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STEPHENVILLE

January 9, 2022



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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Sunday Masses

8 AM St. Patrick
10 AM St. Denis

Weekday Sacraments & Prayer

Monday at St. Denis

7 AM Adoration
5:30 PM Confession
6 PM Mass*

Mon. Jan. 10
No Adoration

Tuesday at St. Denis

7 AM Adoration
5:30 PM Confession
6 PM Mass

Wednesday at St. Denis

7:30 AM Confession
8 AM Mass
4-8 PM Adoration

Thursday at St. Patrick

6:30 AM Mass
7 AM-Noon Adoration
7 AM Confessions

Saturday at St. Patrick

9 AM Mass*
9:30-10:30 AM
Confession & Adoration

Sat. Jan 15
9 AM Morning Prayer
No Confession
No Adoration

*1st Monday and 3rd Saturday,
Masses are celebrated Ad Orientem

Confession:

Father Michael is also regularly
available after masses or by appointment

Reflections on the Church and America's New Religions - Part 3

Address delivered to Congress of Catholics and Public Life in Madrid Spain on November 4, 2021 by Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles & President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Parts 1 & 2 were published on December 26 and January 2, respectively. Also available at archbishopgomez.org/blog

3. What Is to Be Done

That leads me to my final set of reflections. The question is: What is to be done? How should the Church respond to these new secular movements for social change?

My answer is simple. We need to proclaim Jesus Christ. Boldly, creatively. We need to tell our story of salvation in a new way. With charity and confidence, without fear. This is the Church's mission in every age and every cultural moment. We should not be intimidated by these new religions of social justice and political identity. The Gospel remains the most powerful force for social change that the world has ever seen. And the Church has been "antiracist" from the beginning. All are included in her message of salvation. Jesus Christ came to announce the new creation, the new man and the new woman, given power to become children of God, renewed in the image of their Creator.

Jesus taught us to know and love God as our Father, and he called his Church to carry that good news to the ends of the earth — to gather, from every race and tribe and people, the one worldwide family of God. That was the meaning of Pentecost, when men and women from every nation under heaven heard the Gospel in their own native language. That is what St. Paul meant when he said that in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free.

Of course, in the Church we have not always lived up to our beautiful principles, or carried out the mission entrusted to us by Christ. But the world does not need a new secular religion to replace Christianity. It needs you and me to be better witnesses. Better Christians. Let us begin by forgiving, loving, sacrificing for others, putting away spiritual poisons like resentment and envy.

Personally, I find inspiration in the saints and holy figures in my country's history. In this moment, I am looking especially to the Servant of God Dorothy Day. For me, she offers an important witness for how Catholics can work to change our social order through radical detachment and love for the poor grounded in the Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, and the works of mercy. She also had a keen sense that before we can change the hearts of others, we have to change ourselves. She once said: "I see only too clearly how bad people are. I wish I did not see it so. It is my own sins that give me such clarity. But I cannot worry much about your sins and miseries when I have so many of my own. ... My prayer from day to day is that God will so enlarge my heart that I will see you all, and live with you all,

in his love." This is the attitude that we need right now, when our society is so polarized and divided.

I am also drawing inspiration from the witness of Venerable Augustus Tolton. His is an amazing and truly American story. He was born in slavery, escaped into freedom with his mother, and became the first black man to be ordained a priest in my country. Father Tolton once said, "The Catholic Church deplores a double slavery — that of the mind and that of the body. She endeavors to free us of both." Today, we need this confidence in the power of the Gospel.

We are at risk right now of sliding into a new "tribalism," a pre-Christian idea of humanity as divided into competing groups and factions. We need to live and proclaim the Gospel as the true path to liberation from every slavery and injustice, spiritual and material. In our preaching and practice, and especially in our love for our neighbors, we need to bear witness to God's beautiful vision of our common humanity — our common origin and common destiny in God.

Finally, in this hour I think the Church must be a voice for individual conscience and tolerance, and we need to promote greater humility and realism about the human condition. Acknowledging our common humanity means recognizing our common frailty. The truth is that we are all sinners, people who want to do the right thing but often do not. That does not mean we remain passive in the face of social injustice. Never! But we do need to insist that fraternity cannot be built through animosity or division. True religion does not seek to harm or humiliate, to ruin livelihoods or reputations. True religion offers a path for even the worst sinners to find redemption.

One last thought, my friends. And that is the reality of God's providence. We need to hold onto this supernatural understanding, because it is true: God's loving hand still guides our lives and the course of nations. In the States, the Church is preparing to celebrate [last] month the 490th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which marks the true spiritual founding of America. And already, we are seeing signs of an authentic religious awakening going on in America, underneath all the controversy of our politics, the continued clouds of the pandemic, all the uncertainty about where our country is heading. I am confident that we will see this spiritual awakening grow and spread in the coming decade, as we look ahead to the 500th anniversary of the apparition. And Our Lady's words at Tepeyac continue to strengthen and inspire me: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not in my shadow, under my protection?"

Thank you for your invitation and for listening today. May God bless you all and may Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to intercede for us!

Solemnity Mass Times

Sunday, January 9

8 AM (SP) Parishioners of St. Patrick & St. Denis Parishes
10 AM (SD) Living & Deceased Members of the
 Donald & Florence Ronk Family

Monday, January 10

6 PM (SD) Fr. Michael Thiel, for the Priest Himself

Tuesday, January 11

6 PM (SD) Liz Lefeber, Anniversary of Baptism

Wednesday, January 12

8 AM (SD) Victor Wawiorka †

Thursday, January 13

6:30 AM (SP) Kyle Bender

Saturday, January 15

9 AM (SP) Morning Prayer

Sunday, January 16

8 AM (SP) Parishioners of St. Patrick & St. Denis Parishes
10 AM (SD) Shirley Beschta †

Adoration

We are in need of regular adorers for Adoration
 on **Wednesdays, 4-8 PM at St. Denis**
 and **Thursdays, 7 AM-Noon at St. Patrick.**
 Please contact the Parish Office (920) 757-5090
 if you can help for an hour or half an hour. Thank you.

Beer, Bible & Bourbon

Monday, January 10

Who Said Faith Wasn't Fun?

Join Fr. Michael Thiel as we ponder the
 most important things in the most casual way.

Monday, January 10, 7 PM

River Rail Bar & Banquet Hall, Shiocton

St. Patrick Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 11

The St. Patrick Parish Council will meet this Tuesday,
 January 11, at 7 PM at the Parish Office.

If you have a point of discussion, please contact

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Family of Faith

Wednesday, January 12

Join us at **St. Denis for Family of Faith**

6-8 PM in the Parish Hall

Notes from the Parish Office

Join Us in Praying the Holy Rosary -

Sundays, 7:39 AM St. Patrick Parish, before the 8 AM Mass.

Prayer Line -

To add your prayer intention to the Prayer Line -

Call 920-986-3421 or Email: cjvstraten51@gmail.com

Would you like to help pray for our parish family?

Contact: cjvstraten51@gmail.com, for prayer intention emails

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 please contact the parish office at 920-757-5090.

Home Visit -

If you or a family member who would like a visit from
 Fr. Michael, please contact the parish office at 920-757-5090.

The Bible in a Year



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 Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins.
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Saturday, March 12, 2022

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Men's Conference

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Saturday, March 19 2022

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Champion, Wisconsin

More details to come, EstoVir.com



Liturgical Volunteers for Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17

DATE / TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSICIANS	LECTORS	USHERS/GREETERS	SACRISTANS	COUNTERS
Sunday, 1/16 8 AM St. Patrick	Isaiah & Josiah Gassner	Karla Boushley Jean Julius	Pat Rynish	Jeff & Laura Darnick	Jeff & Laura Darnick	Monday, 1/17 9 AM Sandy Conradt Jean Lutz Mary Pat Nussbaum Mary Jo Johnson
Sunday, 1/16 10 AM St. Denis	Kinze, Randy & Ann Zitzelsberger	Karla Boushley Jean Julius	Ann Shears	Jim Shears Jerry Hooyman	Melanie Beyers	

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