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January
10,
2021

The Baptism of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULES

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

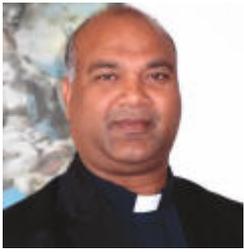
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

Masses Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

We have livestream Masses Monday—Saturday at 10 AM and Sunday at 10:30 in English and Sunday in Spanish at 12:30 PM Follow mass on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the Sunday livestream masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

Origin of baptism: Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D., it was common for

Jewish people to use a special pool called a Mikveh -- literally a "collection of water" -- as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath; women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.

The late Nelson Mandela will go down as one of the greatest leaders of this century. He was instrumental in ending apartheid and bringing about a multiracial society in South Africa. Mandela belonged to the Xhosa people, and grew up in the Transkei. But how did he come to play such a crucial role in the history of his country? In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, he tells us that all the currents of his life were taking him away from the Transkei. Yet he had no epiphany, no singular revelation, no moment of truth. He says: "A steady accumulation of insights helped me to see that my duty was to the people as a whole, not to a particular section of it. The memory of a thousand indignities produced in me anger, rebelliousness, a desire to fight the system that imprisoned my people. There was no particular day on which I said, 'Henceforth, I will devote myself to otherwise'" (Flor McCarthy in Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies).

A friend of mine vouches for the truth of the following incident. He was traveling down the country one day. His journey brought him along some by-roads, where the signposts were few and far between. After a while, he was unsure if he was on the right road to the village he was going to, so he decided to ask the first person he saw. Eventually he came across a farmer driving his cows home for milking. He stopped the car and asked him if he was on the right road to the village he was going to. The farmer told him that he certainly was on the right road. My friend expressed his thanks and was about to move forward when the farmer added, in a very nonchalant way, "You're on the right road, but you're going in the wrong direction!" Today's reflection on Jesus' baptism challenges us to examine whether we are on the right road and moving in the right direction for our eternal destiny.

Nota de nuestro pastor: Origen del bautismo: ni Juan ni Jesús inventaron el bautismo. Se había practicado durante siglos entre los judíos como un ritual equivalente a nuestra Confesión. Hasta la caída del Templo en el año 70 d.C., era común que los judíos usaran una piscina especial llamada Mikve, literalmente una "colección de agua", como un medio de limpieza espiritual, para eliminar la impureza espiritual y el pecado. Los hombres tomaban este baño semanalmente en la víspera del sábado; mujeres, mensual. También se esperaba que los conversos tomaran este baño antes de ingresar al judaísmo. Los judíos ortodoxos aún conservan el rito. Juan predicó que ese baño era una preparación necesaria para el cataclismo que provocaría la venida del Mesías. Jesús transformó este ritual continuo en el único acto definitivo por el cual comenzamos nuestra vida de fe. En efecto, fusionó Su Divina Esencia con el agua y la ceremonia.

El fallecido Nelson Mandela pasará a ser uno de los más grandes líderes de este siglo. Jugó un papel decisivo para poner fin al apartheid y crear una sociedad multirracial en Sudáfrica. Mandela pertenecía al pueblo Xhosa y creció en Transkei. Pero, ¿cómo llegó a desempeñar un papel tan crucial en la historia de su país? En su autobiografía, *Long Walk to Freedom*, nos cuenta que todas las corrientes de su vida lo estaban alejando del Transkei. Sin embargo, no tuvo ninguna epifanía, ninguna revelación singular, ningún momento de la verdad. Él dice: "Una acumulación constante de conocimientos me ayudó a ver que mi deber era para con la gente en su conjunto, no con una sección en particular. El recuerdo de mil indignidades me produjo rabia, rebeldía, ganas de luchar contra el sistema que aprisionaba a mi pueblo. No hubo un día en particular en el que dije: "De ahora en adelante, me dedicaré a lo contrario" (Flor McCarthy en las liturgias dominicales y de los días santos).

Un amigo mío responde por la veracidad del siguiente incidente. Un día estaba viajando por el país. Su viaje lo llevó por algunas carreteras secundarias, donde las señales eran pocas y distantes entre sí. Después de un tiempo, no estaba seguro de si estaba en el camino correcto hacia el pueblo al que se dirigía, por lo que decidió preguntarle a la primera persona que vio. Finalmente se encontró con un granjero que llevaba sus vacas a casa para ordeñarlas. Detuvo el auto y le preguntó si estaba en el camino correcto hacia el pueblo al que se dirigía. El granjero le dijo que ciertamente estaba en el camino correcto. Mi amigo expresó su agradecimiento y estaba a punto de avanzar cuando el granjero agregó, de una manera muy indiferente: "¡Estás en el camino correcto, pero vas en la dirección equivocada!" La reflexión de hoy sobre el bautismo de Jesús nos desafía a examinar si estamos en el camino correcto y avanzando en la dirección correcta para nuestro destino eterno.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of January 10, 2021

Sun/Dom:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-1

Mon/Lunes:

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf.
7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tues/Martes:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/
Mk 1:21-28

Wed/Mier:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/
Mk 1:29-39

Thurs/Juev:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/
Mk 1:40-45

Fri/Vier:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8
[cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Sat/Sab:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn
6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sun./Dom:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
[8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Schedule Our current
schedule for weekend masses is:

Sunday

9:00 English Mass

~~~~ in the parking lot

10:30 English Mass

~~~~ live streamed on Facebook

12:30 Spanish Mass

~~~~ live streamed on Facebook

2:00 Spanish Mass

~~~~ in the parking lot

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Parish Office Hours

Mon- day-Friday 10 AM-7:30

PM

Bi-

ble

7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM-

4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

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School Secretary

St. Joachim Pre-School

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Marisa Melgarejo

Director



COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted corona-virus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For all our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom, guidance and courage.

Gracious God, creator of all, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord. Amen.

From the USSCB office of, Peace & Human Development:

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK
**December 27, 2020 –
January 3, 2021**

The Plate Collection

\$ 4,990.00

EFT Collection

\$ 340.00

Solemnity of Mary Collection

\$ 1,044.00

On Line Giving

\$ 1,475.00

TOTAL

\$ 7,849.00



PRAY FOR

Ruben & Altigracia Perez
Jerome Aguiar
Jennie Harling
Ivan Benin
Melanie Fabio
Jennifer Bliss
Angie Bubon
Nelia Esguerra
Herminigilda Manuel
Rodelio Manuel
Florencio Rodriguez
Albert Gonzales Jr.
Albert Gonzales III
Brenda Gonzales,
Gabby & Giselle Gonzales
Kristina & Angelita Gonzales
Edgar Delos Angeles
Maria Silva

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul

offering for next week:

Peanut Butter or Jam

*mantequilla de mani o
mermelada*

Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

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COLLECTION FOR WEEK
December 21-27, 2020

The Plate Collection

\$ 3,676.00

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\$ 65.00

Christmas Day Collection

\$ 3,562.00

On Line Giving

\$ 1,595.00

TOTAL \$ 8,898.00

VATICAN CORNER

Most historians agree that the early Christians did not use lighted

candles, torches or lamps during ceremonies for the first 3 centuries. They tried to avoid anything that might resemble the way Romans used lamps in their sacrificial rituals. But in the 4th century when paganism had generally disappeared and the danger of being associated with it was gone, the Church saw how appropriate it was to use light in worship. The Bible says: "Then God said 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw how good the light was" (Gen.1:3-4). Christ had declared, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). Beginning in Jerusalem, a ceremony started that offered a lighted lamp or candle in honor of Him who was the true Light. That service spread westward

through Spain, Gaul, northern Italy and finally arrived in Rome. The candle's light came to symbolize Christ. In that same time St. Jerome developed the symbolism of bees and their wax. The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ, and his sacred humanity. The wick at the center represents his soul. The flame represents his divinity. As the flame burns down the wick, it consumes the wax to give us light. It burns sacrificing itself, just as Christ sacrificed himself. Beeswax burns without noxious smoke, and the proportion of beeswax that is required in church candles today is still regulated on account of this ancient symbolism. From that first ceremony eventually came our use of the Pascal Candle at Easter, baptisms, funerals and on special occasions. Also came the lighting of an evening candle at Vespers, when the world turns dark and the light symbolizes Christ. The use of the sanctuary lamp placed in a red glass container which burns day and night when the Blessed Sacrament is present, and the use of altar candles during Mass became symbols of the presence of Christ and signs of reverence and festivity. The act of lighting candles became a quiet tradition in the Church. Lighting a candle at the candle stand symbolizes the remembering of a loved one or a petition of prayer we make to God. We ask the saints to pray with us and for us during our most dire need. The light of the candle prolongs our prayer beyond our presence in church. Most Vatican guidebooks do not mention this, but there is not a single location in St. Peter's Basilica where one can light a candle. This is to protect the building from the risk of fire and from smoke damage to the precious works of art. There are however 1,000 other churches and chapels in Rome as an alternative. However, back in the 1930's the Vatican had a tradition of illuminating St. Peter's Basilica both inside and out with thousands of flickering flames every Christmas and on other special occasions. Dozens of workers would rappel down the outside of the dome and walls to get to the hard-to-reach spots and would place 900 torches and 5000 lanterns. It was a breath taking illumination of the Basilica and evidence of this tradition can still be seen today by the small circular, spiked metal plates attached to the outside of the buildings. Candles are indeed an important symbol: the presence of Christ, the light of the world.

References: aleteia.org, tripadvisor.com, cruxnow.com, classroom, synonym.com, catholic.com, usccb.org, liturgicalartsjournal.com, churchpop.com, walksinrome.com, catholicculture.org



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MASS INTENTIONS

January 10-16, 2021

Sunday Masses — English

Roger & Vicky Gabriel (*thanksgiving*)

Roberto & Julieta Rimando

(*thanksgiving*)

Dy family (*special intention*)

Maria Silva (*healing*)

Pelagia Paz † (*anniversary*)

David A. Tayco †

Maria Rosario Nepomuceno-Alcalde †

Maria Salvacion Olmedo † (*anniversary*)

Lazaro Arquero †

Sunday Masses — Spanish

Juan Jose Gomez (*salud*)

Paco Gomez †

Gustavo Adolfo Morales †

Sara Morales †

Marta Herrera †

Irma Lacayo †

Monday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 10:00 AM

Vicente Camela Evangelista †

(*anniversary*)

Wednesday 10:00 AM

Ramon G. Garcia †

Thursday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 10:00 AM

Angela Kim (*birthday*)

Saturday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim



Did you know that our Priests both say a private mass (just by themselves) everyday while our shelter in place is on and limited Public Masses may be said.

Our Priest mention the names of all of those with Mass intentions on that day at their Mass, so if you have a mass intention on a day that there are no public masses your intention is mentioned at each of their masses.

If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website saintjoachim.net / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



Because



we can all use



a little smile



Are there HMOs in Heaven?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

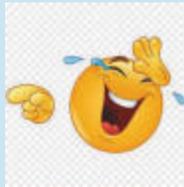
St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"



*Tensions are high in the produce section
as no one dares to lick their fingers*

One-Liners

If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

If God is your copilot, swap seats.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?



Just a Second

Adam: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Adam: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Adam: Can I have a penny?

God: Sure, just a second.



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