



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022



The Baptism OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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

- ◆ "BEAUTIFUL" is the way several hearing parishioners at St. Francis Borgia described the decorations in the chapel (I agree!). Thanks to PATRICIA SLISZ, BRIAN SWATEK, JOHN & VALENTINA FO-LERZYNSKI (who also collected the flower donations).
- ◆ COVID FUNERAL RE-IMBURSEMENT: The US Government (FEMA) will pay families up to \$9,000 for any burial costs of a person who died because of COVID. You can contact the funeral director who handled the funeral, and that funeral director can help you file the necessary forms.
- ◆ COVID IS not GOING AWAY. Continue to...wear masks...use hand sanitizer...drink enough water...get enough rest...try NOT to gather in large crowds... GET VACCINATED (it is NOT too late!).
- ◆ NEXT SUNDAY, 1/16: St. Julie parish will have a special day celebrating VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC PEOPLE! The deaf are very welcome to join the community for the 6pm Mass. Fr. Joe will be there, too.
- ◆ DRIVERS!!! Children are returning to school this week. Slow down near ALL schools. Keep your headlights/taillights clean during the winter.
- ◆ PLEASE pick up your 2022 Church Envelopes. Your support for St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center is important.
- ◆ 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.

Someone sent me this over Christmas. A good reminder:
"You came naked. You will go naked.
You arrived weak. You will leave weak.
You came without money or things.
You will leave without money or things.
Your first bath? Someone washed you.
Your last bath? Someone will wash you.
THIS IS LIFE!!!

So why so much envy, so much hate, so much jealousy, so much resentment, so much selfishness, and so much pride?
Why, when we have to go empty handed?
BE KIND."

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".

The Art Institute of Chicago has a new initiative until March 17 that allows Illinois residents FREE ADMISSION on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. All you need to do is show proof of residency with a zip code and address and **register on-line in advance**. Here's more info: www.artic.edu/visit/free-admission

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

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (John 2:1-11)

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

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no more wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from - although the servers who had drawn the water knew - the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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

Jan 20-24: Fr. Joe in Panama. Pray for safety, and good meetings with the deaf community.

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

Thurs, Jan 27, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.

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

Sun Feb 6: Mass, 10:30am. After Mass, Fr. Joe will talk about visit to Panama.

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

Readings for the week of Jan 9, 2021

Sun Jan 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mon Jan 10: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tues Jan 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Weds Jan 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thurs Jan 13: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Fri Jan 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Sat Jan 15: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17



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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 Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Genevieve Balsitis

Yvette Cotey

Bill Ortiga

Genevieve Uhren

Arlene Redmond

Hedie Iovito

Patricia Mancuso

Frank Mancuso

Pranas Jurjonas

Caroline Goraj

Majka family

Joan Christian

Carmen Reyes

Kay Mulvey

Bill Cusack

Mary Cook

Kathy Caron

Darlene Washington

Santo Reyes (brother of Carmen Reyes) died Dec 30 in Puerto Rico.

John Hoberg

Sr. Corita Ambro

Peggy Franco

Richard Kush

Deacon Casey Fronczek

Dolores Wallace

Fr. Len Broniak

Danny Rivera

William Costello

Susan Postl

James Mulcrone

Charlotte Seegert

Esther Stolarski

Mary Brandseth

Theresa Stanis

Richard Csabi

Sharon Cheesman

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

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5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

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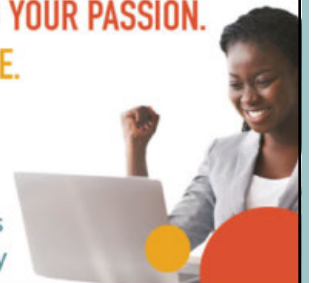
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