

# Baptism of Our Lord January 9, 2022



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### Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls  
5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

### Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

A blessed feast of the Baptism of Our Lord to all of you.

We have life because of God's mercy. We pass from death to life not of our own power or initiative but by passing through the waters of Baptism. It's in this sacrament that the "old self" is washed away so that God's life (the gift of grace) can grow within us. God offers us life because He loves us. We are His beloved sons and daughters.

Why the Baptism of the Lord is a "Christmas" feast, by Phil Kosloski from Aletea: You may still see Christmas decorations in Catholic churches on this liturgical celebration.

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the Baptism of the Lord has been celebrated on a separate feast for many centuries. Originally it was the primary mystery celebrated on January 6 (Feast of Epiphany), but over time it was separated and assigned a different day.

In 1955 it was assigned the octave day of Epiphany, January 13, but soon after the Second Vatican Council was moved to the Sunday after Epiphany.

In this context it has always been a "Christmas" feast, celebrated within the Christmas cycle. However, it may seem a little strange to still have the baby Jesus in the manger and celebrate a moment during his adult life.

Yet, it is entirely fitting when reflecting on the central mystery being commemorated. Both the feast of the Nativity and Baptism of the Lord highlight the humility of Jesus Christ. In both instances Jesus clearly displayed his desire to become one with us, so that he can raise us up with him.

Pope Benedict XVI explains:

"Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept him in our life he can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty. For this reason he was moved to compassion, he chose to 'suffer with' men and women, to become a penitent with us. This is God's work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon himself the sin of the world."

Jesus not only assumed our flesh at the Nativity, but became like us in all things except sin. He even was baptized by his cousin St. John the Baptist, even though he had no need for baptism.

The incarnation of Jesus is a marvelous mystery, one that reminds us of the love God has for humanity. St. Paul summarized it best in his letter to the Philippians.

"Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

End Article

Perhaps one thing you do this week is look through old papers, or ask your older relatives about your baptismal date. Get to know it. I know my baptismal day as well as I know my birthday, one was my birth into this life, the other, my birth into the life of Christ. If you don't know it, celebrate it this Sunday!

God bless you all,  
Fr Letona

## Character Builds Families

How to be a MORE GENEROUS Person this year. (7 ways, here is 4)

1. Do something generous every day. Make it small, make it easy—a comment, a gesture, a loving act.
2. Offer words that build up others. Make a point to compliment your loved ones more often, to speak with a gentle tone, and to offer encouragement and words of gratitude.
3. Make it easier to give consistently. Supporting organizations, people and causes we believe in is easier when we set it up in advance. Keeping cash on hand when out and about, setting up automatic payments can go a long way. Also, no amount is too small.
4. Prioritize relationships. How can you be a more generous spouse, friend, parent, neighbor? Give more time to listen, paying more attention, or reaching out to people you don't see regularly.



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### For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber
Sue Georgenson	Francis King	

**Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.**

### Secretary's Corner

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the last day of the Christmas Season. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus celebrates the turning point in his life. The stepping up and then beginning of his ministry to do the Will of God. Evangelize the World.

### Discover your special patron saint for 2022!

St. Faustina did it every year! You can take part in this fun religious tradition, too!

For most of us, 2021 was definitely not an easy year. Not to mention 2020... So what would you say about asking for a special heavenly supporter for 2022? Everyone should have a patron saint they can count on!

By learning about the lives of the saints and cultivating devotion to them, we train our minds and hearts to be fixed on the things above, the things of heaven! Choose a saint like St. Faustina did

In the congregation of St. Faustina, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, there is a tradition of drawing a patron saint for the new year on the 1st of January. What does this custom look like? Let's listen to Sister Faustina herself:

There is a custom among us of drawing by lot, on New Year's Day, special Patrons for ourselves for the whole year. In the morning during meditation, there arose within me a secret desire that the Eucharistic Jesus be my special Patron for this year also, as in the past. But, hiding this desire from my Beloved, I spoke to Him about everything else but that. When we came to refectory for breakfast, we blessed ourselves and began drawing our patrons. When I approached the holy cards on which the names of the patrons were written, without hesitation I took one, but I didn't read the name immediately as I wanted to mortify myself for a few minutes. Suddenly, I heard a voice in my soul: "I am your patron. Read." I looked at once at the inscription and read, "Patron for the Year 1935 – the Most Blessed Eucharist." My heart leapt with joy, and I slipped quietly away from the sisters and went for a short visit before the Blessed Sacrament, where I poured out my heart. But Jesus sweetly admonished me that I should be, at that moment, together with the sisters. I went immediately in obedience to the rule.

Draw your saint!

<https://form.jotform.com/213462015119042>

We have decided to offer you the same beautiful experience as the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy have – just use this simple form below. After revealing the patron saint you'll be able to read a little bit about him/her – don't miss it!

#### Prayer to your patron saint

Don't forget to talk with your patron saint often during the next year. You can use this prayer, to ask for his/hers special care and support:

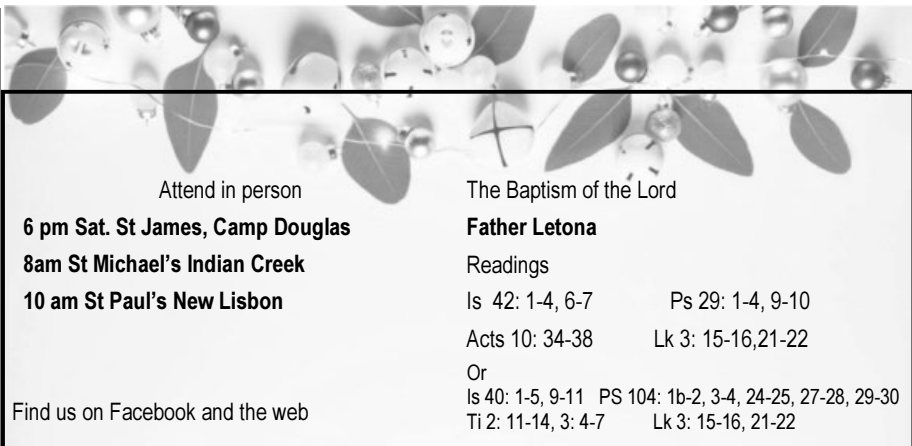
*O great Saint [insert name here], under whose patronage I have placed myself, obtain for me grace to fulfill the holy resolutions I have made this day. Help me, by your powerful intercession, to lead a life conformable to the sacred character I have received, and to imitate the virtues for which you were so remarkable. Protect me through all the perils of life, and abandon me not at the hour of death. Amen. (Aleteia.org)*

#### Family Builder Idea:

Explore your faith with your children.

Why is a dove a Christian symbol?

At the end of the flood, whose symbolism refers to Baptism, a dove released by Noah returns with a fresh olive-tree branch in its beak as a sign that the earth was again habitable. When Christ comes up from the water of his baptism, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes down upon him and remains with him. The Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized. ccc701



Attend in person

**6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas**  
**8am St Michael's Indian Creek**  
**10 am St Paul's New Lisbon**

The Baptism of the Lord  
**Father Letona**  
Readings  
Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10  
Acts 10: 34-38 Lk 3: 15-16,21-22  
Or  
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 PS 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30  
Ti 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

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#### St James Schedule Jan 15

**Lector** Joe Madejczyk  
**Money Counter** Kris Madejczyk

**We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135**

#### St. Michael's Schedule Jan 15

**Lector** Kevin Quist  
**Ushers** Tom Tiber/Steve Belcher

**Money Counters**  
Sue Bloom/Therese Schuh

#### St. Paul's Schedule Jan 15

**Lector** Jim Nicksic  
**Eucharist Minister** Janet Barrett

**Ushers** Tom Heindl  
**Money Counter** Donna Wyss/volunteer

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

### Saint of the Day for January 12

#### Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys' Story

"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence. Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her. In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved. Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

#### Reflection

It's easy to become discouraged when plans that we think that God must endorse are frustrated. Marguerite was called not to be a cloistered nun but to be a foundress and an educator. God had not ignored her after all.

# Announcements for Tri-Parish

## General Announcement

On Formed.org watch

**Jan 9 –** Footprints of God with Stephen Ray **Jesus: The Word Became Flesh**

**Jan 9 -** We are all called by God to Evangelize the world. Let us see our impact on the world through this 10 part Bible study

**Lectio: Evangelization with Dr. Mary Healy**

## Dead Theologian's Society

Meeting is tonight @ St James beginning at 6 pm

DTS is for 8th—12 grade students, come and learn about the saints. (sorry for the confusion in the bulletin last week)

## Children's Church and Family Fellowship

Join us in the basement as the small children Preschool and under are taught about the Gospel reading from the Baptism of the Lord.

**Begins at the conclusion of Mass Sunday Jan. 9th.**

## Thank you

Thank you to all who sang in our Christmas Choirs across the parishes.

Every one was beautiful and it is such a great blessing to be able to sing in our Savior's Birth with music. Thank you to all those who worked hard through practice and patients, time and energy with the players of our musical instruments and with your voices lifted high to God. Thank you

## March for Life

March for Life in Washington DC happens this next week with a plan to leave the 19th and return on the 23rd. If your teenage is interested please reach out to the CCD Coordinator in your parish.

St Michael's

**Deb Granger**..... 608-372-9617

St Paul's

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## St Paul's

Thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas Floral Memorial

For Patricia Schroeder	from her family
For the Sowa and Wiora Families	from Helen Wiora
For Bob Jemal	from Barb Beilke
For Gervace & Katie Connor	from Jim & Sheila Marx
Living & Deceased Wyss & Larson families	from Tom & Donna Wyss

## ST. PAUL

### Intentions for our Tri-Parish

#### **Saturday Jan 8**

**6 pm @ St James**

+ John Maki by His Sisters

#### **Sunday Jan 9**

**8.00 am @ St Michael's**

+Joanne Thede by Peg & Terry Tiber

**10.00 am @ St Paul's**

For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

#### **Monday Jan 10**

**NO MASS**

#### **Tuesday Jan 11**

Living & Deceased members of the Bunker & Wyss families by Pat Wyss

#### **Wednesday Jan 12**

Living & Deceased Members of Connor & Quist Family by Margie Quist

#### **Thursday Jan 13**

Special Intention for Addison Marx by James & Sheila Marx

#### **Friday Jan 14**

+Clayton Hansen by Ronald Schaub

#### **Saturday Jan 15**

**6 pm @ St James**

For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

#### **Sunday Jan 16**

**8.00 am @ St Michael's**

+Laurie Felber by Wenzel & Jo Felber

**10.00 am @ St Paul's**

Living & Deceased members of the Bunker & Wyss families by Pat Wyss

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## St. James

#### **Sunday Jan 8**

+John Maki by His sisters

#### **Sunday Jan 15**

For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Dec 25, 27 & Jan 1**

Offertory \$ 703.00

Special \$ 217.00

Envelopes \$ 555.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 145.00

Improvements \$ 250.00

**Total \$ 1870.00**

## St. Michael

#### **Sunday Jan 9**

+Joanne Thede by Peg & Terry Tiber

#### **Sunday Jan 16**

+Laurie Felber by Wenzel & Jo Felber

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