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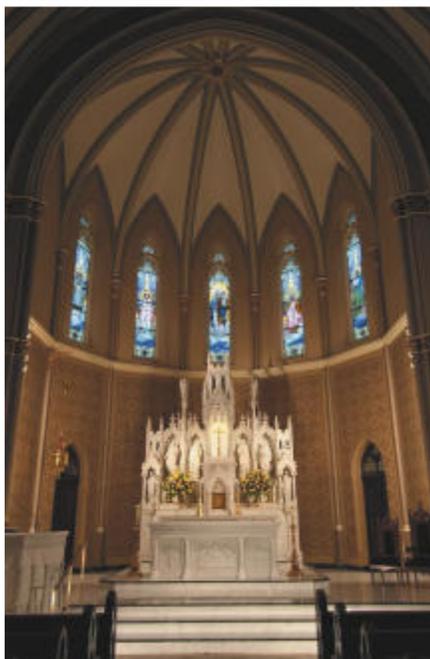
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Loving Father, at our Baptism we were anointed in Christ's name to be priests, prophets, and kings. Our mission is his. Help us to worship you, Lord God, and to offer our whole lives to you. Embolden us to share your love and salvation. Empower us to seek your kingdom of justice and peace. When the light of our faith wavers, and our white garments become stained and torn, cleanse us and renew your Spirit within us. Guide us each day along the way of your Son so that we, your beloved children, may be pleasing to you in all that we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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POPE DECLARES A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



On this past solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis has released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a “Year of St. Joseph” which will be observed from **December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021**.

The letter, *Patris corde* (“a Father’s heart”) is released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

The Pope writes: After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him “Patron of the Catholic Church”, Venerable [Pius XII](#) proposed him as “Patron of Workers” and [Saint John Paul II](#) as “Guardian of the Redeemer”. Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”.

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed [Pius IX](#) (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Mt 12:34).

My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all. For a full text of the letter, please visit http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism

This sacrament is generally celebrated after the 11AM Mass on Sunday. A parent baptism preparation session is required prior to the Baptism and takes place the last Monday evening of each month.

Penance

By appointment for the time being.

Matrimony

Please call the Parish Ministry Center at least **one year** in advance to make arrangements.

Homebound & Hospitalized

If you wish to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

*Weekend Masses

Church doors open ½ hour before Mass or Service

Saturdays 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 AM, 11 AM & 4:30 PM

11 AM Mass live-streamed via Facebook

*Sign-Up Genius is required to attend.

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays: 7:45 AM

Thursdays: 6:00 PM

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Suspended for the time being.

Holy Day Masses

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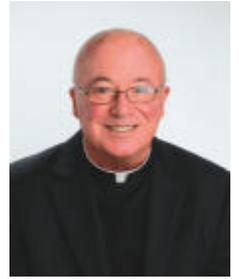
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FR. PAT'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Parish Family,

Have you ever seen, or seen pictures of the Jordan River? In most places and most seasons, it is not very wide, and not very deep. In all places it is very muddy and brown-looking. Passing through desert regions, it is hardly crystalline and beautiful. Yet, it was where Jesus chose to be baptized by John.

Sometimes I think the river may look that way because of all the sins John washed away from people in his baptism of repentance. Perhaps they muddied and polluted the waters with their sins and faults. It touches me that Jesus was not afraid to step into this mess and mire left by others, despite His own innocence and purity. It is like He embraces us even with our faults and failings, despite our own unworthiness. That is profound love. No wonder the Father was pleased!



God bless you.
Fr. Pat

2021 CALENDARS

The calendars have arrived! They have been placed in bags for safety and can be found on the library carts in the vestibule. They are also available at the Parish Ministry Center during office hours!



WHILE YOU'RE AWAY FROM US...

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THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time this year we will hear most often from the Gospel of Mark. However, the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is always from John. Matthew, Mark, and Luke present Jesus' identity through the lens of his ministry, but John's focus is mostly on Jesus' identity as God's divine Son.

The Christmas season is filled with feast days that highlight Jesus' divinity. The passages from John's Gospel that we hear on the Second Sundays in Ordinary Time transition us from an emphasis on Jesus' identity to his public ministry. As we accompany Jesus in his ministry, today's passage reminds us to stop and spend time with the Lord so as to discover and rediscover all that he is.

Gospel/Ignatian Contemplation

Popularized by St. Ignatius of Loyola, Gospel contemplation is a way to pray with the Scriptures. It works best with passages in which there is some action, such as a healing. Because Mark's Gospel is filled with short passages in which people are doing something, it is well suited for Gospel contemplation.

To begin, read the passage you have chosen several times. Note the people, setting, and any dialogue. Let the scene take ever clearer shape in your mind. Then imagine that you are there, in the story. You might be one of Jesus' disciples, a person in the crowd, or someone who seeks healing. Notice who is with you, what you say and do, and, most especially, how you interact with Jesus and how he interacts with you. Gospel contemplation is one way to meet our Lord in our sacred texts. It might be helpful for those who are hesitant to try it to remember that the Gospels were written so that we, like generations before us, may encounter Christ and find salvation in him.

The Gospel of Mark

Since it contains very little teaching and few parables, the Gospel of Mark is the shortest and most fast-paced of our four Gospel accounts. It is also the darkest. The shadow of the cross looms from the first chapter as we hear Jesus begin his ministry right after John the Baptist has been arrested (1:14). Jesus' first miracle is casting out a demon, a symbol of the evil he must confront (1:21–26). Chapter 2 consists entirely of stories in which people challenge Jesus and object to his or his disciples' actions. By chapter 3 people are already plotting his death (3:6). As the Gospel continues, Jesus will face opposition from his family, the villagers of his hometown, and his disciples.

The portrait of Jesus that emerges from this threatening narrative is a Jesus who struggles and suffers. He is the messiah, but he is a suffering messiah. "Suffering messiah" is a contradiction, an oxymoron. No one expected the messiah, God's chosen one, to suffer and be killed. Christians today are so familiar with the story of Jesus' passion and death that we forget how shocking it was, how horrible and horrifying. St. Mark reminds us.

As we move through the Gospel of Mark and hear how Jesus is challenged, misunderstood, ridiculed, and physically attacked, we're reminded that true discipleship has costs. Seeking the reign of God brings us into opposition with others who either don't understand how we're trying to live or who downright reject the kingdom of God that we seek. Jesus knows this. He has been through it. He now stands with us as we continue striving for his kingdom, confronting evil in all its forms until at last he raises us up to life with him in his kingdom forever.



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LITURGY SCHEDULE



Sunday, January 10 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Lucille LaPaglia
11:00 AM
4:30 PM William & Helene Harrison

Monday, January 11

Tuesday, January 12

7:45 AM Guy McEwen

Wednesday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, January 14

6:00 PM Gloria Simpao

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

4:30 PM Gerry Carda

Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM
11:00 AM
4:30 PM

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969 we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority and the power of Jesus.

In today's calendar the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the wedding at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation, it is celebrated on Jan. 6. In the United States, the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, but if Epiphany comes late, falling on Jan. 6 or 7, the Baptism of the Lord goes to the next day, Jan. 7 or 8, a Monday, in order to make room for the weeks of ordinary time.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/10/21



Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mk 1:21-28

Wed: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

Liturgy & Life

- 1) What does the phrase "come to the water" mean to you?
- 2) How has your belief in God strengthened you during difficulty?
- 3) When do you imagine that God may have proclaimed that he is "well pleased" with you?

JANUARY UNIVERSAL INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*When it is impossible to receive the Eucharist,
one may pray an Act of Spiritual Communion:*

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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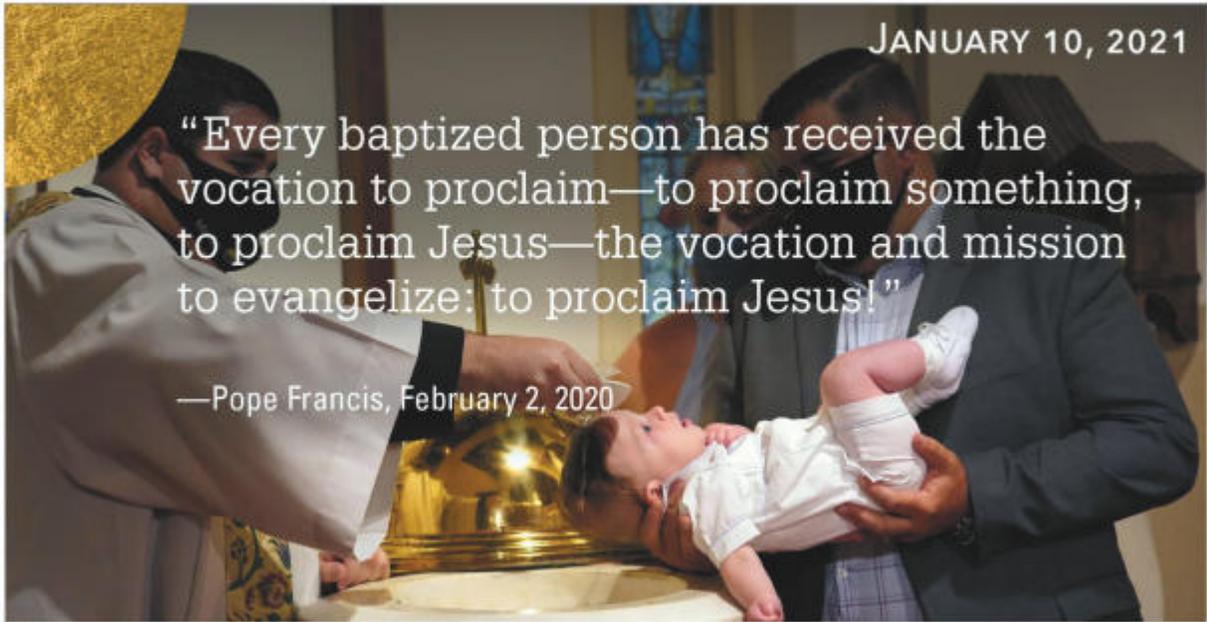
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The Baptism of the Lord

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“Every baptized person has received the vocation to proclaim—to proclaim something, to proclaim Jesus—the vocation and mission to evangelize: to proclaim Jesus!”

—Pope Francis, February 2, 2020



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Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634).

Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



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