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12 noon & 6:15 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated)

Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

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Last week we celebrated Baptism of the Lord. In His own baptism, Jesus, reveals to us His true identity, that He is the Son of God and the Trinitarian God: the Father (voice from Heaven), the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit (the dove). With His baptism, Jesus also instituted the Sacrament of Baptism for us.

There are two effects of baptism: first, the original sins that all human persons carry and all the other sins the individual may have committed in their lifetime before baptism are wiped away. Second, the person who is baptized receives an indelible mark, making the person an adopted child of God the Father.

This indelible mark is the key to understanding this beautiful sacrament. As I said in last week's homily, the baptism that St. John proclaimed was baptism of repentance, the baptism of recognizing our sins and turning away from them. However, Jesus had no need for this baptism because He was sinless. However, Jesus adds another dimension to the baptism by St. John. By being baptized and revealing to the world that He is God the Son, He showed that those who are baptized in His baptism are now united to that reality of Jesus as the son of God. This is the indelible mark. In our baptism, we are united to the Sonship of Jesus Christ, and we are transformed into children of God. Like Jesus, we can now truly call God our Father! The fruit of this indelible mark is the wiping away of our sins. Since we are not just mere human creatures, but also beloved children of God like Jesus, who is sinless, we become sinless as well.

However, just because we are sinless, does not mean we are not capable of sinning. We are still able to sin, and we do still sin. But that is not who we are. It goes against our nature to sin. If humanity was meant to sin, then sinning would not be a problem. However, as beloved children of God, it is unnatural and distorted to sin. How do we reconcile these two realities of being beloved children of God and still being capable of sinning?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, is the remedy that God give us. Growing up, I really did not like going to confession, because it always made me recognize how "bad" I was. However, over time, I realized confession is not about saying how bad I am, but saying how much better I want to be. It is accepting the identity given to us at our baptisms and telling God that "I want to live my life as your beloved child." In return God the Father does not call us to focus on the sins we committed, but reminds us that, no matter what we think of ourselves, no matter the sins, we will remain His beloved children, and nothing will change that.

Adrienne Von Speyer, one of my favorite authors and a mystic, wrote in her book *Confession* that we approach Confession just like Jesus Christ approaches the Father. He is utterly open, vulnerable, revealing everything, and offering everything He has to the Father. In Confession, we approach the Father as His Son as did. We are utterly open, vulnerable, revealing everything, and offering everything, even our sins, to the Father. And He will say to us "You are my beloved children, with you I am well pleased."

Pax Vobis,

Father Jae



NEWS AND EVENTS

On Monday, January 18, in honor of Martin Luther King, there will be one Mass only at 9:00 am. The Parish Center will be closed.

The Giving Tree: A very special thank you to all who donated so many amazing gifts this year! Many children from the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat, the New Bridge Medical Center, and the Perpetual Help Day Nursery experienced the true joy of Christmas through your generosity and good will in this season of rejoicing!

Stewardship Reflection for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING
January 10 will be announced in the upcoming bulletin.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm John & Ruth Doherty

Sunday, January 17

7:30 am Rita Laubersheimer
9:00 am Scott Edward Mault
10:30 am People of the Parish
12 noon Catherine Discenza
6:15 pm Thomas Caruso

Monday, January 18

9:00 am Gerard Rigante

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 am Carol Zilliox
9:00 am Marco Mastrogiovanni

Wednesday, January 20

7:00 am Kenny Sullivan
9:00 am Wladyslawa Cwikla

Thursday, January 21

7:00 am Lillian Granatell
9:00 am Alfred F. Mautone

Friday, January 22

7:00 am Peggy Lamme
9:00 am Erin LaSapada

Saturday, January 23

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Michael J. Novack III,
1st anniversary

Sunday, January 24

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am John J. Cannizzo
10:30 am Louanne Cosenza
12 noon Barbara Daly
6:15 pm Emilio, Estrella,
Ellery Horrilleno

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Baby Bottle Boomerang for Right to Life Causes

The annual Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Boomerang, which is raising funds for Birthright in Maywood and the Bergen County RTL Chapter, is taking a different form this year. No bottles will be distributed, but the Knights will have collection receptacles for your donations in the Narthex after all Masses on the weekend of January 23/24. Checks may be made out to the St. Elizabeth K of C. Contributions may also be made online on the council website - www.kofc13678.org. Thank you in advance for your support.



BISHOP BARRON SERIES
THE SACRAMENTS

Video series and open discussion with Deacon Andy
January 20 – February 24th
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Saint Elizabeth School: Come join the St. Elizabeth Family. We are accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year for students in grades PreK3 to Grade 8. Please call 201-891-1481 or email [klewis@sainte-school.org](mailto:kewis@sainte-school.org) to set up an appointment to come and tour our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Join us for our Open House on 1/31/21 by appointment now.

***"To everything there is a season and a time for
every purpose under heaven."***

*Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks.
Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.*

Healing prayers for: Sean Conyngham, Betty Russell, Frances Calautti

Recently deceased: Joseph Conklin

Memorials for the week of January 17

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Michael Novack III, 1st Anniversary
donated by the Franancia family

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Joseph Rigoli
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Sanctuary Light: In memory of Alfred Cipolletti, 11th Anniversary
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GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:35-42



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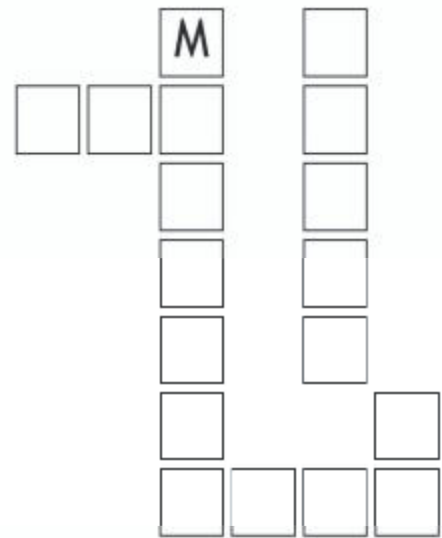
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



MISSION

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

Sharing the Gospel

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about Jesus' love.

Mission for the Week

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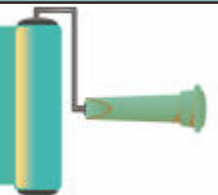
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