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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - - January 10, 2021 - - Cycle C

“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”

Welcome Back to St. Boniface Church Mass
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

Please arrive early for check-in time before Mass

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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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READINGS for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday:
 I Sm 3:3b-10, 19 I Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-4

PRIVATE CONFESSION

is always available on Saturdays at 3:30pm in our Chapel
 (located left side of Altar).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9, 2021
 4:00pm Audrey Ringdal†, Daniel Metzdorff†
 Sunday, January 10, 2021
 10:00am Members of the St. Boniface Council
 John and Jean Seward
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners
 Tuesday, January 12, 2021
 9:00am Audrey Ringdal†, Janet Micek
 Thursday, January 14, 2021
 9:00am Lois Skinner, Larry Boeser†
 Saturday, January 16, 2021
 4:00pm Bob Wrubel, Don and †Jeannette Dick
 Sunday, January 17, 2021
 10:00am Bob Wrubel, George and Julia Chinn††
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

The Announcement of Easter & the Moveable Feasts

Know, Dear Brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 17th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 4th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Pascha feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 13th day [or, where applicable, the 16th day] of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 23rd day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 6th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 28th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(From the Roman Missal, Third Edition, Appendix I)

**Gospel Meditation — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mk 1:7-11**

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©Lpi

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'Chalking the door' is an Epiphany tradition. . .

If you haven't done it, this is a good year to begin.

Background: The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 21**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2021 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ now and forever. Amen.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." - Deacon Greg Kandra (January 2, 2021)

Did You Know? From our Venezuelan Mission "Hopes and Dreams for the New Year"

Fr. Dempsey: Having celebrated the most unique Christmas in memory, we head into a new year with lots of hopes and dreams for a return to "normal" social relationships, but hopefully with a deeper appreciation for many blessings we may have previously taken for granted. This week's article reflects the hopes and dreams of folks both here and in Minnesota as we begin this new year.

Jesus said: "Don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own" (Matthew 6:34). The year 2020 has had enough troubles of its own. Still, from a certain perspective, they may have been a blessing. Despite the human tendency to fixate on what we have lost and cannot do, you may have a deeper appreciation than you did a year ago for what you DO have and what you CAN do. Lacking physical contact with loved ones, you may treasure the times you are able to be in contact with them more. You may have a clearer sense of personal priorities in life and increased compassion and understanding for others going through difficult times. People typically turn to God more when things aren't going so well than when everything is going great. Between the problems and having more time on your hands, God may have been the recipient of some extra prayer time. In perspective, 2020 may have been a really great year!

The challenges and adjustments to "normal" life we experienced in 2020 will accompany us as we transition into the New Year. Nevertheless, with the turn of the calendar page (for you who remember printed calendars) we naturally look forward to what 2021 will bring. What are your hopes and dreams for the New year? I put that question to folks back in Minnesota and here in Venezuela. Many, of course, mentioned good health, prayer for loved ones, better living conditions and an end to the pandemic.

These responses...mostly serious, some on the lighter side...express the hopes and dreams so many share, but there was one particular response from a friend whose family recently left Venezuela for Spain that best gave voice to the dream that the pains of the past year might be transformed into hope for the New Year.

"The past months I have felt as though I haven't even been alive, finding nothing positive here. I go to Mass and pray but I don't feel anything. Why am I so unhappy with my life? My daughters find joy in lots of things making me think if they, being children, know how to be happy, I should do the same. So I have decided that this coming year I am going to live intensely not new things but seeing what I already know and live as though it were something new. The pandemic will continue. The government may not change. The clouds, the world, the rivers may be the same. What we have the power to change is ourselves, to see things differently, to find value in the simplest things and give attention to the beauty in the smallest details. So I have decided this Christmas to become like a little child awaiting the baby Jesus and whatever he brings me in the New Year.

What a great attitude for us all as we transition into the new year with blessings and challenges of its own.

Points to ponder . . .

What can you do, what attitude will help, to make your hopes and dreams for the New Year become a reality?



The Year of St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, following your example and being strengthened by your help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven.

Amen.

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