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The Baptism of the Lord

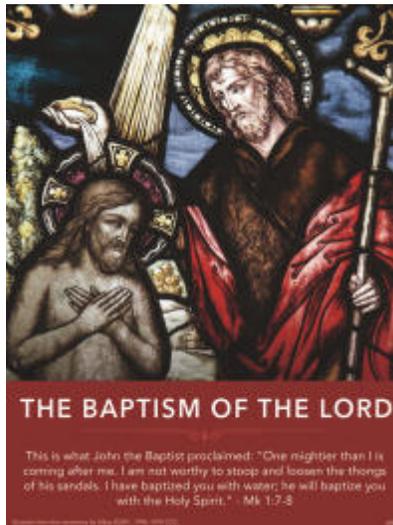
Pastor's Weekly Reflection

ST. JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER!

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to you and your loved ones in the year of the Lord 2021.

BAPTISM OF JESUS: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord presents the beginning of the ministry of Jesus in the midst of a people who longed for the Messiah. In the Gospel, the Father points to Jesus as his beloved son and, with the Holy Spirit, asks that all listen to him. Jesus begins to announce the kingdom through his own life of service. It is the kingdom John the Baptist had been proclaiming, though he assured his disciples that he was not the one they were waiting for. This baptism of conversion, which Jesus did not have to receive, anticipates in a way our own commitment to the proclamation of the kingdom resulting from the baptism we received through the Church. We are embraced and welcomed by the love of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who rescues us from sin and evil so we may live as his adopted children in the faith of the Church that sustains us with word and sacrament. During the week, write in your journal as you reflect on the meaning of baptism in your faith life and the hope it gives you for acting out your identity as a beloved of God.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. Starting today, in this column we will reflect on this Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis and seek the intercession of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer. See below:

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph”. Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God’s providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. Mt 1:18; Lk 1:27). He was a “just man” (Mt1:19), ever ready to carry out God’s will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. Lk 2:22.27.39) and through four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22). *(continued on page 2)*

If you have any questions about our parish or would like to join, please contact our parish office
417 Washington St. Oregon City, OR † 503-742-8200 † Fax: 503-742-8219

Confessions: Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** T-F 8:00am

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

For Prayer Requests: email sjachurch.prayerchain@gmail.com

Pastor's Weekly Reflection – continued

After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to find him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, the Law (cf. Lk 2:41-50).

since “there was no place for them” elsewhere (cf. Lk 2:7).

He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. Lk 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. Mt 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Mt 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus’ birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon’s prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother (cf. Lk 2:22-35). To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-18). After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said, “No prophet is to rise” (cf. Jn 7:52) and indeed, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (cf. Jn 1:46). When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they

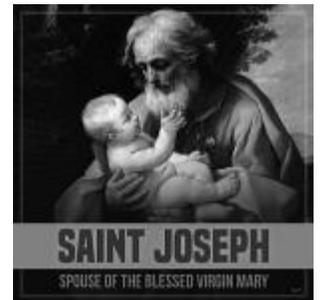
After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him “Patron of the Catholic Church”,[2] Venerable Pius XII proposed him as “Patron of Workers”[3] and Saint John Paul II as “Guardian of the Redeemer”. [4] Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”. [5] (To be continued)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Many blessings,



Rev. Maxy D’Costa
Pastor



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24th Annual Crab Feed

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for crab dinner, and auction fundraiser for our
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PRAY



JANUARY 2021 - Human fraternity.

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Church Open During The Week For Prayer

The church will be open **Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm)** for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

2nd Monday, Jan. 11 and Every Friday:

All are invited to Adoration 2nd Monday, January 11th from 8:30am to 8:00pm and every Friday from after 8:00am Mass (about 8:45am) to 4:00pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Attend Weekend Mass without Signing Up:

St. John the Apostle Parish will not require weekend Sign-ups. Just show up by the side entrance we have been using at least ten minutes before mass begins and our Hospitality Ministers will lead you to your seat.

The following requirements are still in place:

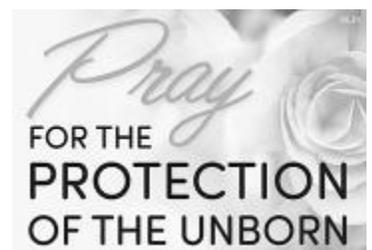
- Face masks to be worn over nose and mouth while in the church
- Physical distancing must be maintained
- No hand shakes, hugs etc except within your own household
- Sanitizing after Masses

And the dispensation from attending weekend Mass is also still in place.

9 Days for Life novena is for the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22.

The multi-faceted centerpiece novena for the respect of human life will occur Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 29, 2021. Each day, a different intention will be highlighted, along with a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

Get more information and prayers at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-2021-novena-english>



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Mass Intentions

Sat	Jan 9	5:00pm	Albert Lou †
Sun	Jan 10	8:30am	All Parishioners
		10:30am	Doris Daiker †
		1:30pm	
Mon	Jan 11		Fr. Maxy D'Costa INT
Tues	Jan 12	8:00am	Shirley Endres INT
Wed	Jan 13	8:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
Thur	Jan 14	8:00am	Carol Dickey INT
Fri	Jan 15	8:00am	Sue Ann Jones †
Sat	Jan 16	5:00pm	Jeff Paulson †
Sun	Jan 17	8:30am	All Parishioners
		10:30am	Tony Mascarenhas †
		1:30pm	

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

This week's need is mac n cheese

Welcome Cafe

Welcome Cafe continues to distribute sack lunches on the 3rd and 4th Sundays.



Sacraments and Services

About Baptism Formation: To begin the process, contact Ryan Mainard, Pastoral Associate: Phone 503-742-8228
Email: r.mainard@sja-catholicchurch.com.

Marriage: Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sja-catholicchurch.com)

Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date. bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com



Weekly Offertory

Week of December 13	\$ 13,765.52
Week of December 20	\$ 15,522.36
Week of December 27	\$ 18,492.99
Week of January 3	\$ 10,039.83
YTD Budgeted	\$ 347,918.05
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Difference	\$ (16,181.16)

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Next Bible Study - "Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible"

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Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, The Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

"The Lamb of God", "The Bread of Life", "The Body and the Blood of Christ"...these are phrases we know from the Mass.

But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.



You do not have to have done the previous study to do this one!

Online registration is on our parish website. In-person registration will take place January 9/10 & 16/17 after all Masses. There will be in-person and Zoom options available on all meeting days, Sunday 6:30pm, Wednesday 6:15pm, and Thursday 9:00am. Because the wrap-up videos are on-line on FORMED, there is also the option of self-study.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer childcare for Sunday evenings at this time. The cost of the study is \$10 for the study guide and \$4 for the optional companion book. Meetings will begin the week of January 31st. Contact Kathy Call with any questions at (503) 349-4181.



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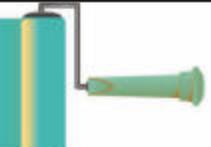
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