

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JANUARY 9, 2022

HEAVEN



Heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him.

LUKE 3:21

MASS SCHEDULE

MON-THUR | 9:00AM

SUNDAY | 8:30AM & 10:30AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY | 3:30-4:15PM

SATURDAY (VIGIL) | 4:30PM

HOLY DAY | 9:00AM & 7:00PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY | 3:00-6:00PM

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mass intentions

Saturday 1/8

4:30pm: Anniv 14: Barbara Lohman
 Requested by Margaret Lohman Family
 Mem: Richard Falcetti, Sr. | Anniv 8: Daniel Falcetti
 Requested by Ria Garriepy

Sunday 1/9 | Baptism of the Lord

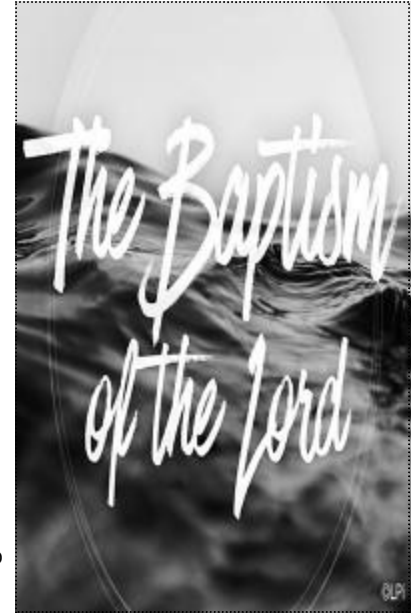
8:30am: Mass for the people
 10:30am: Mem: Jesse Lee Brigham | Requested by Family

Saturday 1/15

4:30pm: Anniv 20: Ellie Whitcomb | Requested by Family
 Theresa Conley (Month's Mind) | Requested by OLG Parish

Sunday 1/16 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am: Mem: MaryAnn Dumont | Requested by Nancy Iagallo
 10:30am: Anniv 1: Francis Joslyn | Requested by Family



sacraments

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN: Parents wishing to have their child baptized should contact the parish office. Prior to the actual celebration of the sacrament there is a catechesis for parents on the meaning of baptism and Christian parenting.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Adults seeking to be baptized as well as those already baptized (in both Catholic & non-Catholic communities) who seek to be confirmed and to receive Holy Communion, are invited to join with others in exploring our Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples intending to marry should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: We are eager to bring Holy Communion to those unable to come to church. The priest, deacon and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will assure that the Eucharist is brought to homes of those wishing to receive it.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Those experiencing serious illness should contact the parish office or speak with the parish priest as soon as possible.

we join in prayer

- + We join our hearts in prayer for a greater respect for human life and for the dignity of every human being,
- + We pray for respectful dialogue and reconciliation between diverse communities.
- + We pray for cooperation between nations in caring for our fragile earth.
- + We pray for communities and schools beset by violence.
- + We pray for all those who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

+ We pray for those whose lives have been overwhelmed by storms and disasters.

+ We pray for parents, godparents and families preparing for the baptism of a child.

+ **Pope Francis' personal prayer intention for the month of January: For the human family-We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their dignity be affirmed and their rights upheld.**

+ We pray for all who are sick or recovering from injury, illness or surgery, especially, Deacon John Barton and Father Thirbuse Millott.

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. (Is 40:5)

Psalm

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

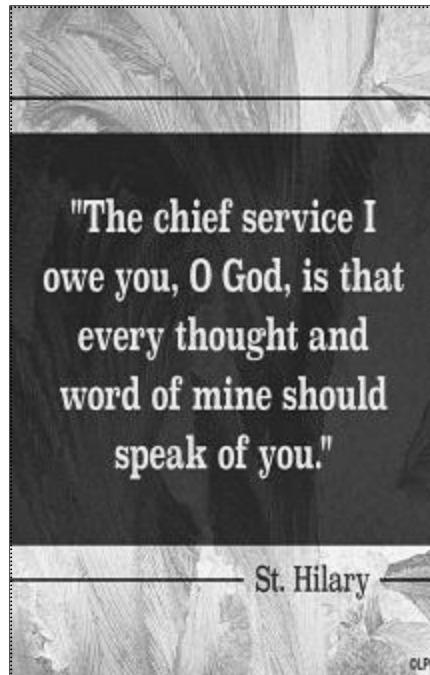
Second Reading

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 upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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the order of worship

The Order of Mass begins on page 3 of the Breaking Bread hymnal. The texts of the scripture readings are found on Page 59 of the hymnal.

Entrance: When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized #111

Offertory: Come to the Water #617

Communion: Behold the Lamb #336

Meditation: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring #414

Recessional: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #106

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

T O D A Y I S T H E F E A S T O F T H E B A P T I S M O F T H E L O R D

When the season of Advent began we heard the words of the prophet Isaiah: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!" Today on the final day of the Christmas season, we celebrate the fulfillment of that prayer. Jesus goes into the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The skies open. God's Spirit descends appearing in the form of a dove. The voice of God is heard: "This is my beloved!"

This proclamation about Jesus invites us to a deeper awareness of our own baptismal call. Through the waters of Baptism we become the Body of Christ, facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Holy Spirit, open to our own vocation in life. It is in recognizing that we are God's children that we embrace our dignity and eternal destiny. As God's "beloved" we are invited to participate in the ongoing work of Jesus in the world.

With today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we conclude the liturgical season of Christmas. On Monday we commence the season of winter Ordinary Time. May God's grace guide our steps through the turning and changing of the seasons of our lives!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

inquiries about being a godparent for baptism

Occasionally, the parish office receives inquiries regarding the role of godparents and the request for "sponsor letters" for potential godparents. Hopefully the following information will be helpful: The role of a godparent is a wonderful privilege. It is a privilege for anyone sincerely seeking to nurture the faith of another.

Godparents are *not* potential legal guardians for a child in the event of sickness or death. Rather, a godparent is a person chosen to assist in the Catholic upbringing of the person being baptized. A godparent makes a public profession of faith during the baptism liturgy and promises by word and example to assist in the faith formation of the individual being baptized. Many parishes request a **Sponsor Letter** attesting that the godparent is baptized, received First Communion, is confirmed, participates in the sacramental life of the parish to the best of the pastor's knowledge, and strives to faithfully live their Catholic faith.

When a person lives in West Boylston or the immediate area and regularly participates in the sacramental life of the parish, we are usually able to provide the **Sponsor Letter** to the parish where the baptism is to take place. However, when a person has moved away from the area, taken up permanent residence elsewhere and no longer participates in the sacramental life of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we are unable to provide that letter. He or she would need to go to the parish in that area and approach the parish priest of that parish. We are always happy to provide any record of previous Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation that took place here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, if that is needed. Sample copies of Sponsor Letters are available in the parish office for anyone wishing to review a copy.

It is our sincere hope that families will choose godparents who by their example will nurture the faith of the children entrusted to them!

liturgical roles

SATURDAY 1/15 4:30PM

PRIEST | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE
DEACON | SCOTT CAMILLERI
ACOLYTES | PHIL MALLET &
 STEVE MUSCENTE
LECTOR | RIA GARRIEPY

SUNDAY 1/16 | 8:30AM

PRIEST | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE
ACOLYTES | JIM BRUCE &
 FRANK HOWE
LECTOR | BARBARA DUVARNEY

SUNDAY 1/16 | 10:30AM

PRIEST | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE
DEACON | MICK BECK
ACOLYTES | DAVE KING &
 BARBARA REYNOLDS
LECTOR | ANYA KELLEY

weekly offertory

Week of Sunday January 2, 2022

- ⇒ Parish Offertory Income: \$6067.00
- ⇒ Electronic Giving Income: \$1087.50
- ⇒ Parish Expenses Paid (for week of 1/2): \$2548.41
- ⇒ Parish Expenses Paid (for week of 12/26): \$6010.90

So that we may maintain our parish finances during these challenging times, consider mailing offertory envelopes to: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 111 Worcester St. W. Boylston, MA 01583. Also consider our convenient online giving option, refer to our parish website or call the office for more details on how to enroll. Thank you!

GET INVOLVED



YOUTH ALTAR SERVING

Join our growing number of youths in the OLGC altar serving ministry! Parents that are interested in having their children participate or have questions can contact the office directly 508-835-3606, or reach out to Deacon Scott or Kevin O'Connell.

OLGC PRAYER LINE

Those who wish to have their intentions remembered in prayer or want to join our prayer line can contact Renate Isbell at 508.835.3286 or submit a request directly through the parish website.

LECTOR & SERVER

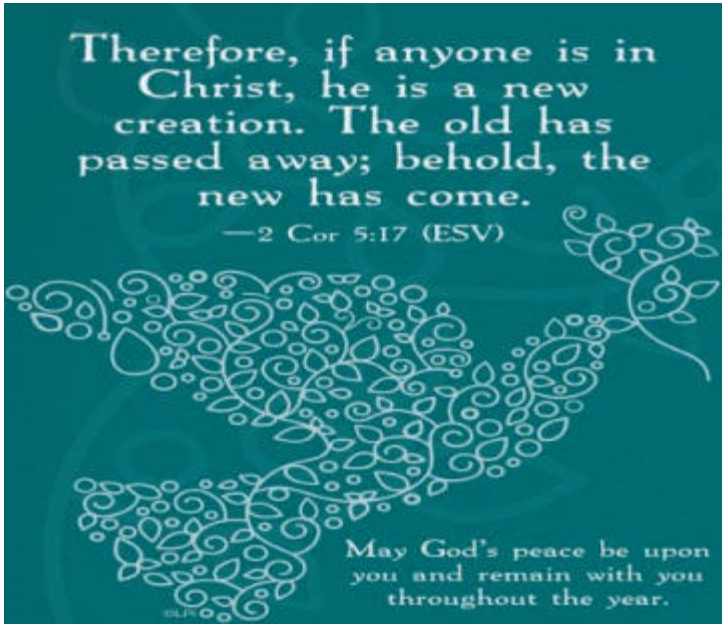
Prayerfully consider joining our Lector or Altar Server ministries. Contact Deacon Mick or Deacon Scott for more details!



w e l c o m e t o o l g c

Please join us in welcoming and praying for our newly registered parishioners. May they be blessed with a warm welcome from a Christ-centered, joy-filled community!

- **Jeanne Gifford**
- **Paul & Donna Rezuke**
- **David & Robin Sebring**
- **Corey, Caitlin, and Madeline MacDonald**
- **Joseph & Nancy Iagallo**



r e a d t h e S c r i p t u r e d a i l y

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b] | Acts 10:34-38 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 **or** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1] | Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8 | Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 | Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 | 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd | Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 | Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 | Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11 | Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 | Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a | Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 | Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a | Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5 | Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3] | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

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