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Readings for January 17

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19.
1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20. John 1: 35-42.

JANUARY 10, 2021
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

As directed by the Province of Ontario, as well as Bishop Fabbro, beginning December 26, all Masses and parish activities are cancelled until further notice.

Bishop Fabbro's update can be found on the Diocesan website at www.dol.ca. Look under "Covid-19 Update from Bishop Fabbro - update #15".

Please remember that Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation up to and including Easter Sunday.



A MESSAGE, FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JIM HIGGINS



After much prayer and deliberation I have decided to step down from being Pastor of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. However, I am not retiring, but assuming a different position - that of being a Parochial

Vicar or Associate Pastor. I will be serving in the East Windsor Family of Parishes - which include the Parish of the Atonement, St. John Vianney, St. Vincent.

The announcement happens now so that the new pastor of the Family of Parishes can be announced for Chatham. The new pastor is Father John Jasica. He was ordained in 2001. This transfer will happen on July 1, 2021.



2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Before submitting 2021 donations to any of the parishes, you need to obtain your 2021 offertory envelope number. Please do not use your 2020 offertory envelope number as numbers have been reassigned for 2021. This would include donations sent thru the mail, dropped off to the office, e-transfers etc. that you want to include your offertory envelope number with your donation. Donations should also include donor's name and address.

To obtain your 2021 number, if you have not picked up your 2021 offertory envelopes yet, simply call the office at 519-352-9483 or 519-352-8530 or email lcadotte@dol.ca or bbutler@dol.ca.

Please note that at this time, we cannot hand out 2021 offertory envelopes at the office. Watch the bulletin as to when they can be picked up in the future.

DEACON'S PEN

The celebration of the Baptism of our Lord draws the Christmas season to a close. Jesus' baptism prepares Him for His public ministry and fulfills all righteousness (Matthew 3.15). As Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' (Mark 1.10-11). Likewise, our own Baptism began the lifelong process of preparing us for mission in the service of our Risen Lord!

Combined with the teaching in the faith that we received from our parents, grandparents, godparents, and Catholic teachers, and our regular (active) participation in the celebration of the Mass, our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith are to be ever strengthened and deepened, so that we are well prepared for a life of mission in the service of our Risen Lord.

Sadly, in so very many cases, this simply does not happen, or does not happen effectively, resulting in lukewarm Catholics who are in no way prepared for a life of mission in the service of our Risen Lord. This is indeed sad.

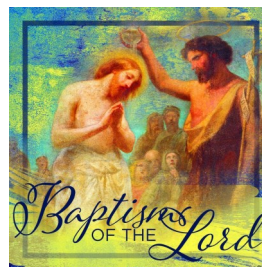
There is an especially important message in this week's Gospel that is all too easy to overlook - "I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1.8). The Holy Spirit is the key to the entire Christian Faith!! It is the Holy Spirit who motivates, animates, and informs the faithful!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that: "The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She [the Church] is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with [humankind]." (Article 747).

What, then, could possibly be more important than our relationship with the Holy Spirit, calling upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and support whenever we are about to undertake anything?

May our Risen Lord richly bless + you and all those you love!

Deacon Steve



THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART!

I have just experienced my first week since retiring and it will get some getting used to but I look forward to this new adventure. I want to thank all of you, the parishioners, for all the beautiful cards, gifts, visits and words of love and encouragement. I will certainly miss talking to you or visiting with you at the office but I do hope to see you at church when we are back up and running. I will still be helping Maureen at Masses. I know she will do a fine job helping and greeting you all at the office, just as she has been for years! She is a very organized, fun, hard working lady, and I will miss working daily with her (as well as all the staff and team). Please keep the faith, stay kind to each other, be patient, keep smiling, take care of yourselves, your families and stay safe. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers!

Michelle



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply – it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something – the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker – for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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We are taking every reasonable precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our churches and protect parishioners. Those who attend Mass or other services without a mask and without a valid exemption are violating municipal and provincial COVID-19 restrictions and putting fellow parishioners at risk.



Per Bishop Fabbro, starting January 1, 2021, if you have a medical exemption for wearing a mask, you will be required to bring to the pastor evidence from your physician, nurse practitioner, social worker, psychologist or occupational, respiratory or physical therapist attesting to your condition. Once you do so, you will be provided a document to bring to Mass each time. When you register for Mass, please let them know you have been granted an exemption, so that you can be seated in a designated area.

We will still ask that you wear a mask briefly to enter and exit and to receive Communion, unless your disability prevents you from doing so. Those who refuse to comply with this diocesan regulation will be asked to leave and will not be permitted to attend Mass until they agree to wear a mask.

We are aware that this new protocol does go beyond the requirements in most health unit orders and local by-laws, but they are required to protect the safety of our parishioners, parish teams and volunteers while on church property. Infections continue to increase in our communities and small sacrifices like wearing a mask can slow the transmission of the virus, and are a sign of our love for our neighbours and help prevent people from taking advantage of the exemptions for personal reasons.

Footnotes: Above information was taken from December 1, 2020 COVID-19 Update from Bishop Fabbro (Update #13) - found at www.dol.ca.

CHURCH CHUCKLE



“Bless us all.”

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes
Weekday Mass Intentions
for the week of January 11 - 16

Please note these Mass Intentions will be celebrated privately on the specified date by our priests.

Monday, Jan 11 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

Tuesday, Jan 12 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Barb Cowle ~ Claire Landry ~ Shirley Mailloux

Tuesday, Jan 12 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Margaret & Joe Warren ~ Antonio Branco
~ Intentions of St. Joseph & St. Ursula
St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, Jan 13 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ Evelyn Marentette ~ Henriette Parent

Wednesday, Jan 13- St. Joseph intentions
~ Increase in vocations
~ Intentions of Vasantha Madakam

Wednesday, Jan 13 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ Stanislaw Pajak (46th Ann.)

Thursday, Jan 14 - St. Agnes intentions
~ Intentions of John Boogaart & Yvonne Daudlin
~ Intentions of St. Agnes Soup Kitchen
~ Gerald Ouellette

Thursday, Jan 14 - St. Ursula intentions
~ Intentions of Diane Michaud Dixon & Family
~ Maria Concetta & Salvatore Moccia
~ Jocelyn McGlynn

Friday, Jan 15 - Blessed Sacrament intentions
~ Denis & Patricia Cazabon

Friday, Jan 15 - St. Joseph intentions
~ Cyril Van DeWynckel

Saturday, Jan 16 - Our Lady of Victory intentions
~ People of the parish

*To Everything there is a Season...
"a time to be healed..."*

Please pray for those from our parish family
who are currently sick.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially John Vercoouteren, Sylvio Lozon, Hank Dauphinais Jr., Margaret Yott, Delores Taylor, Kathleen Labadie, Willard Barnes, Gary Allin and Shirley Gilbert.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 11 Hebrews 1: 1-6. Mark 1: 14-20
Jan 12 Hebrews 2: 5-12. Mark 1: 21-28
Jan 13 Hebrews 2: 14-18. Mark 1: 29-39
Jan 14 Hebrews 3: 7-14. Mark 1: 40-45
Jan 15 Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11. Mark 2: 1-12
Jan 16 Hebrews 4: 12-16. Mark 2: 13-17



DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Please pray for: Rev. Josef Denys; Rev. Frances Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.; Ms. Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Michael Parent; Sister Mary Boere, C.S.J., Pastoral Minister; Rev. Jude Ogbenna, C.S.Sp.; Deacon Thomas MacLeod.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
All are welcome

Reading I Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
(the servant of the Lord)

Reading II Acts 10: 34-38
(Peter's discourse)

Gospel Mark 1: 7-11
(the baptism of Jesus)

Key Passage: Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Acts 10: 34-35)

Adult: To whom have you been guilty of showing partiality? What can you do to correct that?

Child: How can you help others feel part of your class's or group's names and activities?



HOW TO DONATE TO THE CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

As we are all forced to slow down in our current world, unfortunately some things continue along, such as our household bills and expenses. The same goes for our parishes as well, that operate mainly on donations received at Mass. If you normally donate with your offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are some other options—including a new, easy, online option.

E-TRANSFER

Using your online banking website or app, add the parish you wish to donate to using the parish email address:

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Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate your envelope number or your address and which fund you are donating to, such as Sunday Offertory, Easter, Building, Share Lent etc.

No password is needed as the parishes are set up for autodeposit.

CHEQUE

If you do not use online banking, you can mail a cheque to the office. Please make your cheque payable to the particular parish and on the memo line, indicate which fund you are donating to. Please mail it to:

St. Agnes Parish

52 Croydon St.

Chatham ON N7L 1L3

Attention: "Name of parish you are donating to"

PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)

If you wish to set up PAD, you won't have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass or be concerned that you can't donate because you can't attend Mass, such as our current situation.

There is a form available on the website (www.ccfp.dol.ca/how-to-donate or click Giving/How to Donate on the top menu). You can print off the form and fill it out and either scan the form and a void cheque and email it (using the email addresses above), or mail the form and void cheque to the office (using the address indicated above). Please note for this method, the form must be received before the 15th of the month in order to take effect the next month.



We have a new way to make your donations to the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes! Parishioners and visitors can make donations online using a computer, laptop, tablet or any mobile device, using your Visa and Mastercard (credit card, as well as Visa and Mastercard debit cards) for any type of donation. This includes both one-time donations and recurring donations. We have been working with a team of experts from Plently Inc. to develop this capability.

Getting Started Is Easy

•Using your **mobile device's camera**, scan the QR code (see codes below with the particular parish name you wish to donate to), and simply follow the instructions on the screen to make your donation. If you have an older Android smartphone, you may have to install a scanning app – newer androids and all iPhones will scan without the scanning app. You will quickly be directed to the web application.

OR

•On your **computer or electronic device**, go to Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes website: www.ccfp.dol.ca, then choose the **How to Donate** button on the home screen, or on the top menu, click **Giving/How to Donate**, and follow the instructions for the particular parish you wish to donate to.

You will have the option to choose where your donation will go, such as Regular Sunday Offertory, Christmas, Building etc. You can also add a comment. Any funds donated through Plently will be part of your annual tax receipt from the parish.

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