



OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie	Pastor
Jeannie Garcia	Religious Ed. Coord.
Ellen Barbasso	Secretary

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM Alice Lunde by Theresa & Philip Sabbia OL
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL
10:00 AM Don Madore by Goan Family SJ

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OL
Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OL

Monday January 11 No Mass
Tuesday January 12 Robert Knapp
Wednesday January 13 Healing for David Gregoire
Thursday January 14 Donor's Intentions
Friday January 15 James Riel

Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners OL
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM Florence (Flo) Blake by Pat & John OL
Cotton
10:00 AM Robert Galloway by Virginia Galloway SJ

Lay Ministries	January 9/10	January 16/17
Eucharistic Ministers		
4 PM	Ben Brown	Michelle Clark
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	Virginia Drew	Jim Klingensmith
Lectors		
4 PM	Ellen Barbasso	Dianne Bird
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Karen Cote	Anne Boisvert
10 AM	Jen Klingensmith	Rob Rodler
Altar Servers		
4 PM		
5:30 PM		
8 AM		
10 AM		

Parish Ministries

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church

Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, all meals are suspended until further notice.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget
Requirement: \$ 4,000
Weekend of January 3, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,156
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,022
Snow Removal	\$ 897

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242. If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

READING

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“Here is my servant whom I uphold” (Is 42:1)

Question of the Week

In what ways may the ordinary things you do really be ministry?

HIS WORD TODAY

The Christmas season closes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is not the end of things, but rather the beginning. The readings remind us that the one born of our flesh is the servant of God—the very Son of God—who brings a promise of justice and hope to a world in desperate need. John’s baptism was “for the repentance of sins.” We might wonder why the sinless Jesus would submit himself to it. Commentators maintain that Jesus’ baptism was for him a kind of ritual entry into his ministry. To this God gave divine approval: “I am well pleased.”

According to Isaiah, the ministry is concerned with justice for all and tenderness toward those who have been broken. According to Acts, the disciples of Jesus widen the scope of that ministry to include the household of the Gentile Cornelius. That same ministry, with the same divine approval, has now been given to us. Our own baptism brought us into the circle of the children of God and commissioned us to continue the work begun by Jesus. And what might this entail?

We live in a time of great unrest. The world seems poised on the brink of chaos; businesses and individuals face financial instability; the turmoil within the church threatens its longstanding foundation. No one is untouched by some form of the chaos that threatens to swallow us alive. Where can we turn when the institutions meant to give refuge from chaos are themselves the source of its threat?

In the Bible, chaos is frequently portrayed as unruly water threatening to wipe out every living thing (for example, the flood in Genesis). Today’s psalm reminds us in no uncertain terms: “The Lord is enthroned above the flood.” It assures us that God rules over the chaos in which we find ourselves. The response invites us to trust in God; Isaiah offers us a plan for restoring order; Acts challenges us to continue the work of Jesus. As he came forth from the waters of the Jordan, his life took a new direction.

As his followers, we emerge from the waters of baptism as new people, who with God’s help are willing to counter the chaos of our world.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS



Let us "ring out the old year and ring in the new."

Do you know the wonderful story behind this popular New Year's saying?

Centuries ago in England, it was the custom that the towns people would "ring out" the Old Year at midnight on New Year's Eve by tolling the church bells as though for a person who had died. Then they would "ring in" the New Year with a cheerful peal of the bells.

There is a well known poem written in 1850 by the British poet Alfred Tennyson that highlights this custom. The following is just two of the poem's verses:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

May the "Christ that is to be" let His face shine upon us. May He be gracious to us and bless us, and give us HIS PEACE!!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!!

*Gratefully,
Fr. John (Mack)*

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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The Minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty, the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Contribution Tax Information

If you are on the envelope system, and would like to receive your contribution statement in the mail, please write your request or add IRS on your offertory envelope and place in the collection basket. It is not possible for us to send contribution information to anyone who does not use the envelope system as there is no way to track the contribution amount.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's will begin again on February 18, the first Thursday of Lent (weather permitting). Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes will continue on Tuesdays after the 12pm Mass until 3pm.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John wishes masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
- ◆ *Please continue to keep each other safe and limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. This includes:*
 - ◆ *Wearing a mask.*
 - ◆ *Practicing social/physical distance*
 - ◆ *Cleaning your hands.*

When we think about the baptism of Jesus, three different baptisms come to mind: his baptism in the Jordan River, his baptism on the cross, and his desire to baptize us in his Holy Spirit.

First, when he was baptized by John, Jesus showed how deeply he wanted to be joined with all of us, sinners though we are. Through his baptism, he took on our sin and carried it with him until the day of his death on the cross.

Second, there is Jesus' baptism on the cross. He once told his disciples, "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:50). He knew that his cross was the culmination of everything that his baptism in water began. All the sin that he accepted was put to death, and we were redeemed!

But it doesn't end at the cross. Third, Scripture tells us that Jesus now wants to baptize all of us "with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 3:16). He wants to share the fruit of his baptism with us by immersing us in his Holy Spirit--just as he baptized the first apostles on Pentecost. Today's feast is an invitation for us to ask, "Do I know the freedom from sin that Jesus' baptism won for me?" It's also an invitation to ask, "How well do I know the Holy Spirit?" Just as the Spirit came upon him when he was baptized, this same Spirit wants to come upon us and empower us to live a godly life.

"Thank you, Jesus, for being baptized for me. Now come and fill me with your Spirit!"

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Give some time, if it is only half an hour in every day, to devotional reading, which is as necessary to the well ordering of the mind as the hand of the gardener is to prevent weeds destroying your favorite flowers."

Sharing the Gospel

"Keep trying. You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too.

Prayer

God, I am so glad you love me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling someone special, "I love you."

Mission for the Week

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.

PUZZLE

Show John the path to baptize Jesus.



MISSION

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





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