



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2021



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◇ A GIFT: when Paul Hinch died very suddenly, his family was in shock. However, his wife and two children realized they could help others, even during their sadness. They allowed doctors to take some of Paul's body parts to help others. In fact eight (8) people received organs from Paul's body. Are YOU an Organ Donor? It is easy to do in the State of Illinois. www.lifegoeson.com
- ◇ Covid-19 is NOT over! Some people think because there are vaccines, Covid is now over. NOT TRUE. Covid is still very dangerous. Continue to wear masks, use hand sanitizers, keep social distance; get enough rest; drink plenty of water; take vitamins, especially B12, C, and D. When your doctor or medical center tells you that you can receive the vaccine, make sure to sign-up immediately.
- ◇ POPE FRANCIS has declared this the "Year of St. Joseph", beginning on his feast day, MARCH 19. This is a good idea. St. Joseph was a brave man. He took care of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and the baby JESUS. St. Joseph was a good example of being a MAN, a HUSBAND, and a FATHER.
- ◇ **ST. JULIE BILLIART:** There will be NO Deaf Masses at St. Julie during JANUARY. The Mass schedule there is still very limited. Why? Because both priests there had Covid-19. The 6pm Masses for the deaf will resume in FEBRUARY. Fr. Joe will celebrate the 6pm Mass on FEB. 14th.
- ◇ **ST. MARY OF VERNON:** The next Mass is SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th at 4pm.
- ◇ PARENTS: Catholic Office of the Deaf & St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center offers RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for all CHILDREN. We want to prepare our children to cherish our Catholic Faith, especially for the SACRAMENTS of RECONCILIATION (Confession); FIRST COMMUNION; CONFIRMATION. Please see MRS. SWATEK before or after Mass at St. Francis Borgia or contact her at maggiedre@gmail.com

If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No handshaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WEAR MASKS. WASH YOUR HANDS. KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING. GET REST.

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with
Deaf Social/Support Group,
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at cps.edu/mealsites. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. **Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities.** To volunteer or request help, go to: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.
INFO: deafsmitty@gmail.com (JIMMY SMITH).
He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

Family Together

Although many of us may have already taken down our Christmas decorations, liturgically speaking, the Christmas season hasn't ended yet; today is the last day. Holidays like Christmas are highlights of our year, moments of great grace. This grace renews us and prepares us for our return to the season of Ordinary Time, to the continuing work of discipleship. Gather as a family and discuss your feelings about the ending of the Christmas season. How does it feel to take down the Christmas decorations? Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we consider the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:7-11. Jesus' baptism prepared him for his public ministry. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship?

Conclude by praying together today's psalm response taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, 12:2-6, or pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

Today we hear how Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan. The story reminds us of our own baptism when God's spirit became a living spring in each one of us.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday following Epiphany. Scripture readings draw our attention to Christ's Baptism in the river Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist. Even though John did not feel worthy to baptize Jesus, John did what Christ told him to do. And when he did, Jesus, the Son of God was revealed to the world: "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17). At the moment of Christ's Baptism, he entered into his public life of ministry, one that would lead him to his crucifixion and resurrection for our sins. As we celebrate Christ's Baptism, we celebrate our own as well by renewing our baptismal vows. As baptized Catholic Christians, we, too, are called to follow Jesus and lead lives of faith.

In the story of Jesus' baptism, we hear the report of a significant moment in Jesus' life with sinners. In the voice from the heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit, we know that God received this offering from Jesus and found it pleasing. In the passages that follow in Mark's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Jan 17: Mass, 10:30am.

Mon, Jan 18: MARTIN LUTHER KING holiday. Honor a person who worked for justice and peace.

Sun, Jan 24: Mass, 10:30am. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.

Sun, Jan 31: Mass, 10:30am.

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

There are NO 6pm Masses at St. Julie during January.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.

Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/

Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass

Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish

Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

HelpIllinoisfamilies.com is a program to help families who have unpaid bills for rent, utilities, food, etc. Go to: helpillinoisfamilies.com.

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sun Jan 10: Is 42:1-7; Ps 29:1-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11; Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Mon Jan 11: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tues Jan 12: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28

Weds Jan 13: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thurs Jan 14: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Fri Jan 15: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8, Mk 2:1-12

Sat Jan 16: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17



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deafchurchchicago.org or Facebook

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<http://RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/>

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am

At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

Mass at 4:00pm:

St. Julie Billiard: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month

St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Genevieve Balsitis

Marijo Wimbush

Bill Ortiga

Genevieve Uhren

Arlene Redmond

Hedie Iovito

Patricia Mancuso

Frank Mancuso

Chris Wehking

Caroline Goraj

Majka family

Drucilla Ronchen

Carmen Reyes

Kay Mulvey

Bill Cusack

2 priests at St. Julie

Charlotte Seegert

CARLA VACCA (63) who died Jan 4. Her brother JOHN (69) died the same day.

John Hoberg

Sr. Corita Ambro

Peggy Franco

Richard Kush

Deacon Casey Fronczek

Dolores Wallace

Fr. Len Broniak

Danny Rivera

William Costello

Baby Victoria Solis

James Mulcrone

Joan Christian

Esther Stolarski

Mary Brandseth

Joseph Valicento

Theresa Stanis

Mary Cook

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5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

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5735 W. Fullerton Ave. ~ 773-237-6400

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