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JANUARY 9 , 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

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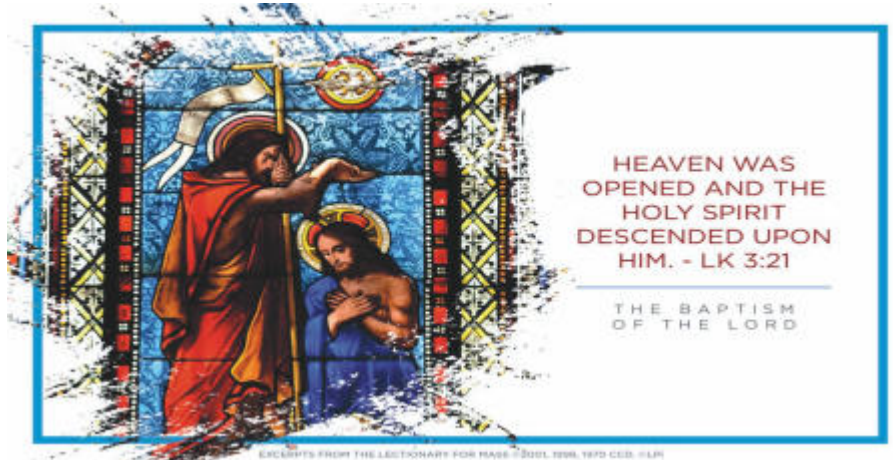
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



HEAVEN WAS
OPENED AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30
Please call the rectory to check
dates and to meet with a priest or
deacon.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,
in the sacristy near the altar

WEDDINGS

Please call and speak to a priest
to begin planning your wedding

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4:00PM Salvatore Cioffi 7:30AM Frances Kennedy 9:00AM Rob Cavallone 10:30AM Joseph Tirone Sr. 12:30PM Joseph Tirone 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish		4:00PM Arielle Newman 7:30PM Rose Mannino 9:00AM Barry and Russell Families 10:30AM Peter and Marion Granello 12:30PM Stephen Padovano 5:00PM Grace Ward
MONDAY, JANUARY 10	TUESDAY, JANUARY 11	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
8:30AM Brian Dellomo	8:30AM Pat Festa <i>(Remember: no 12 Noon Masses until</i>	8:30AM Jennie Granello <i>Father Kallattil returns after Feb. 7)</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13	FRIDAY, JANUARY 14	SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
8:30AM Minnie Connors	8:30AM Florence Shepard	8:30AM George Erickson

IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Carina DeGulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomio, Edwin Rodriguez, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnieski.**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Private Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Garrison Humphreys, South Korea.

*Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base
Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4:00pm, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford
5:00pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Many thanks to all of you, our parishioners and friends, who have been sharing your love and appreciation for the Lord through Christmas gifts that financially support our parish. Many people have been unable to come to church right now, but they too are sending their donations by mail or using the QR code found on our website.

Last Sunday we printed parts of a beautiful Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis called **PATRIS CORDE**—in English: **WITH A FATHER'S HEART**. This is a teaching and homage to Saint Joseph by Pope Francis to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being given the title of **Patron of the Universal Church**. (For more titles and descriptions of Saint Joseph, read and pray the Litany of Saint Joseph inside on page 5.) Here is more wisdom from Pope Francis, especially about how God guided Saint Joseph to protect his family through a series of four dreams:

Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "expose her to public disgrace", so he decided to "dismiss her quietly" (Mt 1:19).

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Mt 1:24). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother. Flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child to destroy him" (Mt 2:13). Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod" (Mt 2:14-15). In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home.

In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead, and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel (cf. Mt 2:19-20). Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (Mt 2:21).

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" – now for the fourth time – "he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth" (Mt 2:22-23).

The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. Lk 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire.

Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24). In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat" like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. Lk 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. Ex 20:12). During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. Jn 4:34).

Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and the mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "Joseph cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

Let all of us go to Joseph constantly, count on him for help, and learn from him how to fulfill our own vocations.

Msgr. William Belford

DAILY MASSES MONDAY TO SATURDAY AT 8:30AM

Father John Kallattil will be leaving to visit his family in India on Monday. This will be his first home visit in more than two years. While Father is away, Msgr. Belford will be saying almost all our Masses. For us to have Mass times for funerals and to go with families to a cemetery, we will not resume our usual Tuesday-Friday Noon Masses until Father Kallattil returns February 8.

NEXT SUNDAY IS A BABY BIN SUNDAY

After Mass next Sunday in the vestibule, and every third Sunday of the month, donations for babies and their mothers will be collected. Thank you for helping families in need of assistance at a crucial time for them to make a better start in life.

UPCOMING GOLDEN AGE TRIP

OUR GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY
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**HOW TO WATCH SUNDAY MASS
CELEBRATED AT ST. TERESA CHURCH**

For the benefit of the people who cannot come to Mass in our church at this time, we livestream our 4pm Mass on Saturdays as it happens.

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Click on the date to find the Mass you wish to watch.

Thank you everyone for your Christmas donations! Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$38,131. WeShare online donations added \$5,524 to that excellent amount.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord, you know the danger and bad effects for many people from Covid-19. Protect us from harm, and support and bless all people who take care of us. We pray to the Lord...

ENJOY A VISIT WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

There is a very interesting weekly radio program on The Catholic Channel 129 Sirius Satellite Radio. The title: **CONVERSATION WITH CARDINAL DOLAN.**

During his show, Cardinal Dolan discusses important religious issues, gives his perspective on news from around the nation and the world, talks to big names from both in and out of the church, and takes calls and questions about faith. (He is known to also mention baseball and food once in a while.) The program is first aired on Tuesdays at 2pm. The Cardinal must be pretty popular, because you can hear replays on channel 129 at 4am on Wednesdays, 6am and 9am on Saturdays, 3am, 9am, 6pm and 9pm on Sundays, and 4am on Mondays.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

People in mourning need a community that understands them. St. Teresa's Bereavement Group can help. Members meet in person at our Parish House on Windsor Road every other Saturday beginning at 10:45am. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Please call Michael Schiffler at (347) 466-0603 to check meeting dates and before your first meeting so he can personally welcome you.

PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York you may contact the victims assistance coordinator Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or go to victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found at the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, this announcement is provided periodically to ensure that children in our care remain safe and secure."

GROWING 
WITH THE **Gospel**
CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- JOHN
- WATER
- HOLY SPIRIT
- MESSIAH
- POWERFUL
- FIRE
- BAPTIZING
- SANDALS
- JESUS

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 **MISSION**

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.





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