

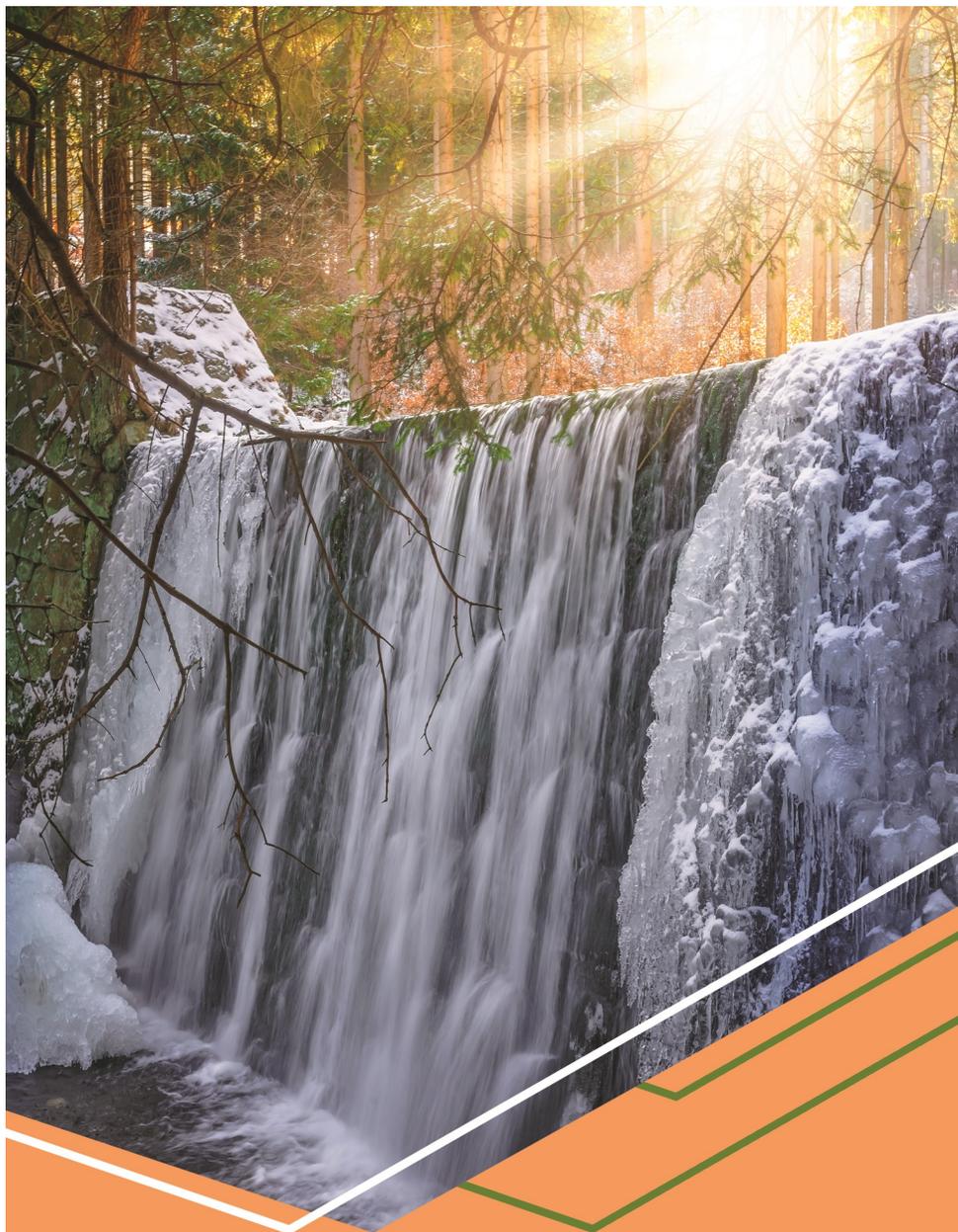
The weekly bulletin of
HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

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January 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 pm (English)
6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)
9:30 am (English)
11:30 am (Vietnamese)
1:30 pm (English)

9:00 am (English)

Blessed Stepinac Croatian Mission
6346 N. Ridge Ave.

Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (Bilingual)

RECTORY OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

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Baptism of the Lord Sunday – Year C

Today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22, tells of the testimony of John the Baptist concerning himself and Jesus. In this Gospel passage we also hear that Jesus received baptism from John.

"The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:15-16)

John's testimony about Jesus is very clear. Yet, Jesus came to John for baptism. Like all other penitents who came forth, Jesus was immersed by John in the Jordan River. Did anyone among the crowd that day recognize Jesus as the Son of God, the one who takes away the sin of the world?

Why did the Lord Jesus humble himself to such an extent? It does not seem proper for the one who is perfectly holy and good, the one who John the Baptist said that he was not worthy even to untie the strap of his sandal, the one who will baptize all people with the Holy Spirit.

Why did Jesus come to John for a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins since he is sinless?

Surely Jesus came to be baptized not because he needed to repent. Jesus was incapable of sinning. It was in order to take on the sin of humanity that Jesus mingled with other sinners to receive baptism. Moreover, it was because of taking on the sin of humanity that Jesus had to die – die a horrible death on the cross.

Picturing the Perfectly Holy One standing among sinners on the banks of the Jordan and humbly stepping into the water to receive John's baptism is an invitation to each one of us to let go of our ego and our pride in order to sincerely repent of the sin we have committed.

Jesus took on our sins and died for us. Therefore, to live a life completely with God must be the most important goal of each of us so that we live in the love of God, not only in this life but also in the next.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT CANNED FOODS DRIVE FOR GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

The National Eucharistic Youth Movement is calling on all chapters to participate in a local food drive for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our Holy Child Jesus Parish EYM chapter is collecting canned foods "#cansforChrist" to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Canned good collections began Saturday, December 4 and continues through Sunday, Jan 9. Please use the box in the back of church.

The Holy Child Jesus Parish EYM will **NOT** be collecting money. If you would like to donate monetarily, we will provide information for either Holy Hands or GCFD.

Thank you for your generosity!

"We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices." – Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH JANUARY 29, 2022

Calling all cooks! G?i t? t c? d?u b?p! ¡Atención cocineros! Appel à tous les chefs! Panawagan sa mga Magagaling Magluto! A pipe gbogbo aw?n onj?! Can you turn groceries into delicious food? Please share your talents with the parish!

The International Dinner commemorates the feast day of St. Timothy. It will be a celebration of the diversity of our parish. If you are interested in serving food from your culture or your ancestors' culture, please contact Joe Warfel: joseph.warfel@hcjp.org.

Señor Santo Niño History in the Philippines and Our Faith – a 2-Part Series

1st Part – First Baptism and the “*Sinulog*”

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JANUARY CALENDAR

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

January 16 - Feast of Señor Santo Niño (Holy Infant Jesus). Mass at 3 :30 p.m.

January 22/23 - The Church in Latin America. Second Collection.

January 29 - Bilingual English/Vietnamese Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Timothy at 5:00 p.m. NO 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Mass.

January 29 - International Dinner in the Activity Center following Mass.

January 30 - Celebration of Lunar New Year.

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is prayed in church every Friday, at 7:00 p.m.
except First Fridays of the month.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every First Friday of the month.

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The Rosary is prayed in church every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.



Sunday Spiritual Nourishment
“Why We Do What We Do?”
Part 13

I – Actions speak louder than words!

A common posture, to be observed by all participants, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered for the Sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants.
 General Instruction of the Roman Missal 42. We are joined to this divine action through baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ.

II – What gestures and postures to do at Mass. When and why? (continued)

D – Reception of Communion: (CONTINUED)

Why respond “AMEN” as you are about to receive the Host or the Precious Blood? “AMEN” is a word that has different meanings. Literally, it means “truly,” “yes,” or “indeed.” Amen is a personal interaction, a dialogue in prayer that can mean “I believe that truly this is the body of Christ,” or “Yes, I am a member of the Body of Christ,” or “I will take Jesus into my heart, into my life this week.”

4. If you also receive from the chalice, make another deep gesture of reverence – bow when you approach the minister to receive.

5. Make the sign of the cross after you have received Communion and before you leave the Sanctuary.

6. Kneel in prayer for thanksgiving when you return to your pew after Communion, until the priest sits down, or until he says “Let us pray...” It is also not forbidden to sit while in silent prayer.

E – Conclusion of Mass:

1. Stand for the concluding prayers to acknowledge the wonderful gifts we have received at this Eucharistic celebration – the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ for our salvation.

2. Make the sign of the cross at the final blessing as the priest invokes the Trinity.

3. Remain standing until all ministers have processed out. If there is a recessional, bow in reverence to the crucifix as it passes by. If there is a hymn for the recessional, remain standing in your pew until it concludes. If there is no concluding hymn, remain in your pew until all the ministers have gone out of the main body of the church.

4. After the Mass is concluded, you may kneel for a private prayer of thanksgiving.

5. Genuflect reverently toward the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar of Sacrifice as you leave the pew and leave the nave (main body) of the church in silence.

6. Make the sign of the cross with holy water as you leave the church – a reminder of our baptismal obligation to carry Christ’s Gospel into the world.

What happens in Mass is a *celebration* of what we do in the rest of our lives and a source of nourishment for our continuing to build the kingdom of God. Therefore, we must be conscious of what we are doing – acting with calm reverence and a spirit of recollection and prayer. By joining in action through common postures and gestures, the entire congregation of the faithful joins itself to Christ in acknowledging the great things that God has done and in offering the sacrifice. These are simple human gestures to remind us of the gifts that are there to lead us and to guide us so that we may spread the good news wherever we go that Jesus is Lord.

WINTER is a time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.

-Edith Sitwell

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AN INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis is inviting the laity worldwide to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod by offering our reflections on journeying together as the Universal Church in the areas of Communion, Participation, and Mission. Visit the special Synod webpage on the Archdiocese of Chicago website at archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod to learn more about the Synod and to offer your reflection for the Holy Father on Communion, Participation, and Mission. Reflections in any language will be accepted until April 1, 2022. Please join in this process as we journey together guided by the Holy Spirit!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 26, 2021
\$6,487.00

GIVE CENTRAL
December 26, 2021
\$1,185.00

Christmas
\$350.00

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PRIESTS

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests' Health and Retirement at 708-449-8026. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit prmaa.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9**Baptism of the Lord**

Vietnamese

7:30 am Alfred Burton
 Cầu cho linh hồn Maria.
 Tạ ơn Chúa
 Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô và các đấng linh
 hồn
 Tạ ơn Chúa và xin bình an cho gia đình
 Cầu cho linh hồn Giacôbê Tôn Trực

English

9:30 am Nwanah Family (living)
 Barbara Isaacson
 Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life:
 Lexter Luciano

Vietnamese

11:30 am Bernadette Kwarciany
 Cầu cho linh hồn Madalena
 Cầu cho linh hồn Gioan Baotixita
 Cầu cho linh hồn Phanxicô Hiến Nguyễn

English

1:30 pm Joseph Kaiser

Monday, January 10

8:00 am Teodora Santos
 Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và thánh cả Giuse.

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 am Mario Vega
 Xin bình an và sức khỏe cho cha mẹ và gia
 đình; cầu cho các linh hồn
 Jesus Dar Santos

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 am Tạ ơn Chúa
 Renato Reyes

Thursday, January 13 St. Hilary

7:00 am Arcadio Santos
 Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Tô Văn Bình và
 Gioan Baotixita Trần Ngọc Hậu.
 Personal Intentions
 Xin cầu theo ý nguyện người xin.

Friday, January 14

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Đaminh
 Cầu cho linh hồn Anton Trần Hữu Từ
 (giỗ 4 năm).

Saturday, January 15

8:00 am Cầu bình an cho Vũ Bảo Quốc
 Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse và Đaminh

English

4:00 pm Peter Fleming
 Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Cầu cho linh hồn Têrêsa Phạm Thị Liễu
 và các linh hồn tiên nhân nội ngoại
 Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Hoàng và Maria
 Nguyễn

Sunday, January 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vietnamese

7:30 am Mary Kaiser

English

9:30 am Nwanah Family (living)
 Lauren Storts

Vietnamese

11:30 am Veatrice Wells

English

1:30 pm Veronica Janusaitis
 Feast of Senor Santo Nino
 3:30 pm Jerome Gates

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 8

4:00 pm Maureen Varallo & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, January 9

9:30 am Tim Murtaugh & Bill Bingham
 1:30 pm Youth Lector & Peter Pham

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm Greg Umogo & Lee Draus

Sunday, January 16

9:30 am Alex Jones & Nathan Jones
 1:30 pm Masa Nakata & Youth Lector

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
 at least three months in advance.

Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm

2nd in English
 3rd in Vietnamese

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

1st & 3rd in English
 2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested
 in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April).
 Call the Rectory for information.

HOLY HANDS

Call the Rectory office for assistance.