



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



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

4:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

5:00 p.m. Joan Valinote

Sunday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann and Michael Connors

9:00 a.m. Paul Farley, III

10:00 a.m. Anna Ferri

11:00 a.m. Joseph Jacome III, Marie Heffernan

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Ann Stadtler, Jane Ravo-Chouinard

Thursday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Jean Kanaczet

Saturday, January 16

4:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners

5:00 p.m. Paul Lynch, Margo Bouer,
Margaret Morgan

Sunday, January 17

8:00 a.m. William Miller

9:00 a.m. Ken Guilfoyle

10:00 a.m. Joseph Muhitch, Ben Ferguson

11:00 a.m. Walter Dzitko, Anna Pollock,
James Fasching

Please see each week's bulletin for the schedule of weekday Masses, as the schedule will change from time to time.

RESERVATIONS are still required to attend Mass. Visit www.ckri.org to register. You will receive an email confirming your time. Please keep this email, if you need to cancel your spot, use the link provided in the email to make any changes. You may also call the office Mon.– Thurs from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Religious Formation News

All grades from 1-7 have received Home Lesson packets or directions for pick up via email. Families should expect future lesson emails at the beginning of each month. The exception is grade 6 – that group will be given their directions via email shortly. The parish has installed a new Census program, because of this, please check your emails and SPAM. **If you have not received an email please contact the RF office glardaro@ckri.org.**

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class will be held Sunday, January 10, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. A zoom link has been sent to the family email. Please be sure that your zoom account has your full name for attendance purposes. If you did not receive a link please contact Ms. Eva, emancuso@ckri.org as soon as possible. All confirmation resources have been added to the website.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

Long winter nights can be lonely. The cold drab weather only adds to that feeling. Wouldn't be nice to have a Friendly Visitor give you a call and just chat for a bit? While meeting in person is not yet possible, a phone call can be a very nice alternative. If you would like to have someone call you and share some time with you, Bonnie Feeny is the person to contact, 391-9460.

SOCIAL ACTION GIVING TREE

I am delighted to tell you that 751 gift cards to 17 different stores went out to four churches, refugees in Providence, the kids at the SK Domestic Violence Center, and some families who asked for help. We were able not only to fulfill all requests this year, but to exceed them! We solicited, received, and distributed more than \$26, 580 total of cards. Over the years, thousands of presents have gone to kids whose Christmases were so much better, because of your generosity. Thank you. You are all the best!

Lynda Tisdell

Quotes of the Week

“I would think it would be difficult for someone who believes that God sees us when we are in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16) to think that it is OK to choose not to bring that life to fruition.”

Tony Dungy, former NFL head coach and NBC Sunday Night Football analyst, in response to a statement on December 8 by Rev. Raphael Warnock, who was elected to the U.S. Senate this week in Georgia. Warnock stated, “I am a pro-choice pastor.” *Twitter*. December 9, 2020.

“The journalist commits himself to exercise absolute silence regarding this information.”

A stipulation made by officials of the Archdiocese of Cologne, Germany, at a press conference to discuss their methodology behind an unpublished report of child abuse. After requiring reporters to keep secret the information, which included information on crimes, alleged abusers, and implicated church officials, all of the reporters walked out. “Germany: Catholic officials ask reporters for ‘silence’ on child abuse report.” *Deutsche Welle*. January 5, 2021.

“Catholic churches across Tucson are canceling indoor Mass for four weeks due to the spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, officials say. The Diocese of Tucson on Tuesday announced mass celebrations and baptisms will be suspended from Friday, Jan. 8 to Feb. 5.”

“Tucson Catholic churches cancel indoor Masses due to COVID-19 surge.” *Arizona Daily Star*. January 6, 2021.

“We don’t know what 2021 will reserve for us, but what all of us can do together is make a bit more of an effort to take care of each other. There is the temptation to take care only of our own interests.”

Pope Francis, speaking during a video address from Vatican’s Apostolic Palace on Sunday. “Pope Francis condemns travelers fleeing COVID-19 lockdowns.”

New York Post. January 3, 2021.

“We are on the road away from conflict towards communion. And that communion grows as we reach new understanding and new agreements between us. So yes, we are in a very different place.”

Bishop Brian Farrell, secretary of the Pontifical Council, speaking about the progress of Catholic-Lutheran ecumenical dialogue. “Catholics and Lutherans reaffirm commitment to communion.” *Vatican News*. January 5, 2021.

“Pope Francis has formally stripped the Vatican secretariat of state of its financial assets and real estate holdings following its bungled management of hundreds of millions of euros in donations and investments that are now the subject of a corruption investigation.”

“Pope formally strips Vatican secretariat of state of assets.” *National Catholic Reporter*. December 28, 2020.

“The Eternal Word Television Network, one of the Catholic Church’s largest media enterprises, is entering 2021 under a cloud of uncertainty with a slate of departures, some forced and others voluntary, among its radio and television hosts and news editors. The changes at EWTN come at a time when the company is also under scrutiny for its often-uncritical embrace of the Trump administration, regular opposition to Pope Francis and questionable adherence to journalistic standards.”

“EWTN cancellations, departures prompt questions about network’s future.” *National Catholic Reporter*. January 4, 2021.

“Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Doctrine; and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities, in an official statement about the COVID-19 vaccines. “U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines.” *USCCB Public Affairs Office*. December 14, 2020.

“In our day, it is particularly necessary for us, both as individuals and communities, to devote more time to worship. We need to learn ever better how to contemplate the Lord.”

Pope Francis, preaching during Mass on the feast of Epiphany on Sunday. “Pope at Mass on Epiphany: Christians need to devote more time to worship.” *Vatican News*. January 7, 2021.

“Give them some food yourselves.”
(Matthew 14:16)

The Rhode Island Food Bank reports that one in four Rhode Islanders does not have enough food in their home. At a food pantry in northern Rhode Island, this year’s demand has increased 100%. This is the state’s highest level of food insecurity in 20 years. Throughout the United States, more than 50 million Americans are facing food insecurity.

Every year, our parish dedicates a portion of its income to charities and agencies that serve the needs of people in the spirit of Christ, the Gospel message, and the mission of the Catholic Church. This year, our sharing program is supporting food pantries in Rhode Island.

In September, we donated \$3,000 to the McAuley Ministries COVID-19 Relief Fund. In October, we gave \$3,000 to the Jonnycake Center in Wakefield. In November, we gave \$3,000 to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, which distributes more than 300,000 pounds of food weekly to its statewide network of 168 agencies. Last month, we gave \$3,000 to the Assumption Church Food Pantry in Providence.

This month, we are giving another \$3,000 donation to the Rhode Island Center Assisting Those in Need (RICAN) of Charlestown. RICAN is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency food, clothing, and other vital support measures to neighbors in crisis throughout the state, primarily in Washington County and the surrounding areas.

RICAN partners with local grocery stores, working to rescue thousands of pounds of food every week for the benefit of those in need. They also operate a thrift shop to help people with clothing and household items.

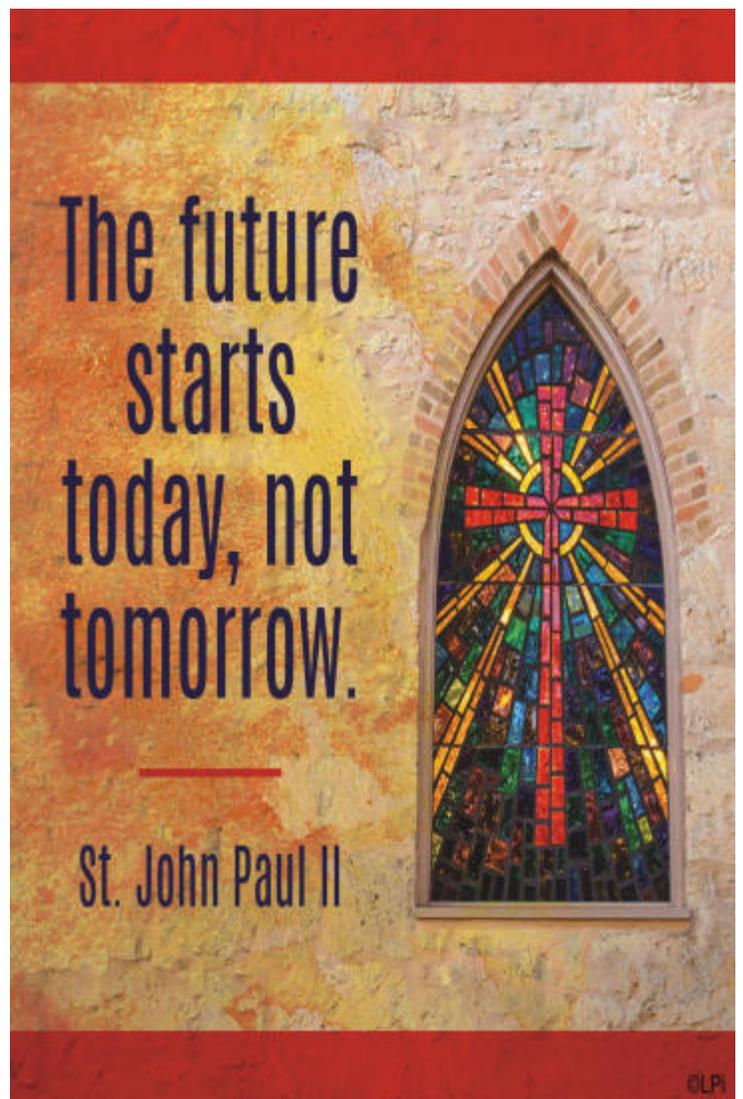
The outreach program here at Christ the King is funded by your regular weekly offering. Our target this year is to send \$30,000 to local agencies that are working to help relieve food insecurity in Rhode Island. Extra donations are welcome and will be added to the total – simply mark your donation (envelope or check) with the word “outreach” before sending it to the office or placing it in the collection drop box at church.

It is now often said of the pandemic that “we are all in the same *storm*, but we are not all in the same *boat*.” This is the message to keep in mind as we pray and give alms in the Lord’s name, helping to keep everyone afloat.

Peace!
Fr. Jared

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?
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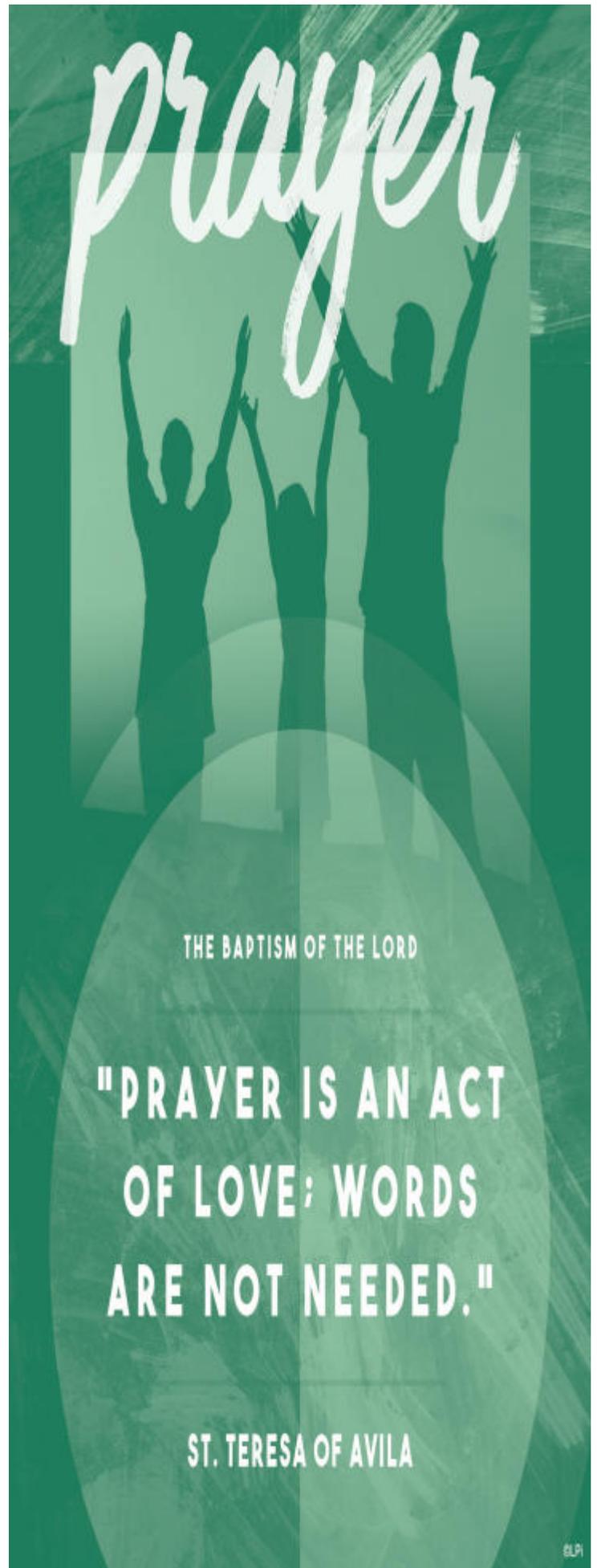
REFLECTION

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?





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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 & 5 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

Mass attendance by reservation only.

See our website, www.ctkri.org

BAPTISM

The celebration of baptism takes place either during a weekend Mass or a Sunday afternoon liturgy. Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

To be announced.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Ruth (Fr. Jared) 1 & 7pm

To be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

Please see one of the priests for a sponsor form, or visit ctkri.org/sponsor.

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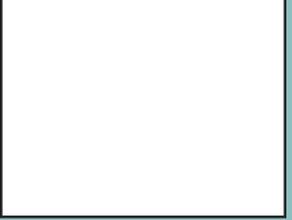
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