



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED
UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SE ABRIÓ EL CIELO Y EL ESPÍRITU SANTO BAJÓ SOBRE
ÉL EN FORMA SENSIBLE. - LC 3, 21

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

The Baptism of the Lord

*“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”* LK 3:22

There are about 400 young child and infant Baptisms at St. John’s Parish in any given year. This fact tells us a number of things about our parish. It demonstrates that the faith is alive in our community. Parents and godparents are eager to celebrate and commit themselves to educating their children in the faith to share the Catholic faith heritage. The number of young child and infant Baptisms also tells us that we have a young parish. Many young families have made a home at St. John’s.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. We read the Gospel the story of the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River. This occasion was the inauguration of the public life of Jesus and the affirmation by God the Father. Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, commits himself to his saving mission.

In celebrating this feast, we are mindful of the seriousness of Baptism. During the time of the Apostles and in the early years of the Church, baptism was preceded by conversion and a declaration of a committed faith in Jesus Christ. In our present day and in our present Catholic practice, conversion plays an important role in an adult discernment of Baptism. In the case of the Baptism of infants, the parents and godparents make the commitment of a converted life. On the occasion of the Baptism of their children, parents and godparents are formally asked if it is their will that the child be baptized and if they are willing to educate their children in the faith.

The fact that we celebrate many Baptisms in the parish is very hopeful and challenging. It is hopeful in that many young families take the matter of faith seriously. This contributes to a dynamic growing parish. It is challenging in that the seriousness of parent’s commitment should have a direct impact on the way that they live out their lives. They are responsible for educating their children of in the faith by word, and most importantly by example.

This Sunday we remember that Jesus was baptized and committed to the mission that God the Father gave him. Perhaps through the grace of Baptism, we in some degree, share in the mission of Jesus. Parents who decide to Baptize their children re-dedicate their commitment to their vocation as parents. They are the primary educators in the faith. They conscientiously reaffirm their love of each other and their children. And, they make a special effort to being a living example of faith.

..... a word on the financial impact of the pandemic on the parish
In the next few weeks, parishioners will be invited to consider ways to collaborate in recovering from financial loss due to the pandemic. Next week we will talk about the value and importance of parish registration membership. Next month, I will present a report on the impact of the pandemic on our parish income. At the end of February we will promote on-line giving. In many ways we have been blest and able to survive the pandemic, yet we are presented with a financial challenge due to the loss of income. As we look to the future, we will be suggesting a number of ways to improve the support our parish.

Fr. Larry



Monday, January 10, 2022
 9:00 am Food Pantry
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
 6:30 am Prayer Group
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Thursday, January 13, 2022
 6:00 pm Encuentros
Friday, January 14, 2022
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Clases Pre-Bautismal
Saturday, January 15, 2022
 10:00 am Baptisms (Spanish)



MASST INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9, 2022
 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Ardaugh Family
 9:30 am + Nicolas Morales
 + Josefina Graffity
 + Maria Arreola
 11:30 am + Fernando Hernandez
 + Francisco Hernandez
 1:00 pm + Miguel Gomez
 6:00 pm + Maria Guadalupe Ramos
Monday, January 10, 2022
 8:30 am
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
 8:30 am
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
 8:30 am
Thursday, January 13, 2022
 8:30 am + Joseph Linko (40th Anniversary)
Friday, January 14, 2022
 8:30 am
Sunday, January 15, 2022
 8:00 am
 9:30 am + Pedro Garcia
 11:30 am + Aaron Scofield
 1:00 pm + Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez
 Abraham Aguirre
 Manuel Aguirre
 6:00 pm

The Baptism of the Lord, Feast Sunday, 09 January 2022

Prayer. Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
 When I am quite enough, what do I hear God say?
 What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

Thank you to those who purchased Christmas Poinsettias in honor of their loved ones:

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+ JoAnn Eich

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Prayer REQUESTS

Deacon Jim
 Deacon Jose
 Benjamin Mendoza
 Francisco Mendoza
 Maria Eugenia Mendoza
 Brother Ed
 Amy Avalos
 Arnaldo Rodriguez Vega

Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish

This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$19,700, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.

El Bautismo del Señor

“Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti tengo complacencia.” Lucas 3:22

Hay alrededor de 400 bautismos de niños pequeños y bebés en la parroquia de San Juan en un año determinado. Este hecho nos dice varias cosas sobre nuestra parroquia. Demuestra que la fe está viva en nuestra comunidad. Los padres y padrinos están ansiosos por celebrar y comprometerse a educar a sus hijos en la fe para compartir la herencia de la fe católica. El número de bautismos de niños pequeños y bebés también nos dice que tenemos una parroquia joven. Muchas familias jóvenes se han hecho un hogar de San Juan.

Este domingo celebramos la Solemnidad del Bautismo del Señor. Leemos en el Evangelio la historia del bautismo de Jesús por Juan en el río Jordán. Esta ocasión fue la inauguración de la vida pública de Jesús y la afirmación de Dios Padre. Jesús, por el poder del Espíritu Santo, se compromete a su misión salvadora.

Al celebrar esta fiesta, somos conscientes de la seriedad del Bautismo. Durante la época de los Apóstoles y en los primeros años de la Iglesia, el bautismo fue precedido por la conversión y una declaración de fe comprometida en Jesucristo. En nuestros días y en nuestra práctica católica actual, la conversión es un papel importante en el discernimiento adulto del Bautismo. En el caso del Bautismo de infantes, los padres y padrinos asumen el compromiso de una vida convertida. Con motivo del Bautismo de sus hijos, se pregunta formalmente a los padres y padrinos si es su voluntad que el niño sea bautizado y si están dispuestos a educar a sus hijos en la fe.

El hecho de que celebremos muchos bautismos en la parroquia es muy esperanzador y desafiante. Es esperanzador que muchas familias jóvenes tomen en serio el tema de la fe. Esto contribuye a una parroquia en crecimiento dinámico. Es un desafío porque la seriedad del compromiso de los padres debe tener un impacto directo en la forma en que viven sus vidas. Son responsables de educar a sus hijos en la fe con la palabra y, lo más importante, con el ejemplo.

Este domingo recordamos que Jesús fue bautizado y comprometido con la misión que Dios Padre le dio. Quizás por la gracia del Bautismo, en cierto grado, compartimos la misión de Jesús. Los padres que deciden bautizar a sus hijos vuelven a dedicar su compromiso a su vocación de padres. Son los principales educadores de la fe. Reafirman concienzudamente el amor que se tienen el uno al otro y a sus hijos. Y hacen un esfuerzo especial por ser un ejemplo vivo de fe.

..... unas palabras sobre el impacto financiero de la pandemia en la parroquia
En las próximas semanas, se invitará a los feligreses a considerar formas de colaborar para recuperarse de la pérdida financiera debido a la pandemia. La semana que viene hablaremos sobre el valor y la importancia de la membresía de registro parroquial. El próximo mes, presentaré un informe sobre el impacto de la pandemia en los ingresos de nuestra parroquia. A finales de febrero promoveremos las donaciones en línea. En muchos sentidos, hemos sido bendecidos y hemos podido sobrevivir la pandemia, pero nos enfrentamos a un desafío financiero debido a la pérdida de ingresos. Al mirar hacia el futuro, sugeriremos varias formas de mejorar el apoyo a nuestra parroquia.

Padre Larry



Enero 2022

Queridos amigos,

Pronto, nuestra diócesis realizará la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Esta colecta nacional financia muchos proyectos pastorales que benefician a los fieles en América Latina y el Caribe.

Un ejemplo de beneficiario de esta colección es La Associacao do Sementes do Verbo (Asociación de las Semillas de la Palabra) en el Brasil, es una congregación joven y en crecimiento que tiene la singular visión de formar comunidades misioneras con discípulos en todos los estados de vida—mujeres y hombres consagrados, clero, misioneros laicos y parejas casadas y familias, todos viviendo juntos en comunidad. Sementes do Verbo fue fundada en el 2004 y tiene 20 comunidades en todo Brasil, así como en Portugal, Bélgica, Canadá, Comoras y Mozambique.

Un aspecto central de la espiritualidad del grupo es un periodo de formación de nueve meses llamado “año sabático”, durante el cual los participantes viven en una casa misión con la comunidad y estudian las Escrituras, toman cursos sobre la teología del cuerpo y la sexualidad humana, con énfasis en la prevención del abuso, y participan en ejercicios espirituales y en semanas de misión en la parroquia.

Un dato importante que debes saber es que el 25% de esta colecta diocesana se destina a apoyar nuestro propio trabajo misionero diocesano en Sucre, Bolivia. Desde del año 1994 nuestra diócesis ha enviado misioneros a Bolivia no solo para ofrecer nuestro apoyo con acciones concretas, sino para construir relaciones con las personas que están tan agradecidas por nuestra presencia y trabajo allí. Tenemos la bendición de tener a nuestros amigos bolivianos.

Seamos todos misioneros fortaleciendo la Iglesia en América Latina con una donación a la segunda colecta el fin de semana del 22 al 23 de enero.

Paz y bien,
Reverendísimo Ronald A. Hicks
Obispo de Joliet

January 2022

Dear Friends,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean.

An example of a beneficiary of this collection is Brazil’s Associacao do Sementes do Verbo (Seeds of the Word Community), which is a young and growing congregation with a unique vision of forming missionary communities of disciples in all states of life – consecrated men and women, clergy, lay missionaries, and married couples and families, all living together in community. Founded in 2004, Sementes do Verbo has 20 communities throughout Brazil, as well as in Portugal, Belgium, Canada, Comoros, and Mozambique.

A central aspect of the group’s spirituality is a nine-month formation period called a “sabbatical year,” during which participants live in a mission house with the community and study Scripture; take courses in the theology of the body and human sexuality, with an emphasis on prevention of abuse; and participate in spiritual exercises and parish mission weeks.

An important fact that you must know is that 25% of this diocesan collection goes to support our own diocesan mission work. Since 1994 our diocese has sent missionaries to Sucre, Bolivia to not only offer our support with concrete actions, but to build relationships with the people who are so grateful for our presence and work there. We are blessed to have our Bolivian friends.

Let us all become missionaries by strengthening the Church in Latin America with a donation to the second collection on the weekend of January 22-23.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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