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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

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

4:00PM Saturday  
8:00AM, 10:00AM Sunday

## Weekday Masses

7:30AM Monday thru Thursday

## Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult parish bulletin

## Confessions

Saturday 3PM to 3:30PM or by  
appointment

## Sacraments

Please call the office

## Cemetery

Please call the office

## New Parishioners

If you have just moved to the area, we welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish. If you have any question, please call the office. To register please visit our website: [stjosephpeppingnh.com](http://stjosephpeppingnh.com)



## Monday, January 10TH

No Daily Mass

## Tuesday, January 11TH

No Daily Mass

## Wednesday, January 12TH

7:30AM Joseph Mertzic, Requested by Paul & Karen Mertzic

## Thursday, January 13TH

No Daily Mass

## Saturday, January 15TH

4:00PM Valmore & Lorraine Mailhot

## Sunday, January 16TH

8AM Olga Desrosiers, Requested by Ernie & Anne Atwater

10:00AM Joan Descoteaux, Requested by Paul & Lynne Carleton

## WEDNESDAY MASS

Fr. Matt Mason and Fr. John Carroll will offer daily Mass on Wednesdays at 7:30 am, and will continue through the month of January for now.

## Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

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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Has Something Changed?? Have you moved, or changed your phone number, email address? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 679-8805 or email [nh337@comcast.net](mailto:nh337@comcast.net) to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records! Thanks

## BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

We welcome all Parents and expecting Parents to our Baptismal Preparation Class here at St. Joseph Parish.

Classes will be held the third Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30PM. And is a requirement Prior to scheduling a date for your child's baptism.

The class will help answer many of your questions and help prepare you for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. You will find it very informative and interactive. Please contact Deacon Terry Sullivan at [saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net](mailto:saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net).



*From the Desk of  
Deacon Terry  
January 9, 2022*

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "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."*

*Jesus joins us to him in baptism. The trinity is on full display here, as Jesus, beginning his public ministry, is baptized by the Holy Spirit. Jesus receives his baptism through John, who, it is worth noting, is not God. Not only do we witness Jesus participating in an act that will become the cornerstone of the Christian faith, but we see it facilitated by a human whose divinity is as precarious as our own.*

*It is through Jesus's humanity that we are saved. He is both fully human and fully divine, and in this scene, his humanity is on display for us. He received the sacrament of baptism, and thus participates in the act that our own lives require to gain entry to heaven. He's God. Why should Jesus bother getting baptized, if he is one with the Holy Spirit already?*

*Because the very act of God entering into humanity is to participate in it fully, undo death, and thus dignify human life and make it worthy of heaven.*

*God Bless your Heart!!!!  
Dc. Terry*

**BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY ROSARY PROGRAM**

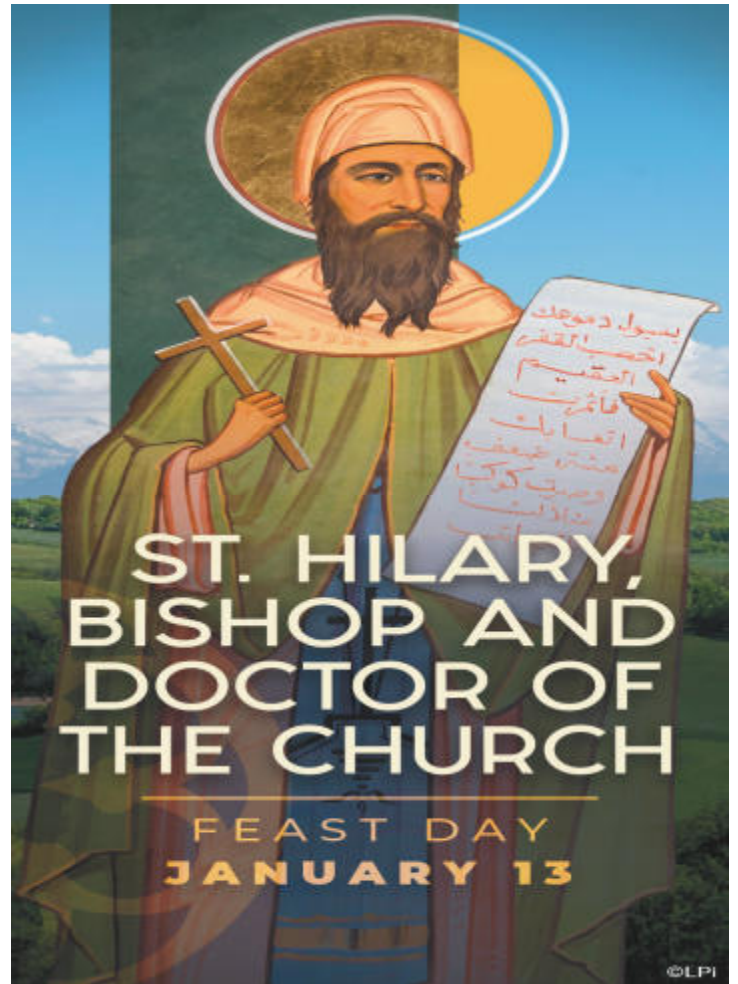
The NH Knights of Columbus State Council is hosting an online rosary on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 7PM on December 23, 2021 and continuing monthly through June 23, 2022. The goal is 5,000 rosaries by Founders Day March 29, 2022. Submission forms and more information is available at [www.nhknight.org](http://www.nhknight.org) or you can call email Nelson Thibault 603-679-8459, [thibnott@comcast.net](mailto:thibnott@comcast.net)



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**January 2, 2022**

114 Envelopes	\$3,842.00
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	\$4,088.00

Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated!



**St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
January 13**

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

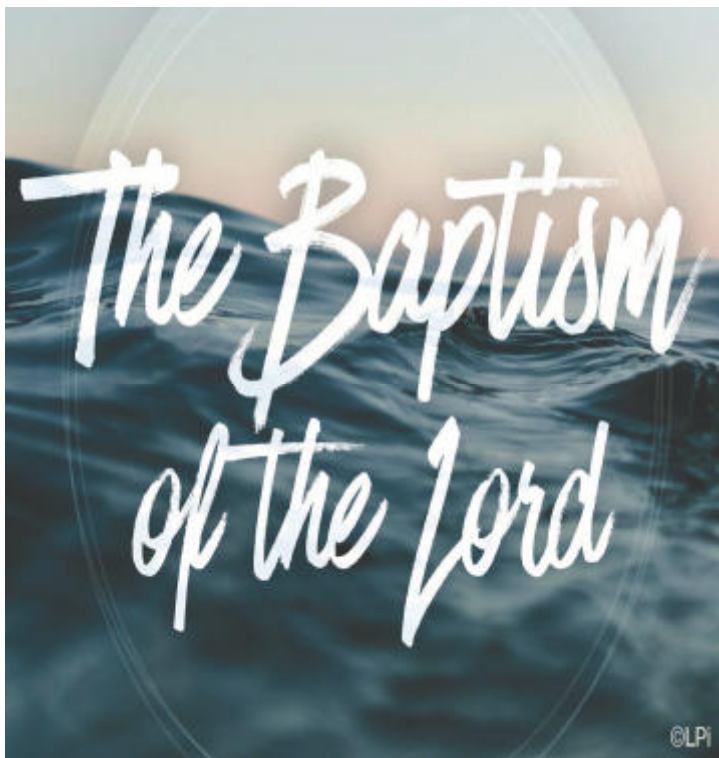
Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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R.C.I.A ( Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

News: We are now offering an ongoing (year round) R.C.I.A. process to accommodate individual situations and needs. Our team also offers adult faith formation for those adults baptized in another faith seeking full communion into the Catholic Church and for those adults already baptized Catholic in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All inquirers are encouraged to contact the church office so your questions can be answered and we can help get you started on your journey.

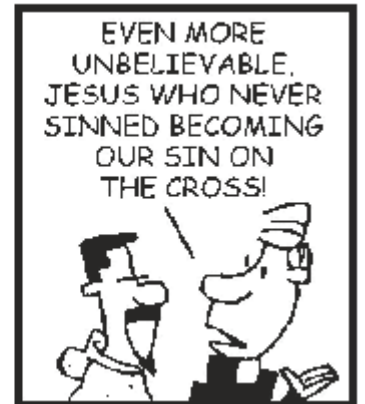
St. Mary & St. Michael Respect Life Ministry

Invite you to their Day of Prayer for the unborn. In lieu of traveling to the March for Life during COVID, we are having Mass and Adoration to pray for life.

January 22, 8am Mass followed by adoration until 11am St. Michael Parish, 9Lincoln St., Exeter, NH 03833

Join us for the Rosary, Litany of Life and personal prayer time.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Baptism of Our Lord –January 9, 2022  
“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”  
Are you considering making known the love our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocations Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



## GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

## PRAYER

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

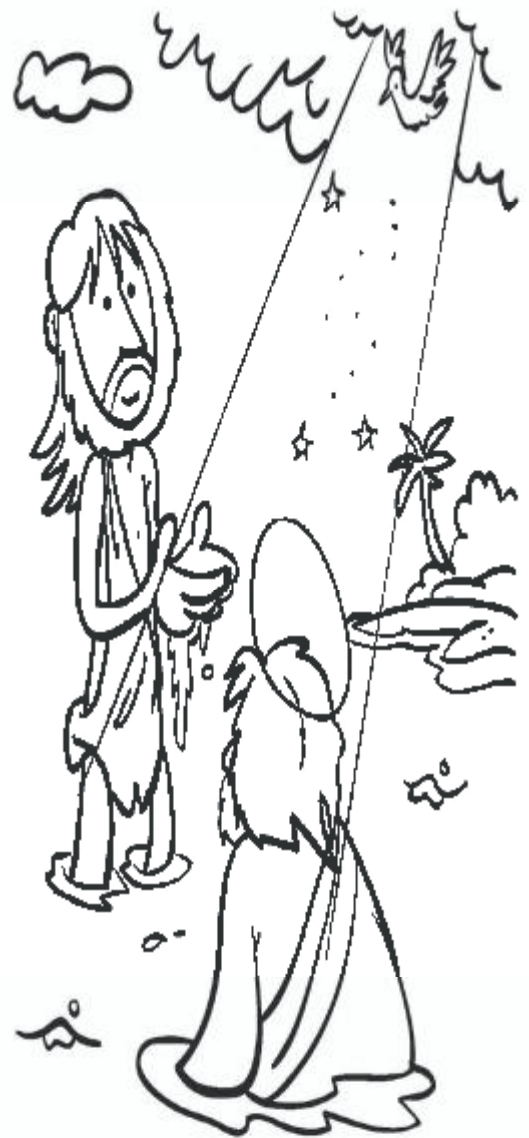
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