



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Epiphany of the Lord - January 2, 2022



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 very big "THANK YOU" to everyone – ushers, readers, Communion Ministers, those who decorated the chapel – for wonderful celebration of Christmas. They were very busy days, and everyone was very patient and kind to one another. Also, a big "THANK YOU" to all our interpreters who worked throughout Christmas Eve and Christmas day for our families. Do you remember to thank those who interpret for you?
- * NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 9: I will be away at NCOD Pastoral Week (National Catholic Office of the Deaf). It is in SAVANNAH, GA. We will not have 10:30am Mass in the chapel. There will be special seating for the deaf at the 10:30am Mass in Church (Interpreted). The hall will be open before and after Mass.
- * JANUARY 5-10, the Catholic Office of the Deaf (CHICAGO) will be closed because of the NCOD meeting. If there is an emergency/funeral/etc, call/text Fr. Joe right away at 312-685-7899.
- * WE ARE ALL AT RISK: everyone of us is at risk of getting sick from Covid. Even if we are vaccinated, we can get sick (BUT, VACCINATED PEOPLE WILL REMAIN OUT OF THE HOSPITAL). PLEASE...get vaccinated. It is not too late....wear a mask whenever you go into any business, store, church...wash your hands/use hand sanitizer (to prevent flu and Covid germs)...drink enough water...get plenty of rest. Recently, a young deaf woman who lives on the East Coast became sick with Covid. She could not breathe, and went into the hospital. She died from COVID!
- * What is happening with deaf people, especially in MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICAS? www.dcyia.net
- * FR. MIKE DEPCIK is a wonderful teacher about our Catholic faith. Go to his weekly vlog: www.frmd.org
- * The Catholic Office of the Deaf, Chicago, has a good email alert system. If there is an emergency or a funeral notice, the Office sends out a message to everyone on the list. Easy (no cost) to register. Send your email to cathdeafch@archchicago.org, ask to get on the alert list. We do NOT share people's emails with anyone else.
- * CATHOLIC/VIETNAMESE: St. Julie parish will celebrate the wonderful Catholic faith of the Vietnamese people the weekend of JANUARY 15-16. The parish has invited the deaf community to join them at the 6pm Mass that evening. Fr. Joe will be there, too.
- * Our COVID rules continue at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center: Must use hand sanitizers. Must wear masks. Holy Communion in your hands ONLY. Please make sure to wash your hands if you go to the washroom, soap and warm water. (Parents, remind your children.) If you feel sick, stay home and rest.

In person Deaf Social & Support is back at Schaumburg Township! 3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Must RSVP: 224-520-9763vp, sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY.

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. 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

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:

Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute VIRTUAL meetings with immigration lawyers. Upcoming clinics. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter.

To register for a legal clinic please call

872-227-7099 or email

info@irishchicago.org

DRIVERS...PLEASE!!! Be VERY careful driving, especially near malls and shopping centers. Many young people are running between cars, crossing in the middle of streets. Watch out; slow down. Do not text or talk on the phone behind the wheel.

Family Together

ON THE WAY TO MASS: Tell your children something about the day of their Baptism.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS: In this reading, the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove. What form might the Holy Spirit take today?

Living the Word

The Holy Spirit is among us, adding richness to our lives. With your family, walk around your neighborhood and see what blessings and marvels you witness. Record what you notice. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active and engaged today? What kinds of things do you notice that inspire or challenge you? What can each family member learn from the perspective of the others?

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people were filled with expectation, all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water; but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to stoop and loose the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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 a bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

REFLECTING

Parents, grandparents, and other family members anticipate the Baptism of a child with joy. Through the sacrament, the baby becomes an adopted child of God. This is a special time when the true holiness of an individual is illuminated in the light of the Holy Spirit. Bathed in the baptismal waters, we enter the Church. With the support of the faith community, the relationship of the Christian is nurtured and the individual brings the light of Christ to the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Jan. 9: Mass, 10:30 (INTERPRETED in the large church). Fr. Joe is at the

NCOD Pastoral week. Deaf center will be open. NO Mass at St. Julie.

Sun, Jan. 16: Mass, 10:30am. 6pm Mass, St. Julie.

Sun, Jan. 23: Mass, 10:30am. FR. BILL KEY. No 4pm mass, St. Mary of Vernon.

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

Readings for the week of Jan 2, 2021

Sun Jan 2: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon Jan 3: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues Jan 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wed Jan 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thurs Jan 6: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Fri Jan 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Sat Jan 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION.

WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many Catholic Deaf Ministries are posting Masses on the internet.

Full list available at www.NCOD.org



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Genevieve Balsitis	John Hoberg
Yvette Cotey	Sr. Corita Ambro
Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
Arlene Redmond	Deacon Casey Fronczek
Hedie Iovito	Dolores Wallace
Patricia Mancuso	Fr. Len Broniak
Frank Mancuso	Danny Rivera
Pranas Jurjonas	William Costello
Caroline Goraj	Susan Postl
Majka family	James Mulcrone
Joan Christian	Charlotte Seegert
Carmen Reyes	Esther Stolarski
Kay Mulvey	Mary Brandseth
Bill Cusack	Theresa Stanis
Mary Cook	Richard Csabi
Kathy Caron	Sharon Cheesman
Darlene Washington	

Nick Aebly (41) who died Dec 16; Rebekah Pettway (MA) who died last week from CoVid.

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am

At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

Mass at 4:00pm:

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

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

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

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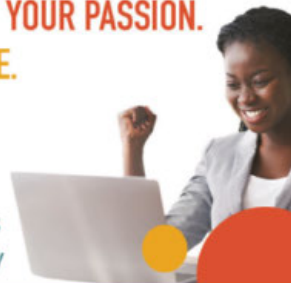
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