



† *The Baptism of the Lord* †

† *January 9, 2022* †



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Weekend Masses

Saturday ----- 5:00 pm *(in English)*

Sunday ----- 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am *(in English)*
1:00 pm *(in Spanish)*

Holy Day Eve (Vigil) ----- 7:00 pm

Holy Day 6:30, 8:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm *(in English)*

Daily Masses ----- 6:30 & 8:00 am

Note: September to June the schedule changes as follows:

Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 am / First Friday, 6:30, 8:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions

Saturday ----- 3:30 - 4:30 pm in English & Spanish

Religious Formation - Grades: K-8

Mondays: 4:00 - 5:15 pm / 6:15-7:30 pm

Wednesdays: 4:00 - 5:15 pm / 6:15 - 7:30 pm

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† Liturgy and Prayer This Week †



Parish Mission

*Immaculate Conception is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. We seek to live the gospel as faithful **Disciples** of Jesus Christ. As **Stewards** of our God given gifts we proclaim the good news of salvation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are commissioned as **Apostles** to transform all things in Christ.*



† Mass Intentions †

NOTE: Due to the changing conditions with COVID regulations and celebrating school Mass times, Friday Masses are subject to change. Please check the website for updates regarding Mass schedules and also for Masses of Holy Days of Obligation.
Please note all weekday and weekend livestream Mass times remain in effect (except for 5PM Mass).

Monday, January 10, First Week in Ordinary Time

6:30AM MILTON JANUSE
8:00AM SALVATORE PULEO

Tuesday, January 11

6:30AM BILL STAPLES
8:00AM DAVID CONSTANTINE

Wednesday, January 12

6:30AM MARY DUDEK
8:00AM PETER ALLENA

Thursday, January 13, St. Hilary

6:30AM SISTER JOSEPH MARIAN
8:00AM PETER ALLENA

Friday, January 14

6:30AM INTENTIONS OF MARY MAHONEY
8:30AM BOBBY BRUNGARD

Saturday, January 15

6:30AM INTS. OF MR. & MRS. GRANDE-
ESPINOZA
8:00AM LOURDES LAMBINO

Sunday, January 16, The Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:30AM JEANNE HOPKINS
9:00AM FRED & ELEANOR HANN
11:00AM JEANNE HOPKINS
1:00PM RADHAMES PEREZ



Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated in *English* on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11AM. Baptisms in *Spanish* are on the 1st and

3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00AM. To register for the baptism of a child, call 725-1112 Ext. 1117 and speak with Joselynn Toro-Santiago. **Currently, please use FORMED.org and use Parishioner code e3312 for Pre-Baptism class resources because of the pandemic situation. (Classes will resume TBD.)**



† Scripture Readings For This Week †

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Today's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

January 10: 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mk 1:14-20

January 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20 Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

January 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

January 13: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

January 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

January 15: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

January 16: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11



† Daily Masses †

MONDAY-SATURDAY 6:30AM

MONDAY-THURSDAY AND SATURDAY 8AM

FRIDAY 8:30AM

THE 8AM MASSES AND THE 8:30AM MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED. NOW THAT SCHOOL HAS BEGUN, THE FRIDAY MASSES HAVE RESUMED TO 8:30AM. ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE TEMPORARILY IN THE MAIN CHURCH DUE TO FLOOD DAMAGE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL.

THE MASSES ARE ALSO LIVESTREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.IMMACULATECONCEPTION.ORG

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL CONTINUE ON TUESDAYS FROM 8:30AM TO 3PM & FRIDAYS FROM 9AM TO 3PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH. CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAYS FROM 3:30-4:30PM.

OUR REGULAR WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES ARE: SATURDAYS AT 5PM AND SUNDAYS AT 7:30AM, 9AM AND 11AM IN ENGLISH AND 1PM IN SPANISH. (THE 9AM AND 1PM ARE LIVESTREAMED).



† Stewardship, A Way of Life. Tithing, God's Plan For Giving.†

Parish Financial Activity*

	2021	2020
For the period of December 22-29		
<u>Money In</u>		
In Pew & Mail In Collections	\$ 7,914	\$ 10,280
Christmas Offering	38,552	35,118
Gifts and Donations	1,168	2,100
Other income/adjustments	1,979	285
Sub Total	\$ 49,613	\$ 47,783
<u>Less Money Out</u>		
Office Expenses	414	3,460
National Appeal Collections Sent to Diocese	-	10,562
Donation to Needy Family	875	-
Purchase of Water Pump	449	-
Sub Total	\$ 1,738	\$ 14,022
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 47,875	\$ 33,761

*Cash basis of accounting



The Baptism of the Lord

January 9th

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Sunday Mass Worship Guides

Sunday mass worship guides will now be available for you to download and view on your mobile phone or tablet. Simply scan the QR Code below or a PDF version is also available for you to download and print from our website. The worship guide contains the Sunday readings, hymns and responses.



• Open the QR Code reader on your phone. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone automatically scans the code. Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended destination.



† From Our Pastor's Desk †



The Solemnity of the Epiphany

Early Christian art often depicts the cave of the Nativity in a similar way to the cave of Hades – the entrance to hell. This similarity is not accidental. The cave of Bethlehem is *meant to resemble the entrance to hell for a reason: Christ enters a world where sin and death reign. Christ coming is an immediate challenge to the darkness of sin, death, and hell.*

The word “epiphany” means “revelation”, or “manifestation”. God Himself is being revealed or made manifest - suddenly and unexpectedly - to those who search for Him. The magi come, representing every man, woman, and child who look for a way out of the darkness; who are

seeking truth, beauty, goodness, and the revelation of God. That search ultimately leads to the encounter with Christ, who is all these things and more. The great joy of Christmas is that the child born in the cave is indeed the Light of the world and the darkness cannot overcome Him. Every revelation of Christ is victory over sin and death. Every revelation of Christ robs the darkness of its power.

Let me suggest that this feast asks two things from us: like the Magi, to be “intentional” in following Christ; to be *intentionally, not accidentally, Catholic, and to come bringing a gift.*

The Magi deliberately set out on a journey to find Christ. We, too, must deliberately, intentionally take up the same journey of discipleship, not Catholics by chance but by choice. One author observed that Jesus has many “fans”, but not enough “followers”. I agree. Let’s be men and women whose lives are constantly open to the encounter with Christ and who put His teaching into practice.

But what gift should we bring? Do we bring our good deeds or personal successes, our resolutions and resolves? No. This type of gift would be a boast before the Lord because they are full of ourselves and lack humility. We must bring to Him our lowest point, our brokenness, our fears and moral failures, our sin. Let’s not forget Who this Child is! He is the Father’s mercy made flesh who comes to seek out and save what is lost. Divine mercy, like water, seeks the lowest point in each human heart. What is yours? What is mine? This is what He seeks from us so that we too may know the saving power of God.

What’s in the cave of our darkness? God, God Himself is in the darkness. As Benedict XVI once said, “*God has set out towards us. Left to ourselves we could not reach him. The path is too much for our strength. But God...comes towards us. He has traveled the longer part of the journey. Now he invites us: ‘Come and see how much I love you. Come and see that I am here’.*”

This is what the epiphany celebrates and the mystery that gives us hope. God has come to us. Light shines in our darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it!

Fr. Joseph A. Jelenc



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Christmas Thanks

Once again, I am deeply grateful for your kind remembrances of the parish priests this Christmas. This year we were inundated with your thoughtful cards and well-wishes as well as gifts of various kinds including lots of home-made baked goods. Thank you! Your kind remembrances of us mean more than you know!

I am also grateful for the efforts of so many who made the celebration of the Lord's Nativity so prayerful and beautiful this year. A special word of gratitude is owed to *Gary Gavula*, our music director, and to the members of our parish choirs, instrumentalists, and cantors for the long hours of planning and rehearsal that lent such beauty to and ennobled the celebration of the Liturgy. I am also grateful to our liturgical ministers, altar servers, and ushers for ensuring that each Mass was served well. Thank you.

I must say that I was encouraged by the Christmas and Sunday Mass attendance this year. Last Christmas was my first in the parish and was a difficult one with very few people registering to attend Mass because of the Covid restrictions in place. It was good to see so many people at Mass this year. It felt like another step back to normalcy. Thank you.

An Update of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Repair

As I reported to you, the church, schools, and rectory suffered significant damage following the floods caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Our total insurance claim came in at approximately \$350,000. Unfortunately, some of the repair work was slowed down because of problems in the supply chain, lack of workers, and a few unresolved issues with our insurance company about covered repairs.

To date, the damage to the electrical room at the high school and the elementary school cafeteria and several classrooms adjacent to it, has been repaired. Further, the damage to the newly installed athletic field at the high school has also been repaired. The remediation and repair work still pending is in the church basement, the daily Mass chapel, and the rectory basement. It is my hope that the repair to the chapel will begin in the next few weeks once the materials come in and the remediation work is completed. As we move closer to targeting a date when the repairs will begin, I will inform you. Thank you for your patience with us through this whole process.

Fr. Joseph G. Jelenc



† Adult Faith Formation †



MARK

FAITH NOT FEAR

Lectio Mark bible study

Lectio: Mark: Faith Not Fear. Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of

the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark. This bible study will be at 7:15pm on Monday nights beginning January 24th. In person (ICS Music room or St. Anne's Parish Center TBD) with a virtual zoom option.

Upcoming Bible Studies

More Bible Studies to participate in: ***The Case for Jesus***-Formed by Dr. Brandt Pitre, Sunday Morning starting Feb. 6 at 10:00 am and Wednesday afternoon starting Feb. 2 at 3:30 pm at Immaculata Room 122; *Hebrews*; *Scripture Study* by Ascension Press, Wednesday evening starting Feb. 2 at 7:00 pm at Immaculata Room 122; *Faith, Science, Reason and Sin* -course on Word on Fire plus additional readings and more! 12 weeks starting Sunday evening on Feb. 20 from 7-9 pm at Immaculata Room 122; *Book Study-"Mere Christianity"* on Thursday evenings starting Feb. 3 from 7-9pm at Immaculata Room 122. Full descriptions of each study to follow.



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**Our next Food Collection is
Jan. 15th & Jan. 16th**



Stewardship



**Our next Penny Collection is
Feb. 5th and Feb. 6th**



† **Children's Faith Formation** †



Confirmation Date Set

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MDA will preside at the celebration of Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish on March 23, 2022 at 4:30PM.

**URGENT: CATECHIST NEEDED for
Monday Afternoon 4PM – 5:15PM
Grade 5**

Please prayerfully consider serving as a catechist in our parish. No previous experience needed. You need only a love and knowledge of your faith and desire to serve. Please contact Karen A. Bohler, Director of Children's Faith Formation at 908-725-1112 Ext. 1119 or kbohler@icsomerville.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is at the 11AM Mass.

Children in grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 are welcome to join. Children will be called forward to listen to God's Word after the opening prayer at the beginning of Mass to hear the readings and special homily at their own level. The children will return to the congregation during the Offertory.

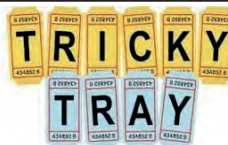
Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on every Sunday during the month of January except 1/30/22.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are a person who has never been baptized, or was baptized in another religion, and have a desire to become Catholic, please consider joining RCIA classes. Also, if you are a baptized Catholic adult who has not made your First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you can also be involved in RCIA. The entire process is focused on "conversion" and having the desire to journey as a fully active Catholic. If interested, please call the Parish Center at 908-725-1112.



† **Immaculate Conception
School** †



TRICKY TRAY 2022

We know that many are wondering if we will be holding our Annual Tricky Tray this year, as it has become a great tradition within our ICS community and beyond. To that end, I am pleased to announce that we will indeed be holding a Tricky Tray event in the coming months.

However, during these times of a pandemic we will, once again, have to make adjustments to keep this event as safe as possible for all of our attendees. Similar to the format last year, we will host a three day ticket drop event with a virtual ticket drawing on the last night. What will not change however, is the quality of our amazing baskets. In keeping with our long standing tradition of excellence, this will be the *Ultimate Basket Raffle* event.

In the spirit of keeping with tradition, we will be asking you, our supportive ICS families, to help us make this event the tremendous success that it has always been. Your donations of baskets, Scrip cards, class basket contributions, and of course your time, are the backbone of this event and we hope that we can count on your generous spirit of giving and support once again.

*Our 2022 Tricky Tray Dates are as follows:
In-Person Ticket Drop: February 23-25th. Virtual Ticket Pulling: February 25th at 7pm. More event details to follow soon.*



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Rosary

The Rosary which is usually recited every Monday at 2:00PM in the Chapel has been postponed. The Rosary For Life is the first Saturday of the month at 8:30AM in the Church. All are welcome.

Novena and Evening Prayer

This service takes place every Monday in the Church, beginning with the Rosary at 7:00PM, followed by the Perpetual Novena Devotion in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Evening Prayer at 7:30PM.

Adoration & Exposition

Tues. 8:30am-3pm; Fri. 9am-3pm.—Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Chapel. Temporarily postponed due to chapel floor damage.



† Pro Life Corner †

Sunday, Jan. 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is a day to consider the importance and great gift we have in the Sacrament of Baptism. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at Mass in 2007 baptized a number of children on this Feast day and said in part in his homily that every child is a gift from God, "a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment. The Christmas Season, which ends precisely today, has made us contemplate the Child Jesus in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, lovingly tended by Mary and Joseph. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God, who today, with Baptism, makes them His children. The Rite of Baptism of these children is taking place on the day in which we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, an event which, as I said, brings the Christmas Season to a close. So far, we have heard the account of the Evangelist Luke, who presents Jesus who remained hidden in the crowd while He went to John the Baptist to be baptized. Jesus had also been baptized, and, St Luke tells us, 'was praying' (3: 21). Jesus speaks with his Father. And we may be certain that He did not only speak for Himself but also of us and for us; He also spoke of me, of each one of us and for each one of us. And then the Evangelist tells us that above the Lord in prayer, Heaven was opened. Jesus entered into contact with the Father, Heaven opened above Him. At this moment we can think that Heaven has also opened here, above these children of ours who, through the Sacrament of Baptism, come into contact with Jesus. Heaven opens above us in the Sacrament. The more we live in contact with Jesus in the reality of our Baptism, the more Heaven will open above us. And from Heaven - let us return to the Gospel - that day a voice came which said to Jesus: 'You are my beloved Son' (Lk 3: 22). In Baptism, the Heavenly Father also repeats these words for each one of these infants. He says: 'You are my child'. Baptism is adoption and admission into God's family, into communion with the Most Holy Trinity, into communion with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. For this very reason, Baptism should be administered in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity. These words are not merely a formula; they are reality. They mark the moment when your children are reborn as children of God. From being the children of human parents, they also become the children of God in the Son of the living God. ... In Jesus Christ we see that God comes to meet us. In Christian Baptism, instituted by Christ, we do not only act with the desire to be cleansed through the prayer to obtain forgiveness. In Baptism God Himself acts, Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit. In Christian Baptism the fire of the Holy Spirit is present. God acts, not only us. God is present here today. He takes on your children and makes them His own. ... Let us entrust these children and their families to the Virgin Mother of Jesus, Our Saviour, presented in today's liturgy as the beloved Son of God: may Mary watch over them and accompany them always, so that they can fully carry out the project of salvation which God has for each one. Amen." One of the many tragedies of abortion is that the child is denied the opportunity to be baptized. Please pray and work for an end to abortion so that all children will be allowed to be born and brought to Baptism.

Submitted by Kevin Dugan



Prayer Requests for our Parish Sick:



Juan Esteban Alvarez Mesa

Dorothy Bidley

Joe Cusick

Bill Farrell

Anna Greco

Donald Grimm

Mary Januse

Cathleen Johnston

Thomas Knapp

Beth Norris

Bill Norris

Marianne Piazza

Richard Sacco

Kevin Stowe, Jr.

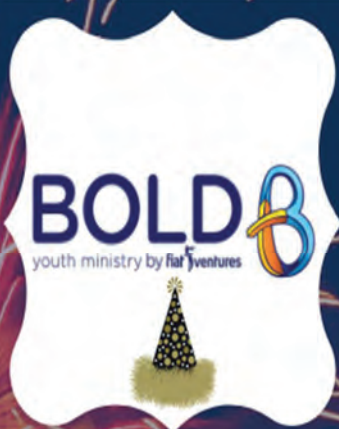
Shen Tong

Gayle Troia

If you would like someone added to the sick list, please stop by the Parish Center to fill out a form or call us at 908-725-1112. NOTE: After 2 months names are automatically removed. Please contact the Parish Center if you would like to have someone removed added back on. A new form must be filled out every 2 months.



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HAPPY New Year

BOLD starting in the New Year at Immaculate Conception...
BOLD empezando en el año nuevo en Inmaculada Concepción...

An opportunity to lead
Oportunidades de liderazgo

Indescribable friendships made
Amistades indescriptible creados

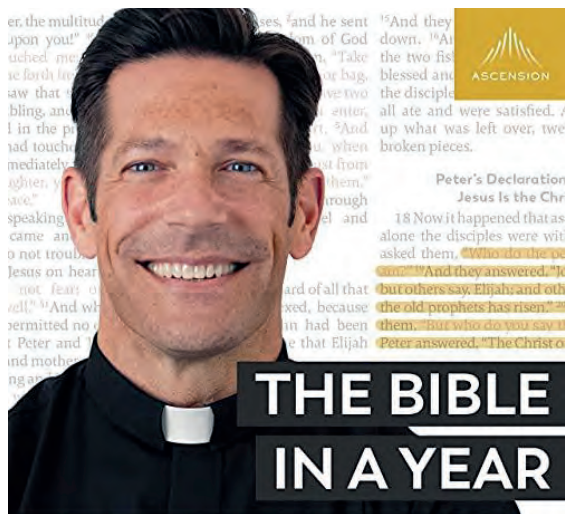
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★ **BOLD = Becoming Our Lord's Disciples** ★
BOLD = Llegar a ser discípulos de nuestro Señor



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WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ, FEATURING JEFF CAVINS

Have you ever made a New Year's resolution to read the entire Bible?

Ascension Press has made that an achievable goal, through the **"Bible in a Year"** podcast.

In segments of 20 to 30 minutes, *Fr. Mike Schmitz* reads through the Bible chapter by chapter, using the Great Adventure Bible Timeline developed by Biblical scholar *Jeff Cavins* to put the books of Scripture into the context of salvation history. Each podcast also contains a daily prayer and commentary from Fr. Mike to aid in helping listeners understand the meaning of Scripture.

For 2022, "Bible in a Year" is a free podcast, available on iTunes, Spotify, Hallow and other podcasting apps. It's also available in video format on YouTube where you can read along. To learn more and to download the accompanying (free) reading plan, please visit www.ascensionpress.com.



† Diocese of Metuchen †



New Year's Resolution



For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4 – 6.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Catholic School 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Synod 2023 - Eucharistic Forty Hours and Listening Sessions

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

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Gospel Today

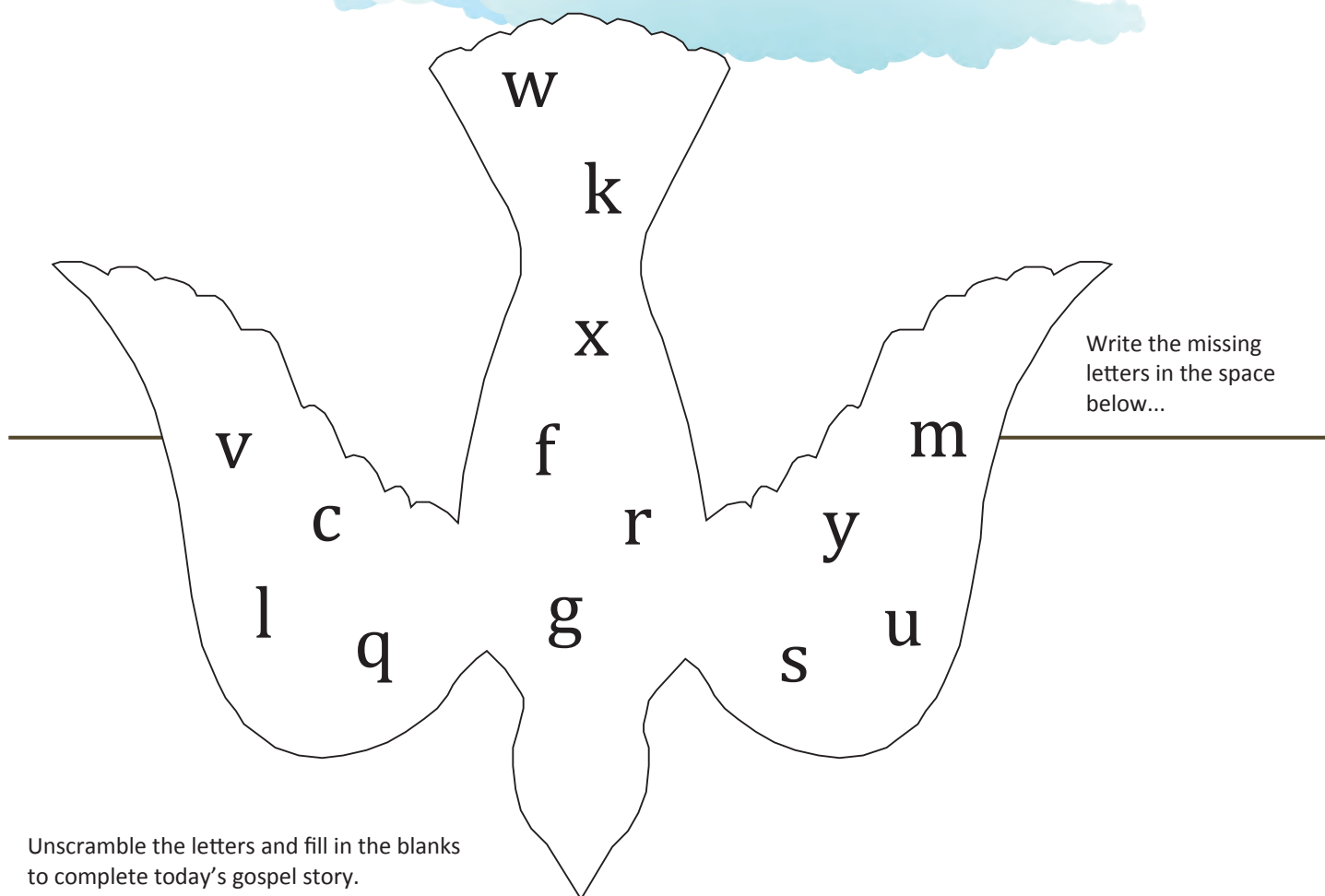
The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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*And a voice came from Heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

_____ many
people, including Jesus.

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?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS





† Parish Directory †



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El Bautismo del Señor

9 de Enero del 2022



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"El pueblo estaba a la expectativa y todos se preguntaban si Juan no sería el Mesías... Todo el pueblo se hacía bautizar, y también fue bautizado Jesús. Y mientras estaba orando, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él en forma corporal, como una paloma. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo: 'Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puesta toda mi predilección.'"

La escena es familiar, el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús, y la voz aseverativa del Padre. Juan titubeó, pero Jesús insistió, mostrando Su total identidad con la gente que vino a salvar. Nuestro bautismo inició nuestra jornada cristiana, al aceptar nuestra misión compartiendo con Jesús como sacerdote, profeta y rey. Mientras vivimos nuestro cometido bautismal, ¿podemos escuchar la misma voz afirmativa del Padre, aprobando nuestras vidas y siendo testigos de Jesucristo? Sí, somos amados. ¿Está El complacido, o podemos hacer más?

Intención de la Santa Misa
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Por el 6^{to} aniversario de fallecido
de Yesith Murillo

Lecturas del Domingo

Primera Lectura: Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaías cuenta del Siervo del Señor, quién será discreto, pero quien no descansará hasta que la justicia sea establecida. El Señor luego dice a su Siervo que fué formado para ser "una luz para las naciones".

Segunda Lectura: Hechos 10:34-38

Pedro habla a un grupo de paganos por primera vez. Les explica que cualquier persona que sigue a Dios es aceptable a El, sin importar su nacionalidad.

Evangelio: San Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

Juan el Bautista asegura que uno llegará, quien es más poderoso que él mismo, uno que bautizará con el Espíritu Santo en vez de agua. Cuando Jesús vino a ver a Juan y fué bautizado, el Espíritu descendió en El y una voz dijo: "Tú eres mi hijo amado a quien he elegido".

Lecturas del Día

Domingo

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lunes

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Martes

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Miércoles

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Jueves

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

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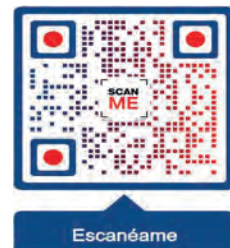
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Sábado

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

† Guías de Adoración de la Misa Dominical †

Las guías de adoración de la misa dominical ahora estarán disponibles para que las descargue y las vea en su teléfono móvil o tableta. Simplemente escanee el código QR a continuación o la versión PDF también está disponible para descargar e imprimir desde nuestro sitio web. La guía de adoración contiene las lecturas, himnos y respuestas dominicales.



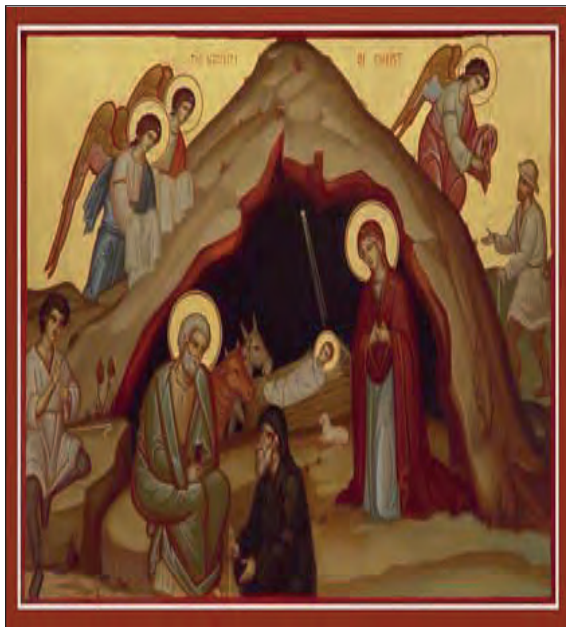
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La Solemnidad de la Epifanía



El arte paleocristiano a menudo representa la cueva de la Natividad de manera similar a la cueva del Hades: la entrada al infierno. Esta similitud no es accidental. La cueva de Belén está destinada a parecerse a la entrada al infierno por una razón: Cristo entra en un mundo donde reinan el pecado y la muerte. La venida de Cristo es un desafío inmediato a las tinieblas del pecado, la muerte y el infierno.

La palabra "epifanía" significa "revelación" o "manifestación". Dios mismo está siendo revelado o manifestado, repentina e inesperadamente, a quienes lo buscan. Vienen los magos, representando a todos los hombres, mujeres y niños que buscan una salida de la oscuridad; que buscan la verdad, la belleza, la bondad y la revelación de Dios. Esa búsqueda conduce finalmente al encuentro con Cristo, que es todas estas cosas y más. La gran alegría de la Navidad es que el niño nacido en la cueva es de hecho la Luz del mundo y las tinieblas no pueden vencerlo. Cada revelación de Cristo es la victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte. Cada revelación de Cristo despoja a las tinieblas de su poder.

Permítanme sugerir que esta fiesta nos pide dos cosas: como los Magos, ser "intencionales" en el seguimiento de Cristo; ser católico intencionalmente, no accidentalmente, y venir trayendo un regalo.

Los magos emprendieron deliberadamente un viaje para encontrar a Cristo. Nosotros también debemos emprender deliberada e intencionalmente el mismo camino de discipulado, no los católicos por casualidad, sino por elección. Un autor observó que Jesús tiene muchos "admiradores", pero no suficientes "seguidores". Estoy de acuerdo. Seamos hombres y mujeres cuyas vidas estén constantemente abiertas al encuentro con Cristo y que pongan en práctica su enseñanza.

Pero, ¿qué regalo debemos traer? ¿Traemos nuestras buenas obras o éxitos personales, nuestras resoluciones y resoluciones? No. Este tipo de obsequio sería una jactancia ante el Señor porque estamos llenos de nosotros mismos y carecen de humildad. Debemos llevarle nuestro punto más bajo, nuestro quebrantamiento, nuestros miedos y fracasos morales, nuestro pecado. ¡No olvidemos quién es este niño! Él es la misericordia del Padre hecho carne que viene a buscar y salvar lo perdido. La misericordia divina, como el agua, busca el punto más bajo en cada corazón humano. ¿Lo que es tuyo? ¿Que es mío? Esto es lo que busca de nosotros para que también nosotros conozcamos el poder salvador de Dios.

¿Qué hay en la cueva de nuestra oscuridad? Dios, Dios mismo está en las tinieblas. Como dijo una vez Benedicto XVI, "Dios se ha puesto en camino hacia nosotros. Dejándonos solos, no pudimos llegar a él. El camino es demasiado para nuestras fuerzas. Pero Dios ... viene hacia nosotros. Ha recorrido la parte más larga del viaje. Ahora nos invita: "Ven y mira cuánto te quiero. Ven y mira que estoy aquí".

Esto es lo que celebra la epifanía y el misterio que nos da esperanza. Dios ha venido a nosotros. ¡La luz brilla en nuestra oscuridad y la oscuridad no puede vencerla!

Joseph A. Gilano



† Departe del Pastor †



Gracias

Una vez más, estoy profundamente agradecido de cada uno de ustedes por todas las muestras de cariño hacia nosotros los párrocos en esta Navidad. Este año nos inundaron sus amables tarjetas y buenos deseos, así como obsequios de varios tipos, incluidos muchos productos horneados caseros. ¡Gracias! ¡Tus amables recuerdos de nosotros significan más de lo que crees!

También estoy agradecido por los esfuerzos de tantos que hicieron que la celebración de la Natividad del Señor fuera tan llena de oración y hermosa este año. Un agradecimiento especial se debe a Gary Gavula, nuestro director musical, y a los miembros de nuestros coros parroquiales, instrumentistas y cantores por las largas horas de planificación y ensayo que prestaron tanta belleza y ennoblecieron la celebración de la liturgia. También estoy agradecido con nuestros ministros litúrgicos, monaguillos y ujieres por asegurarse de que cada misa se sirviera bien. Gracias.

Debo decir que este año me animó la asistencia a la misa de Navidad y los domingos. La Navidad pasada fue la primera en la parroquia y fue difícil, ya que muy pocas personas se registraron para asistir a la misa debido a las restricciones vigentes de Covid. Fue bueno ver a tanta gente en la Misa este año. Se sintió como otro paso hacia la normalidad. Gracias.

Actualización de la reparación de la capilla del Santísimo Sacramento

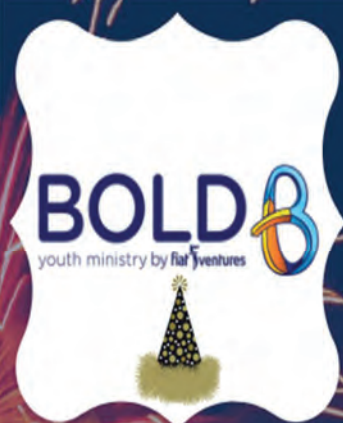
Como les informé, la iglesia, las escuelas y la rectoría sufrieron daños importantes tras las inundaciones causadas por los restos del huracán Ida. Nuestro reclamo de seguro total fue de aproximadamente \$ 350,000. Desafortunadamente, parte del trabajo de reparación se retrasó debido a problemas en la cadena de suministro, falta de trabajadores y algunos problemas sin resolver con nuestra compañía de seguros sobre las reparaciones cubiertas.

Hasta la fecha, se ha reparado el daño a la sala de electricidad en la escuela secundaria y la cafetería de la escuela primaria y varios salones de clases adyacentes. Además, también se ha reparado el daño al campo atlético recién instalado en la escuela secundaria. Los trabajos de remediación y reparación aún pendientes se encuentran en el sótano de la iglesia, la capilla de la misa diaria y el sótano de la rectoría. Tengo la esperanza de que la reparación de la capilla comience en las próximas semanas una vez que lleguen los materiales y se complete el trabajo de remediación. A medida que nos acerquemos a fijar una fecha en la que comenzarán las reparaciones, les informaré. Gracias por su paciencia con nosotros durante todo este proceso.

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NOTA: Después de 2 meses, los nombres se eliminan automáticamente de la lista. Por favor comuníquese con el Centro Parroquial si desea que alguien sea eliminado o agregado nuevamente. Se debe completar un nuevo formulario cada 2 meses.



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URGENTE:

SE NECESITA CATEQUISTA para el lunes por la tarde de 4:00 p. M. A 5:15 p. M. Grado 5. Por favor considere en oración servir como catequista en nuestra parroquia. No se necesita experiencia previa. Solo necesitas amor y conocimiento de tu fe y deseo de servir. Comuníquese con Karen A. Bohler, Directora de Formación de Fe para Niños al 908-725-1112 Ext. 1119 o kbohler@icsomerville.org

Fecha de confirmación establecida



El Reverendísimo James F. Checchio, JCD, MDA presidirá la celebración de la Misa con el Sacramento de la Confirmación en nuestra parroquia el 23 de marzo de 2022 a las 4:30 PM.

† Bautismo †



Padrinos para el Bautizo



Requisitos:

Los Estados de derecho canónico (Iglesia) de un Padrino deben ser:

- Ser un Católico Bautizado y Confirmado que asiste a la Misa semanal y recibe la Eucaristía.
- Al menos 14 años de edad (siempre que el Padrino o la Madrina hayan recibido la Confirmación)
- No ser uno de los padres
- Llevar una vida moral según la doctrina de la Iglesia, y ser un buen modelo Católico.
- Si es casado, estar casado según la ley de la Iglesia
- Ser un usuario registrado de su parroquia actual y obtener un certificado de elegibilidad
- Sólo podemos dar Certificados de Elegibilidad a aquellos que están registrados en nuestra parroquia.

Ya que se requiere solamente un padrino Católico, un miembro Bautizado de otra iglesia cristiana (pero no católico) puede servir como un testigo Cristiano. Puesto que los Padrinos renuevan su Promesa Bautismal prometido durante el rito del bautismo; una persona no bautizada no puede servir en este rol tan importante.

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Nota:

Los próximos Bautismos disponibles serán el 19 de Febrero del 2022

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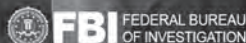


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