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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-2pm

Wednesday: 12pm-5pm



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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

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January 10, 2021

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Saturday, January 9

Mass OLW (confession before).....4:30pm

Sunday, January 10

Mass OLW9:00am

Family of Faith.....10:30am

Mass SPC (Confession after).....12:00pm

Monday, January 11

Office is closed.

Community Blood Drive.....1:30-6:00pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help.....11:00am

Tuesday, January 12

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Mass OLW.....12:00pm

Wednesday, January 13

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Mass OLW (confession before).....6:00pm

Thursday, January 14

Mass OLW.....12:00pm

Holy Hour.....6:00pm

Confirmation Prep.....6:30pm

Friday, January 15

Opening the Word.....11:00-11:50am

Mass OLW.....12:00pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &

Divine Mercy Chaplet.....After Mass

Saturday, January 16

Mass OLW (Confession before).....4:30pm

Sunday, January 17

Mass OLW.....9:00am

St. Martin Food Pantry.....10:30am-12:00pm

Mass SPC (Confession after).....12:00pm



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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?

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

What's HAPPENING?

Parish Faith Formation Schedule:

- ♦ Family Faith Formation will meet Sun., January 10 at 10:30 am
- ♦ Confirmation Prep will meet Thurs., January 14 at 6:30 pm
- ♦ Sacramental Prep will meet Sun., January 24 at 10:30 am

Opening the Word Study

Please plan to join us in 2021 for our study *Opening the Word*, which will be held each week on Friday from 11:00-11:50 am in the parish hall. This program offers prayer and insights for the upcoming Sunday Readings.

Blood Drive-Monday, January 11th 1:30-6pm.

As you know, there is a continual shortage of blood, and our drives really do help fill this need. Your 1 unit of blood could be used for up to 3 people! Please be Prepared for Increased Health and Safety Precautions. Schedule in Advance at Vitalant.org. We can NOT accept homemade goodies for this blood drive. We are asking for prepackaged factory sealed individual snacks and cookies.

Here's a New Year's Challenge!

Take two minutes of each day this year to go deeper into your Catholic Faith. *Catechism in a Year* and *Popes in a Year* make that easy and convenient for you. All you have to do is CLICK (i.e. open the daily email) and spend a couple minutes reading, contemplating and praying. Please visit flocknote.com/catechism or flocknote.com/pop where you can sign up for free.

The Augustine Institute Show

Introducing the Augustine Institute Show from our new studio in Greenwood Village, CO, we're excited to introduce this LIVE show hosted by Dr. Tim Gray. The interactive format of the new show will engage and encourage you to a deeper level of trust and growth in your Catholic Faith. Plan to join us live every Tuesday at 5:00 pm (MST) on Formed.org.

Pick Up Your Book!

Many thanks to the generous donor who gifted our parish with the book "I Heard God Laugh" by Matthew Kelly. All families of the parish are invited to pick up a copy of the book in the Narthex.

Readers Needed

We are in need of readers for the weekend Masses, especially Saturday evening. This only requires one or two Masses per month, depending on the number of readers we have. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. If interested, please contact Dianne in the office 719-687-9345.

Newman Catholic Student Center

When praying about giving, please remember the Bishop's capital campaign to complete the student center in Colorado Springs. Let's show the Diocese that our Parish cares. Please consider giving even \$1 to show your support. A link to the Bishop's campaign is on our website: telleratholic.org.

Returning Gods Gifts

As we end the year, please consider making a gift to the 2020 Returning Gods Gifts Annual Appeal. This program brings many good things to our local parish and diocese. Thank you to all who have already donated; your generosity is appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tuesday, January 12

OLW 12:00 pm: Tom Distel †
Req. by: James Distel

Wednesday, January 13

OLW 6:00 pm: Jim O'Neal †
Req. by: Kay Fritz

Thursday, January 14

OLW 12:00 pm: Margaret Krystyniak
Req. by: Pat

Friday, January 15

OLW 12:00 pm: George Ruder †
Req. by: Steve & Jamie Ruder

Saturday, January 16

OLW 4:30 pm: Vern Thraen †
Req. by: John Capps & Kathy Abbott

Sunday, January 17

OLW 9:00 am: For the People of the Parish
Req. by: Fr. Marek
SPC 12:00 pm: Alejandro Mora
Req. by: Lety Mora



Financial Update-Fiscal Yr. 7/1/20-6/30/21

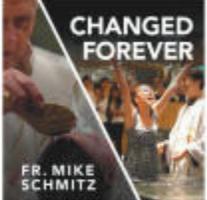
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	Our Lady of the Woods	St. Peter Chapel
Annual Budget	\$335,000	\$44,000
Year to Date	\$162,563	\$18,150
Lumen Christi OLW Hall		
Received	\$39,574	
St. Peter Hall		
10-Year Loan	\$210,895	
Dec. 2020 Hall Inc.	\$3,455	
2020 RGG Campaign		
Annual Goal	\$50,594	
Paid to Date	\$27,928	


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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK January 10, 2021

LISTEN CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism

In this happy presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's big family!

Liturgy – are you in it?

Did you know that as you are right now on Earth you are already participating in the life of Heaven? It might shock you a bit but it is true. Our liturgical gathering, the Assembly of God, reflects the reality of Heaven – look at the Book of Revelation. Our celebration is united with the Eternal Church in Heaven, in Communion with all Saints, with the choirs of Angels. It is important that we understand this supernatural element of the Liturgy. Jesus Christ sitting at the right hand of the Father, mediator between God and us, gathers all creation that is visible and invisible to celebrate the Holy Mass. At the same time, all people gather sing the hymn: *Maranatha* – Come Lord Jesus.

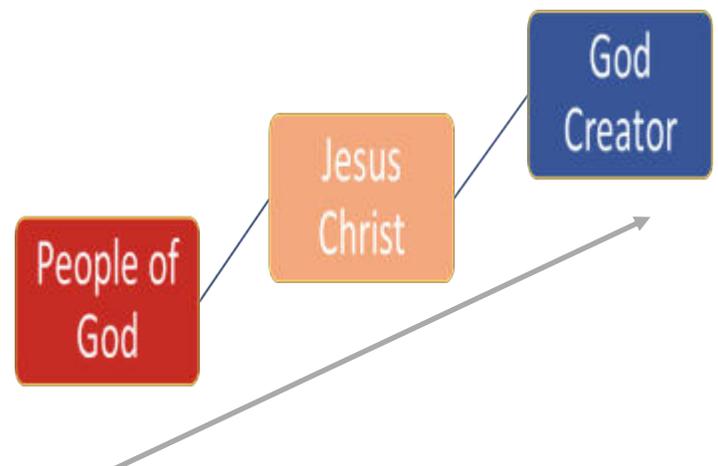
This Holy Assembly has to be open on everyone. There are no more differing nations or languages, no walls between the people.

“Do not forget, then, that there was a time when you who were gentiles by physical descent, termed the uncircumcised by those who speak of themselves as the circumcised by reason of a physical operation, do not forget, I say, that you were at that time separate from Christ and excluded from membership of Israel, aliens with no part in the covenants of the Promise, limited to this world, without hope and without God. But now in Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far off have been brought close, by the blood of Christ.” (Eph 2:11-12)

The same Holy Assembly is celebrating the feast of the Lamb. It is not the name of the day that makes it a special time, but it is the celebration that makes the day holy. The foundation of the feast is Christ himself. In this celebration *Koinonia* happens. It means unity of God and man. In this *Koinonia* we receive a

gift and obligation. We come for the Holy Mass to participate in the Love of God for all of creation. And in this moment, we have to touch the full meaning of joy that is given to us. This joy comes from the presence of Christ among us. Being so close to Him we can find the meaning of life and our existence. Only in Him we can understand ourselves. It is important that we participate in the Holy Mass in a very active way, involved in the prayers and mystery. Our responses are a dialog with our Savior.

Every Holy Assembly has its own leader – the celebrant. Most of the time, it is a bishop or a priest. The main celebrant is responsible for the order of a celebration. He does everything in the power of Christ – *in persona Christi*. It means that Jesus Christ is the first in the liturgical celebration. The entire power and dignity of a celebrant comes from Christ himself. An expression *persona* comes from the original meaning “a mask”. A celebrant that presides the celebration is not an elected delegate of the gathering. He received his mandate from Jesus Christ. This is another very important difference between Catholic Church and other Protestant denominations.



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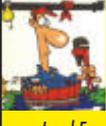


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