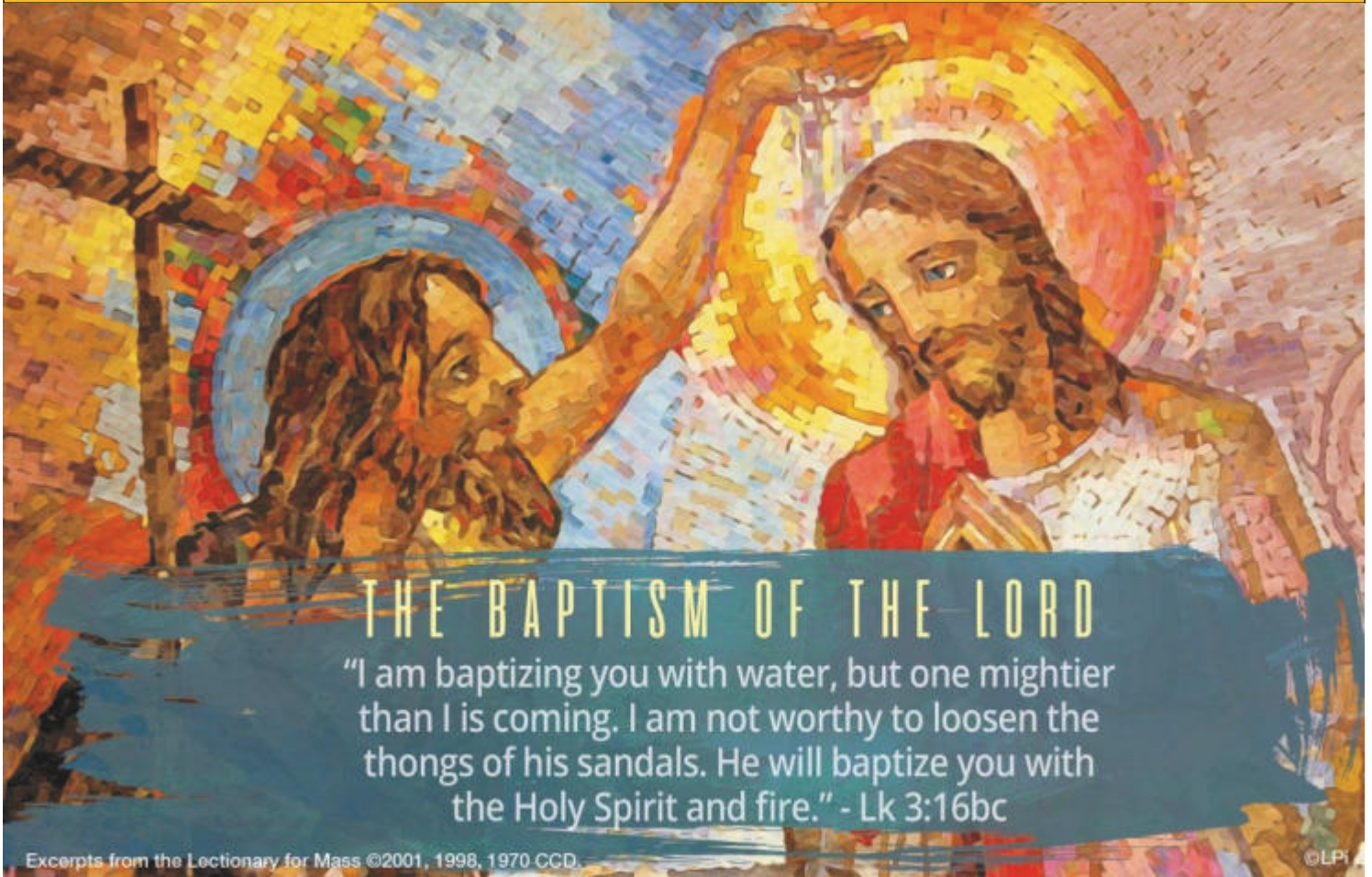


# OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. JOSEPH

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JANUARY 9, 2022



## 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

### 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 8AM-12PM

## 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.

*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".*

Lay Ministries	January 8/9	January 15/16
4 PM	Ellen Barbasso	Donna Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Karen Cote	Anne Boisvert
10:00 Am	Jennifer Klingensmith	Rob Rodler

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 8**

**4PM** For our Parishioners OL

**5:30PM** No Mass

**Sunday January 9**

**8AM** Fernand Marquis by Regina Marquis OL

**10AM** Mary Klingensmith & Joan Bodner by Jen and Jim Klingensmith SJ

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**Monday JAN. 10 8AM** No Mass

**Tuesday Jan. 11 12 Noon** No Mass OL

**Wednesday Jan.12 8AM** No Mass OL

**Thursday Jan.13 8AM** No Mass OL

**Friday Jan. 14 8AM** No Mass OL

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday January 15**

**8:00 AM** OL

**4:00PM** OL

**5:30PM** No Mass SJ

**Sunday January 16**

**8:00AM** OL

**10:00AM** SJ

**Due to illness Father John will pray privately for the intentions of our parish. Special intention masses will be rescheduled.**

**We ask that you will pray for our church family at this difficult time.**

**Parish Ministries**

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

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen**
- **Monday Meals** – Drive up take-out dinners are offered every Monday at 4:30
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: on Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and during food pantry hours or by appointment
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

**Religious Education**

**Jeannie Garcia, Religious Education Coordinator,  
Contact Phone: 942-8716 / 269-4143  
Email: stjgar@outlook.com  
Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph’s Faith Formation:  
ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**

**Due to illness collections will be reported at a later date.**

**We thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time**

**As always we are, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.**



**READING**

**Baptism of the Lord**

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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 a 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?

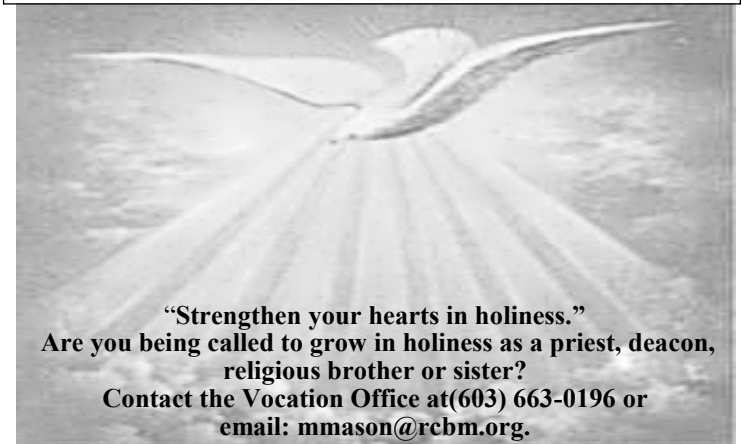
We live in a time of great unrest. The world seems poised on the brink of chaos; businesses and individuals face financial instability; the turmoil within the church threatens its longstanding foundation. No one is untouched by some form of the chaos that threatens to swallow us alive. Where can we turn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

On this day we do not look back to Christmas, but forward to the task ahead, trusting that some day it may be said of us, “Here is my servant whom I uphold.”

The Covid pandemic crisis is urgent, and we all feel powerless. But perhaps feeling small is the best reminder to pray. Prayer is how we actively practice believing, so simply, so confidently, that God has the whole world in his hands. It’s where we “let petitions and praises shape our worries into prayers, letting God know our concerns (Phil. 4:6–7). Prayer is never the last resort of God’s people. It is our first point of action. These “little prayers” are helpful and can be said throughout the day:

- For the sick and infected: God, heal and sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.
- For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor especially the uninsured.
- For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading disease. Inspire them to help.
- For all local, state and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.
- For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom and a persuasive voice.
- For the media, committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.
- For consumers of media, looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbors, Keep us from anxiety and panic and enable us to implement the recommended strategies ,even at a cost to ourselves.
- For those with mental health challenges, who feel ,anxious and helplessness: God provide them every necessary support
- For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: God, protect them from disease and provide isolation centers in every city.
- For international travelers stuck in foreign countries and away from home: God, help them return home safely and quickly.



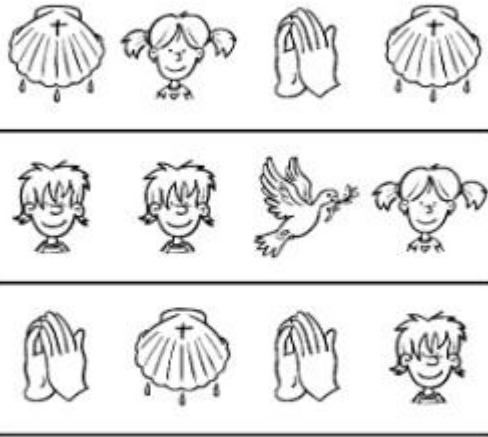
**“Strengthen your hearts in holiness.”**

**Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?**

**Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).**

**PUZZLE**

Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



**MISSION**

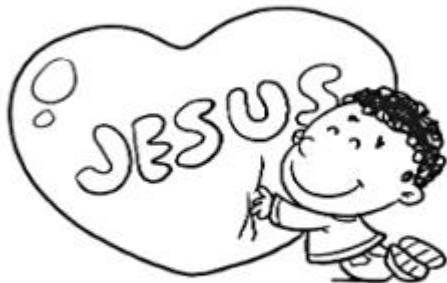
I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.

**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



**GOSPEL**

When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.

**PRAYER**

Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.

**DRAW**

Draw Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.

# JESUS aCROSS the Border

Catholic Young Adult Organization (18-35)  
Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 6:14-16

Uniting Catholic Young Adult Groups

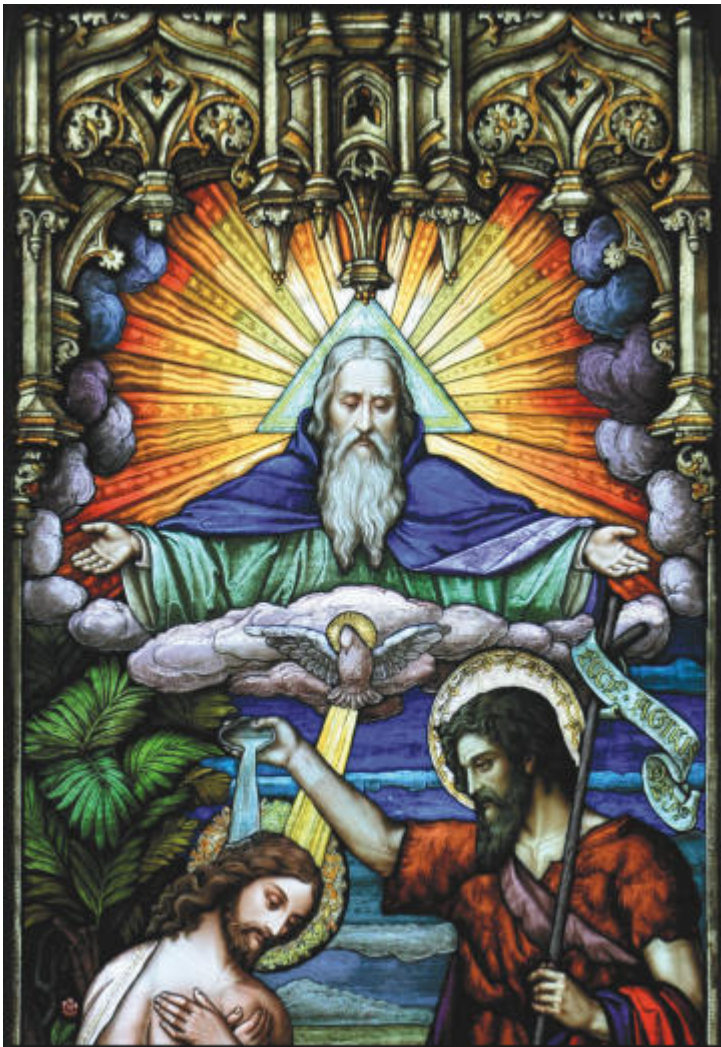
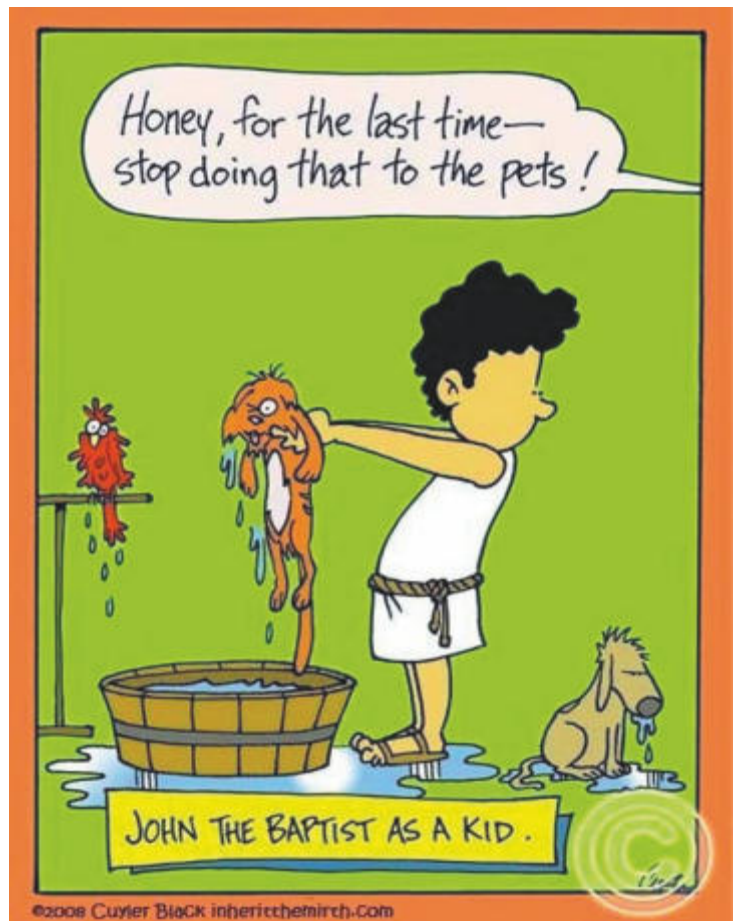
Please join us for a beautiful evening of praise & worship led by  
Brandon Fitts of Delmore Worship and LIFT Ministries,  
Holy Mass celebrated by the dynamic Fr. Richard Clancy,

January 21, 7:30pm.- 11:30pm.  
St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, (37 Lee Street, Lowell, MA)

FACEBOOK LINK: [www.facebook.com/events/243305624583090](https://www.facebook.com/events/243305624583090)

Validated garage parking available - 75 John Street & limited street.  
Please email us at [Info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org](mailto:Info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org)

JESUS aCROSS the Border events are geared towards young adults,  
18-35 years of age, but are open to anyone who would like to find out  
more about our mission.



**Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician,...**  
we ask you to guard and protect us from  
Coronavirus Covid 19 and all its variants and all  
serious illness. For all that have died from it,  
have mercy; for those who are ill now, bring  
healing. For those searching for a remedy,  
enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping  
the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those  
working to contain the spread, grant them  
success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your  
precious blood be our defense and salvation. By  
your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into  
moments of consolation and hope. May we  
always fear the contagion of sin far more than  
any illness. We abandon ourselves to your  
infinite mercy. Amen

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