

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 TIMES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am Contemporary
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon
Tuesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am
**8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube*

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00am
Friday: 11:15am - 11:45am
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Or by appointment
Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.
Call the Parish Office for more information.
Matrimony: Call the Parish Office at least six months prior
to your desired date for more information.
We look forward to celebrating with you!
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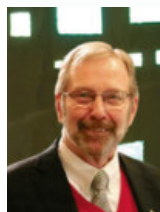
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Our second reading today invites us to reflect on God's grace. When we hear that word, I think we often think of it as something we have to earn from God. If I was more patient, God would give me more brownie points of grace. If I prayed more, God would be more likely to grace me with an answer to my prayers.

On the contrary, grace is God's favor, born freely of the initiative of a Father who loves us unconditionally. God is not someone to be likened to Santa Claus, who only gives gifts to children who are good, but has a lump of coal for children who are bad. Ultimately, such a false image of God leads us to believe that if we are good, we deserve to be rewarded with heaven and if we are bad, we have no hope.

Paul's letter to Titus corrects this faulty theology. It reminds us that the grace of God that has appeared is the free undeserved, unearned favor that is available to all people in Christ. It's not ours because of the good we ourselves have done.

Rather, grace is a gift from God made available to us because of what Jesus has done for us. Without the pure favor of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we would all stand condemned by God's justice, unforgiven of our sins, and without hope of eternal life. But because God is rich in mercy, he favored us with a way to avoid the penalties our sins justly deserve.

That Way is Jesus. The Truth is Jesus alone saves us. He does this by favoring us with a new life that is only possible to live with the help of the Holy Spirit. That life of the Spirit coming through Jesus', favors us to be heirs in hope of eternal life. Heirs do not receive rewards they have earned for themselves. They enjoy the benefits of what someone else has attained and has left them as their beneficiary.

Our inheritance of new life is characterized by two components: 1) by a powerful capacity to please God by loving and serving Him, especially as he lives in others, in this life, and 2) by a growing supernatural capacity to live in perfect communion with God and others in the next.

Grace, a gift freely given, needs to be received and opened. But this is not something we can achieve alone. The Spirit helps us to grow in the fullness of grace by empowering us to pray and to live in a relationship of love with the Father and the Son, primarily through the sacraments and through the support of the Christian community.

John tells us in today's Gospel that Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. But we must ask him to do so. If we do, we can be assured of growing in the image and likeness of Jesus Himself, the one with whom the Father is well pleased.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10

Noon - Paul & Anne Therese Frommelt †

Tuesday, January 11

5:30pm - Evelyn Schwegman †

Wednesday, January 12

Noon - Macy Valentine †

Thursday, January 13

8:00am - Al Timmerman †

Friday, January 14

Noon - Ed & WIllda Splinter †

Saturday, January 15

5:00pm - Elizabeth Nemmers †

Sunday, January 16

8:30am - Roger & Kathleen Klauer †

11:00am - For the People of the Parish

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THINGS TO KNOW

THIS WEEK

1

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

This Sunday (Jan. 9)

After the 11:00 Mass
This weekend marks the end of the Christmas season and the start of Ordinary Time. We will be taking down the church's Christmas decorations following Mass.



2

BACK TO BASICS

Begins This Weekend

In Martin Hall between Sunday Masses
Join us on January 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 9:45am to discuss Catholic Social Teaching. Ann Sirianni and Deacon Bill will be presenting along with other parishioners. Join us for any or all of the Sundays to hear about this important part of our faith.



3

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Wednesday, Jan. 12

7:00pm in the Church
Archbishop Jackels will lead the Hour and seminarian Thiet Hoang will give a reflection. Please join us to pray for vocations!



4

SURVIVING DIVORCE

"Come & See" Night Monday, Jan. 17

6:00pm in Martin Hall
A twelve-week "Surviving Divorce" program is coming to SJTW. Anyone is welcome to come learn more about the program and meet the facilitators and others. See the next column for more information.

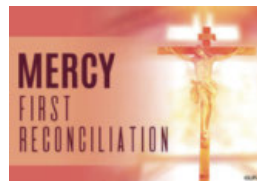


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RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Saturday, Jan. 22

Please keep our First Reconciliation students in your prayers as they have their retreat next Saturday. They will celebrate their First Reconciliation on February 9.



AROUND THE PARISH

Archdiocesan Women's and Men's Conferences

Ladies and Gentlemen of the parish, please mark your calendars for the 2022 Women's Conference and the Men's Conference. The Women's Conference is Saturday, January 29 and the Men's Conference is Saturday, March 19. More information will be in upcoming bulletins!



Ink Cartridge Recycling

The parish collects all sorts of ink cartridges to be recycled and reused. Turn in your cartridges to the parish office or a designated box in the main vestibule. Thanks!



Surviving Divorce

Divorced? Know someone who is struggling with divorce? A twelve-week "Surviving Divorce" program begins Monday, January 31st, 2022 at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Martin Hall. "Surviving Divorce" features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues years later to help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin healing.



A "Come and See Night" will be held on Monday, January 17th, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to come learn more about the program and meet the facilitators and others. Childcare will be provided for each of the sessions. The \$25 program fee covers the cost of all program materials. For more information email Maria Schmitz at dbq062s6@dbqarch.org or call 773-789-9795. To register go to: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AAAC22A7FFC34-registration.

Now Hiring: Communications Coordinator!

The ideal candidate is skilled with Adobe Creative Suite, has experience managing and marketing an organization's brand, and is passionate about bringing others to Christ. If interested, send a resume and cover letter to Jen Porter at j.porter@dbqarch.org. Call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 if you have any questions.



IN OTHER NEWS



New Family Enrollment at Holy Family

New family enrollment for grades K-12 students at Holy Family Catholic Schools will open on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. Priority enrollment is given to members of Holy Family's supporting parishes. For more information or to schedule a personal tour of a Holy Family Catholic school, visit holyfamilydbq.org/visit.

Preschool, Pre-K, and Pre-K Plus Enrollment

New family enrollment in three-year-old preschool or four-year-old pre-K will open at Holy Family's five early childhood sites on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. Priority enrollment is given to children who are registered members of one of Holy Family's supporting parishes. Please contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller (rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org, 563-582-5456) or Holy Family Early Childhood Program Director Lis Ernst (lernst@holyfamilydbq.org, 563-583-5206) to request information about our programs. Holy Family participates in the state of Iowa free Pre-K grant.



Catholic Social Teaching Theme 1: The Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. – *written by Deacon Bill*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

December 24-25

Christmas \$23,442.00

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Jan. 1 EFTs (193envelopes) \$32,079.00

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Thank you so much for joining us today! We hope you have a great experience worshipping at SJTW!

What to Expect

Face Coverings

In consultation with the Pastoral Council and following CDC guidelines, we strongly recommend that **everyone**, regardless of vaccination status, wears a face covering in church as we face the widening spread of Covid-19 and its variants. Our Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear a face mask. Thanks for your cooperation!

Social Distancing

If you would feel more comfortable practicing social distancing from those outside your household, please feel free to do so. The pandemic isn't quite over yet, so we ask everyone to please be respectful of others' comfort levels.

Sign of Peace

We ask that you refrain from giving a "physical" Sign of Peace to those outside your household.

Music

Music is a very important part of Mass! Singing is a way we pray to God! We encourage you to join in by following the on-screen lyrics!

Eucharist

Receiving Holy Communion is the most sacred part of Mass. This is when we receive Jesus in His Body and Blood. Communion from the Cup remains suspended until further notice. We also ask that everyone continues to receive Communion in the hand.

Children's Liturgy

We offer Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month at the 8:30 & 11:00 Masses. Kids aged 5-10 are dismissed to experience the Mass on a level that relates to them! They will return after the Homily.

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