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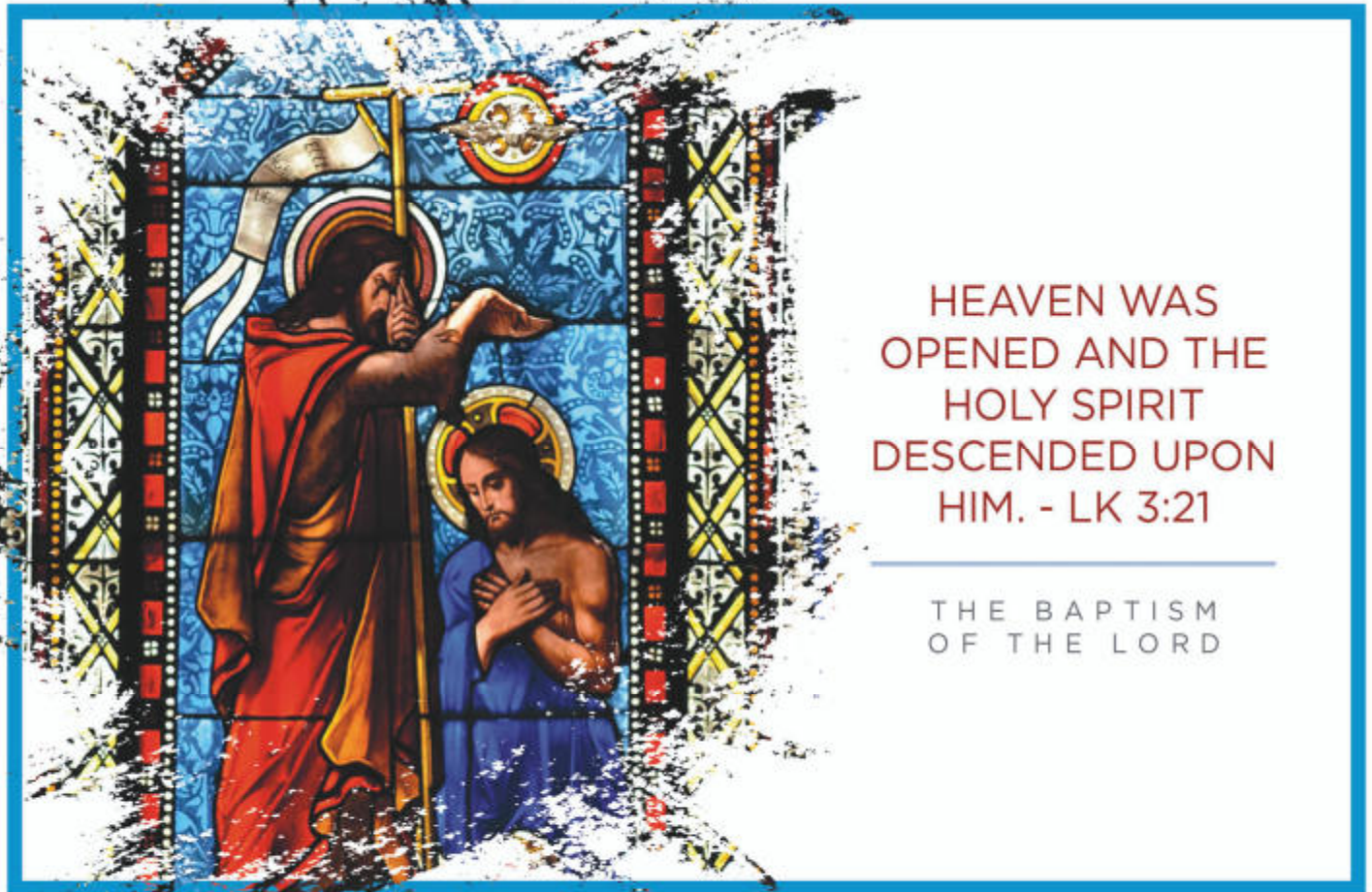
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January 9, 2022

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



HEAVEN WAS
OPENED AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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Sacraments of the Church

Masses: Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Creole)

Daily Liturgy: Monday through Wednesday 12:10 p.m. **Communion Service** Friday 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:00p.m. in Chapel or contact the Rectory to schedule an appointment

Charismatic Prayer Sponsored by the Haitian Community: Thursday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Infant Baptism: By appointment. Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Inquirers:

Find out what it means to be Catholic while considering Baptism or Confirmation. If you are an adult whom has not



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8, 2022		
4:00 p.m.	Helen Galli, Herbert Oliver, & Caroline Doyle	Memorial
Sunday, January 9, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	Abana Casimir	Memorial
11:00 a.m.	Chris Cassidy	Healing
Monday, January 10, 2022		
12:10 p.m.	Channa Lee Maire	Healing
	Ed Dechaves	Memorial
Tuesday, January 11, 2022		
12:10 p.m.	Cyril MacDonald	Memorial
Wednesday, January 12, 2022		
12:10 p.m.	Arthur Leclerc	Memorial
Saturday, January 15, 2022		
4:00 p.m.	Jim & Ronnie Bruce	Memorial
	Joe & Pauline Sacco	Memorial
Sunday, January 16, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	John & Frank Kisich	Memorial
	Marion & Paul King	Memorial
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Giggi	Memorial



Please remember our sick, their families, and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them.

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(U.S. Air Force)



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(U. S. Army)

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(U.S. Marines)

Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PASTORAL STAFF

To reach our pastoral staff please call 617-547-4880 and choose one of the extensions listed below

Office Hours (time subject to season)

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Thank You for your Continued Support During this Difficult Time

Parishioner's donations for Jan. 1st & Jan. 2nd

\$3,470.00 From the English community

\$1,389.00 From the Haitian community

\$2,472.00 From On line giving

\$7,331.00 Total

If you have forgotten your envelope or are visiting, please use one of the yellow "Welcome" envelopes found in the information centers at the entrances of the church

Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us. We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call 617-547-4880 or e-mail info@stjohncambridge.org
We are here to serve you!

This Week's Second Collection



The second collection this weekend will help us continue our efforts to keep you warm, this very chilly winter season. Thank you in advance for your help in making St. John's a cozy and comfortable place to worship.

Upcoming Second Collection

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

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Pope Tweets

By giving us His Son, God offers us a fraternity based on true love, making it possible for me to encounter others who are different, feeling compassion for their sufferings, drawing near and caring for them even though they do not belong to my family, ethnic group or religion.

JANUARY 9, 2022

From the Pandemic Response Team:



In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022. Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking. Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

St. Vincent De Paul Boxes

You may have noticed the St. Vincent De Paul Boxes, located near the entrances and information centers of the church. The donations collected in these boxes go to those in our parish community, in need of services provided by St. Vincent De Paul Society. The St. Vincent De Paul Society of our Parish community is dependent on your generosity to help those in need.



Thank you to all who have humbly, quietly and faithfully contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity has kept food on tables and heat in homes of

Food Donation



Thank you for your continued donations of **nonperishable** food items to local food pantries. These donations are ongoing and you can leave your items on the side porch of the rectory at any time.

Weekly Reflection

Our gospel recounts the story of Jesus' baptism and the important words spoken by God about Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Isaiah uses similar words "Here is my servant, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. . ." During the coming week, take some time to pray and reread these scriptures. Hear God say these words to you, "I formed you and set you as a light" "You are my beloved. . . with you I am well pleased." As you acknowledge God's love and delight in you, ask God for the courage to witness to his love in your actions and words this week.

A SERVICE OF SEVEN LESSONS & CAROLS
 CELEBRATING CHRISTMASTIDE AND
 THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 3:00 PM
 SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
 1254 MASS AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE, MA

Mark Your Calendars!

Here is a quick list of upcoming events at St. John's to help you "mark your calendars"!

January:

- **Lessons & Carols**-January 9th at 3:00 p.m. Upper Church

Covid Testing Resumes

Covid testing will be available here at St. John's parish hall. Resumed December 1st

No appointment are needed. Walk-in are welcome

Testing: **Wednesdays only**
 Time: **2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Location: **St. John the Evangelist Church**
 2270 Massachusetts Ave.

The 2022 Calendars have arrived!



If you would like to pick up a free calendar for the 2022 year, they are located at all tables in the back of the Church. Thank you to **Keefe Funeral Homes** for providing these calendars. Enjoy!

JANUARY 9, 2022

Pastor's Corner

The 9th of January brings with it the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord and the Gospel is taken from the writing of Luke. Baptism is perhaps the most familiar of the sacraments beside the Eucharist as most of us who believe in Christ have been dipped into the waters of His Life, Death and Resurrection and await union with Him in the next life. Before Jesus was baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan River, baptism was a ritual performed by the prophets as a sign of new purity and a washing away of sin in the Name of God. Jesus is baptized by John and, given His nature as the sinless presence of God, He purifies the water of all baptism and so encourages the baptized after Him to be dipped into the good example of His life, unity with His suffering, and with the blessings that He provides in hope of our resurrection after Him.

Each time that anyone, tiny or not, is baptized in the Name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit with water and in faith he or she is united to and sealed with the character of Christ. This seal and character remains with the baptized until death no matter where that person would wander. It is a sign which encourages faith, hope, and love of God and neighbor and is indelible. It is our baptism which urges us to move forward to receive Christ in the Eucharist and which encourages the possibility of growth in faith throughout our lives. It is our baptism which draws us together with all believers and urges our participation with them in the common priesthood which begs our unity with Christ in the sacrifice of the Mass.

It is our baptism which calls each one of us to a sacrificial love of neighbor which includes many of the ways of generosity in which we participate at our spiritual home which is Saint John's. We give generously for the life and sustenance of the parish and we commit to service in the name of Christ so that others might be satisfied. We give food and other

goods so those who have less will grow and be sustained and we give gifts of time, talent and treasure, all in the name of God. We ask you to continue to pray for the people of St. Peter's parish with whom we will collaborate very soon as we look to be a community united in the faith of our baptism and in love. We invite all of you to come and enjoy Lessons and Carols under the direction of our choir on this Sunday at 3:00p.m. Thanks and have a great week.

God Bless, Fr. Joe.

Winter Prayer

*Lord: In the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold and
wind can pierce remind us of the
warmth of your love. In the midst of
Winter, when days are short, dawn
comes late, and dusk arrives early
remind us that in the darkness your
light still shines. In the midst of
Winter, when the flowers of spring still
lie hidden in the earth, when leaves
are off the trees, and the world
can seem bleak remind us that
Easter is but a short time away.
And when in our lives we feel as
if we are experiencing a season of
winter, reach out to us with the power
of your resurrection so that we may
feel the warmth of your love and see
your light that alone can take away
the darkness of our soul.*

- Cal Wick

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