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The Baptism Of The Lord | January 10, 2021



*A voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Mark 1:II

Bulletin Letter From Fr. Sunil Orathel

Dear Friends,

We as a Church celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, ending the season of Christmas. We recall Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany or Theophany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan.



At Christmas, we have contemplated the incarnation and the human birth of the Divine Word through Virgin Mary. With Epiphany, we meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that were represented by the Magi, who came to adore the Child guided by the star. In the mystery of Baptism, we encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation, His manifestation as the Christ and commissioning of Him for His active ministry.

Though the Gospel indicates the baptism of an already adult Jesus, liturgically, we link it to the Christmas season. The years from being found in the temple to baptism is summarized in the time of growth in natural and supernatural perfection: "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in divine and human favor" (Lk2:52).

Baptism is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah or Christ or son of God, the gift of the father to the entire world. The Father's voice from heaven "you are my beloved son" shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son along with the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Theophany, Trinitarian nature and, presence of God. Our true and unique God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and, in Him.

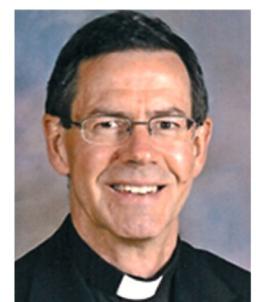
Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. It moves the faithful to sentiments of repentance, confession of sins and, conversion. The incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism and a reminder that we too are baptized and are the beloved of Him.

Blessings,
Fr. Sunil

Diocesan News: Father Lawrence D'Anjou Appointed Vicar General For Diocese Of Oakland

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has appointed Fr. Lawrence C. D'Anjou, a lifelong resident of the diocese, as Vicar General, effective Jan. 1, 2021. He succeeds Father George Mockel, who is retiring from the position to continue in his ministry as pastor of Santa Maria Parish in Orinda.

(For full article, click [here](#))



Parish Grief Ministry

As the COVID-19 restrictions continue and we cannot meet as a group as usual, we want to reassure you that you are still in our hearts and prayers. We are also well aware that some parishioners have now suffered new losses. Remember, the Grief Ministry is here for you. If you need or desire support around your grief/grieving, please feel free to reach out to one of us - we are available to support you via telephone, email, or text. Bill (510) 846-3882 (Cell/text), email: billkueppers@gmail.com; Suzanne (219) 879-4819 (Cell/text), mail: suzanne@morris.guide; Pamela (209) 814-2586 (Cell/text), email: pamelaprime1@gmail.com.

Special Collection This Weekend: SEMINARIANS APPEAL

Thank you for your support to our Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland - they are grateful for your kindness. If you like to support their studies, please consider making a donation. Your donation can be mail or drop-off to the Parish Office, or through our Parish [FaithDirect](#) (Code CA702).

For more information or resources on priestly vocations, we invite you to watch the video presentation: <https://youtu.be-TowZpdEvQ8>, or visit website: <https://oakdiocese.org/vocations>



Nourish For Caregivers - 2021 Schedule

What is Nourish?

Nourish for Caregivers is a ministry created by our Diocese specifically to offer support to the unique challenges of in-home caregivers during this challenging time. This Christ-centered program brings resources and support to family caregivers who carry both the blessing and burden of providing comfort and healing to people who are ill, suffering and need special care. Caregivers can join local and/or national Zoom calls for support (En Español) and explore additional resources. Click [here](#) to for more information.

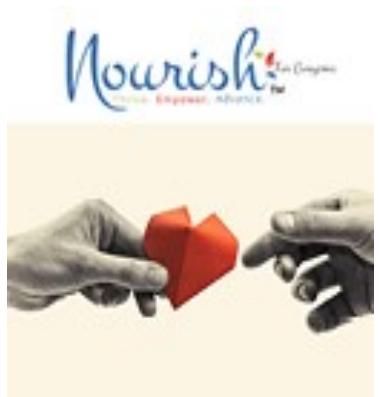
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FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to motivate your prayer life. You can click [here](#) to start watching.

Not registered? You can register for your free account at: formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Stewardship: How can I keep supporting the Parish?

Thank you to our parishioners who have continued to support our parish during these challenging times - we are greatly appreciative of your support!

We would also encourage you to sign up for St. Joseph's Faith Direct (online giving) which is easy and secure. Click [here](#) to give with parish code CA702. If you need help with signing up or for more details, contact our Business Manager, Stan Schonberg: (510) 995 9411 or email: business@sjbalameda.org.



You can also continue to support your Parish by:

- Mail in your weekly envelopes to: St. Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda CA 94501
- Drop off your donations in the mail slot located at the Parish Office door.
- In the collection baskets at the Drive-through Communion.

Blood Drive With Our Knights Of Columbus January 16, 2021



Give the gift of life and support the Blood Drive

hosted by our Knights on Saturday, January 16, from **10am to 4 pm** in our High School's Notre Dame Hall. To schedule an appointment or for more information visit: redcrossblood.org, and enter **Sponsor Code ALAMEDAKOFC** or phone 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

St. Vincent de Paul along with Knights of Columbus January Coat Drive

We are collecting gently used coats and sweaters along with NEW underwear and socks for adult men and women to be donated to VILLAGE OF LOVE, located on the Base.

Drop your donations in the red bins that are placed in the Gathering Space - near the side doors to the church, any time of day through January 24th.



We will also be collecting during the "Drive-Through Communion" January 10th, 17th and 24th.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus" and place in mail slot at the rectory.

Thank you for your support.

ONLINE Offerings While Sheltering In Place

Weekly (Sunday) Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10 am on ZOOM

Do you have children ages 4 to 10? Help them understand Sunday's Gospel better by joining us for an engaging 30 minute session.

Click [here](#) for more info or ZOOM link.

Study Group on Pope Francis' Encyclical "On Fraternity & Social Friendship"

Read and reflect on Pope Francis' new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* on *Fraternity and Social Friendship*

Tuesday nights at 7pm (started November 17, 2020). Here for [ZOOM link](#), or for info contact Anne Marie at: aforre@sjbalameda.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA continues to meet via ZOOM each week.

Invite those thinking of becoming a Catholic to join us **Wednesdays, 7:30 pm** on ZOOM. Click [here](#) to join.



Thursday Night Scripture Reflection

Join us every Thursday night **at 7pm**, to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. All are welcome! To participate, click [here for ZOOM link](#).

Mass Schedules

Daily Mass

11 am, Gathering Space

Monday - Saturday

(Livestreaming available on our Facebook Page)

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda/>

Reminder:

Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice. We encourage you to live-stream Mass each weekend for those of you who prefer to stay at home or are not feeling well.

Drive-through or walk through Communion on Sundays

Starts 1.30 pm and ends 2 pm, weather permitting. Please get updates on Parish's website.



Sunday Mass In The Quad

9:30 am

Reservation is required to attend the Mass as attendance is limited to 100 people per the Alameda County's COVID-19 Guidance. Please visit our website to watch the critical video presentation before reserving a spot to attend the in-person Mass:

www.sjbalameda.org.

Note: Mass subject to cancelation due to weather. Check website or Facebook for update

12 Noon Sunday Mass

Live-streaming on
Basilica's YouTube Channel

YouTube Link:

<https://youtu.be/q0zG8SmfOOs>

Worship Aid:

Click [here](#)



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-5:00pm

Reconciliation will held in the Basilica, not in the confessional.

Basilica Open for Private Prayer

- Monday-Friday: 9am-7pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
- Sunday: 9am - 11 am; 1pm-5pm
(closed 11 am - 1:30 pm to prepare for 12 noon livestream Mass)

Please continue to practice the recommended hygiene and social distancing. We ask you to refrain from gathering in groups, and to avoid touching surfaces and to wash hands as often as possible.

Note: Bathrooms are closed.

Mass Intention

Saturday, January 9, 2021

11:00am Thomas Dotty Fernandez

Sunday, January 10

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 9:30 am Mass In The Quad

†Juan Garcia - *birthday remembrance*

12 noon Mass - Live streamed

For The People Of The Parish
- Living and Deceased

Monday, January 11

11:00am †John Anderson
†Mary Pham

Tuesday, January 12

11:00 am †Monte McEntee

Wednesday, January 13

11:00 am †Lorenzo & Katiza Tudor

Thursday, January 14

11:00 am †Leonard Paulino

Friday, January 15

11:00 am Noel & Heather Fernandez
- *In Thanksgiving*

Saturday, January 16

11:00 am †Steve Pucci

Sunday, January 17

9:30am Mass In The Quad

- 1) Chris & Roenna Alegre -
- 12th Wedding Anniversary
- 2) For The People of the Parish

12 Noon Mass - Livestreamed

Amelia Jimeno Nabaza - Birthday

*Please remember to include
St. Joseph Basilica in your will.*

Pray for the Sick

May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord. Amen.

Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Baustita, Lhiza Brown, Jazlynn & Nia Cain, Mary Cronin, Fong Che, Jan Curtis, Greg Falkner, Patricia Glynn, Jesse Walker Mendoza, David McGaffey, Amelia Miguel, Femmia Ramos, Nory A. Reyes, Ramon N. Tirona, Charles S. Thomas & John Verduzco.



Please email secretary@sibalameda.org or call (510) 995 9420 if you would like a name added to our prayer list. The list is refresh monthly.

Let Us Remember

All those who have died, especially

**Norman Garcia, Tom Guarino
and Josephine Loan Nguyen**

(sister to long-time parishioner, Ms. An Nguyen)

As a Community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to their families and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intention Request

(We are no longer accepting requests for January as dates are filled. February's Sunday Masses intention requests are also closed.)

For request, please email Sherley Lim:
secretary@sjblameda.org. The following information is required when requesting for the Mass Intention:

- Name of person requesting
- Name of person for whom Mass is offered - living or deceased
- Date of Mass requested
- Telephone and email information

Note: There is no guarantee of availability of Mass for a requested date. We will confirm request by email. The suggested donation is \$10.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5:00pm

Note: The Parish Office remains CLOSED during Shelter in place but we continue to serve you remotely. If you need to contact members of the Parish Staff, please communicate with us via EMAIL or phone.

Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: frmario@sjbalameda.org.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please visit our website under "Sacraments" for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510-995-9420, or email: secretary@sjbalameda.org
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409, or email: afourre@sjbalameda.org

Clergy:

Rev. Mario Rizzo - Parochial Administrator
(510) 995-9421 / frmario@sjbalameda.org

Rev. Sunil Orathel - Priest In Residence
(510) 301-5975 / sunil@sjbalameda.org

Parish Staff:

Stan Schonberg - Business Manager
510-995-9411 / business@sjbalameda.org

Anne Marie Fourre - Director of Faith Formation
510-995-9409 / afourre@sjbalameda.org

Sherley Lim – Parish Secretary
510-995-9420 / secretary@sjbalameda.org

David Howitt - Music Director
510-995-9403 / dhowitt@sjbalameda.org

Michael Chinnavaso – 7:00pm Music Coordinator
510-522-0181/ mchinnavaso@sjbalameda.org

Community Staff:

Julie Guevara - Principal, SJND High School
510-523-1526 / jguevara@sjnd.org

Katherine Francisco – Principal, Elementary School
510-522-4456 / kfrancisco@csdo.org

Parish Ministries During Shelter In Place

Most events or gatherings are canceled during SIP, although some are continuing through video conference or other means. For information on how to connect, contact:

- Bible Study: demcgaffey@gmail.com
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com
- RCIA Inquiry: afourre@sjbalameda.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- Shelter-in-place ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com
- Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org
- Young Adults Ministry: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com
- Legion of Mary: Terecita@terecitadean.com

If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you.

—St. Thomas of Villanova

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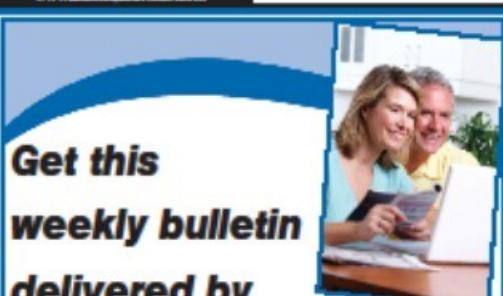
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