phone calls or letter exchanges!

United Way of Greater Nashua is working on a project to bring people together! If you'd like to receive calls or be paired up with a local pen pal, contact us at (603)438-2173 or [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org).

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[www.familypromisesnh.org](http://www.familypromisesnh.org)

## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving  
(Is 55:6-7)



### PSALM

You will draw water joyfully from the springs  
of salvation. (Is 12:3)



### SECOND READING

This is the one who came through  
water and blood,  
Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood.  
(1 Jn 5:6)



### GOSPEL

And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am  
well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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### SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

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Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org).

### OPEN FOR YOU!

We invite you to use our church, the transept chapel, or the Emmaus Chapel (in the office building) for personal prayer. Our sacred spaces are open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

**Welcome!** If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

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**January 10, 2021 – Week 7**