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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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Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

PSALM:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

SECOND READING:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

GOSPEL:


After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended
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in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"The chief service I
owe you, O God, is that
every thought and
word of mine should
speak of you."**

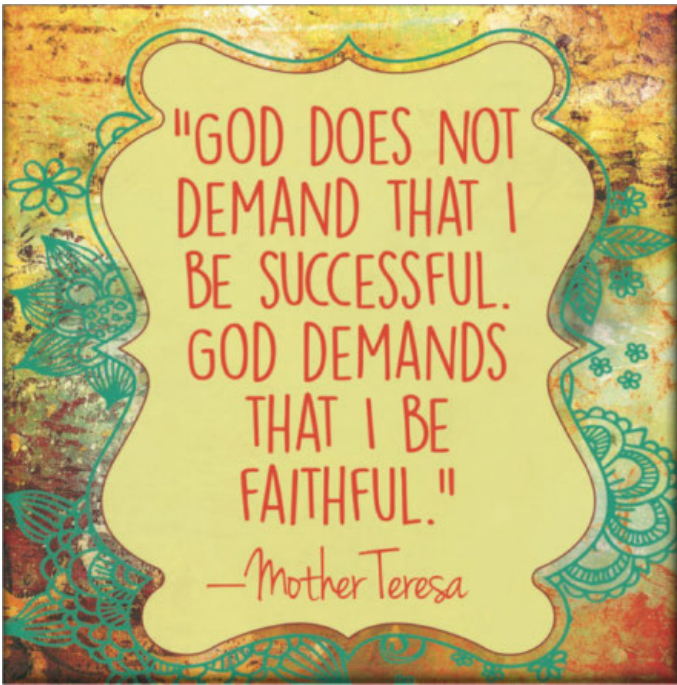
— St. Hilary —

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On December 30th members of our Sister Parish in Chimbote, Peru experienced devastating fires which consumed hundreds of homes leaving 500 families homeless. Please keep them in your prayers as they recover and rebuild their community.



In an effort to continue offering Donut Sunday each month, we need volunteers to help with the serving the milk & coffee after the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass. Please help us to continue with this community ministry by calling or text Sharon Hoffman at 651-350-8287 or call the Parish office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



**"GOD DOES NOT
DEMAND THAT I
BE SUCCESSFUL.
GOD DEMANDS
THAT I BE
FAITHFUL."**

—Mother Teresa



If you are reading this article, you are a member of one of the two groups. The first group has grown up with the technologies that exist today. Computers, smart phones, the internet, streaming videos, and all that they entail are part of life. The second group lived and remember life before these technologies. They readily remind others of what life used to be like. I belong to the second group.

Before smart phones there were just phones. Subscribers had a choice of one-color, black. The most difficult decision was whether one wanted a long cord or short cord on their phone. What is more, unlike today the only thing one could use a telephone for was to make a telephone call.

Today there exists the smart phone. It can do many things. It can get directions, provide instant weather, answer all trivia questions, take pictures, and send and receive them. The list goes on and on. Oh yes it makes phone calls too.

Then there is television. Early TVs were mostly furniture with a picture tube. There were only 4 channels to watch, and about midnight the stations went off the air. Color TV was a marvelous invention that emerged later in life.

Today televisions can be as large as small movie theaters. The picture quality is fantastic. One can see every blemish on the newscaster's face. Cable, satellite, and streaming provide multiple sources of receiving the TV signal. Even the free over the air channels have multiplied to around 20.

Many other changes we have seen in life. I could site more examples. I take mercy knowing that all who have a chance to tell their stories certainly do.

There is one thing in life that has never changed. In a simple word...God! Forever, God has created each one in His image and likeness. He has created each of us to share His limitless love. He wants for us not to be sinners, but because of our free will he knows we are sinners. His forgiveness knows no bounds He has given us His Son, to remind us of His love, to teach us how to live and a promise of eternal salvation. God always has and always will love each of us. There are no exceptions.

Know then that whatever is happening in our lives, God is there for us, He will never change.

Deacon Jack

**St. Ambrose of Woodbury Perpetual Adoration Chapel opened January 2nd
Visit their website at www.saintambrose.weadorehim.com for more information.**

Deaths



For those who have died we pray

- Delores, mother of Laurie Barthol
- George May
- Shirley, aunt of Carol Urbanski
- Jennifer Miller
- Juanita Dean
- Arnie Horn

May they rest in you Lord

Prayer Requests



Pray for the sick of our parish

- Gil, friend of Jean Brezinski
- Mark, brother of Arlene Mahoney

Heal them with your touch Lord



"Billy better hope his guardian angel didn't get laid off."

Excerpts from Fr. Albert's Christmas Greeting

I want to bring you up to speed with what we have collectively achieved in the past years for the many, many children, young people and families in Ghana. On December 1, 2021, I will turn 9 years as a priest. For these past years we have together brought joy and relief to many children and families in Ghana. Your financial support has put me in the position to be able reach out to those who need me in the missions and in the communities around. Together, we have supported 230 children and young people within this period to pay their school fees; we provided school supplies such as bicycles, stationeries, desks, clothing, as well as medical care.

1. 10 students have graduated and are now nurses
2. 2. 6 students have graduated and are now teachers
3. 3. 30 students in a senior high school have their rent being paid for and some amount of food supplied to them.
4. 4. 184 children and youngsters at different levels of education are receiving educational support in accordance with their need.

In addition to these, we have built a grade school from 1st to 6th grade and provided desks for the children. We are adding three more classrooms to take it to the 9th grade. The following projects carried out.

1. A Clinic is built (it is operational)
2. We drilled 9 wells around the communities for clean water
3. We fixed a Marian Shrine and built and new one
4. We built a church for one of the mission stations (furnishing is yet to be done)
5. We built a youth center for Youth Faith Formation
6. We provided church goods for the churches and missions

As I thank the Lord for His act of salvation, I want to express my gratitude to you for saying Yes to Jesus in supporting my mission – The people can now have access to nearby and quality health care, have clean water to drink and many children now are in school.

Word of God - DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Jan 9		Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
MON., JAN 10	TUES., JAN 11	WED., JAN 12	THURS., JAN 13	FRI., JAN 14	SAT., JAN 15
1 Samuel 1:1-8	1 Samuel 1:9-20	1 Samuel 3:1-10	1 Samuel 4:1-11	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17
Sunday, Jan 16		Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-11

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Office Hours
Monday through Thursday 8:00—4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 AM to Noon
The Parish Office is closed on weekends.

Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursdays - 8:30am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturdays at 4:00pm, or call the Parish Office for appt.

Baptism
 Baptisms are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at noon. Baptism preparation class is held on 1st Tuesday of each month. Attendance at baptism preparation class is required before scheduling a baptism date. Call as soon as possible to register for baptism preparation class.

RCIA
 Contact Deacon Jack Nicklay at 651-459-4596

Marriage
 Call the Parish Office to inquire. Please allow six months for marriage preparation.

Home visits
 If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or have a confession heard, or would like a visit from Fr. Mark, please call the parish office at 651-459-4596.

Hospitalization
 We would love to visit you if you are hospitalized. Please have a family member contact us. Confidentiality laws do not allow hospitals to notify churches.

Parish Registration
 You may register at the Parish Office during office hours. Forms are also available on our web site.

Anyone wishing to serve as a volunteer in any parish event or function, who may come in contact with youth or vulnerable adults, must first complete the "Essential Three" components required by the Archdiocese: Virtus training, a background check, and a signed code of conduct. Call the parish office for more information.

Victim Assistance Hotline: 651-291-4497

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of abuse by clergy or any employee of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, your first call should be to local law enforcement authorities. Then please call the number above to report the abuse.

Mass Intentions for week of Jan 9, 2022

Sunday, Jan 9
The Parish
Ramon Yasis †
Tuesday, Jan 11
Al Luebbers †
Wednesday, Jan 12
Dick Vasterling †
Thursday, Jan 13
Conrad Weinert Jr. †

Friday, Jan 14
Denise Kinlaw †
Saturday, Jan 15
Mary Olson-Pfeifer
Sunday, Jan 16
Steffi Linson
The Parish



Charitable contributions must be claimed in the year in which they are delivered. One exception is a check that is mailed to the church – it is deductible in the year the check is postmarked, even if it is received early in the next year. If we receive a check in the mail in the first week of January 2022 that is enclosed in an envelope postmarked in December, we will include that contribution in the donor's 2021 contribution statement. Any checks received in the January 1st collection or postmarked in 2022 (even if the check is dated in December) will be included in your 2022 contribution statement.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Financial Giving
Year to Date as of 11/30/2021
***YTD Actual will be updated on a monthly basis.**

Actual 2021-22 YTD.....\$331,567.50
 Budget 2021-22 YTD.....(\$328,775.00)
 Difference.....\$2792.50

MORTGAGE UPDATE

Balance as of 12/1/2021 \$689,828.17
 Monthly Payment \$5,695.92

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	Communion Service 8 am Adoration 8:30 am—5:00 pm followed by 5:00 pm Mass
Friday	8:30 am Mass
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am

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