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# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Bridget Sunday 8:30am  
St. Elizabeth Sunday 10:30am  
Sacred Heart Saturday 5:00pm



### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:00 pm St. Bridget Parshall  
Thursday 9:00 am St. Bridget Parshall  
Friday 9:00am St. Bridget Parshall

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of someone, it could be done either way.

**FLOWERS:** You would bring the flower to St. Bridget, On a piece of paper, write your name, and who the flower is in memory of. Drop in the collection basket or give info to Joyce Waldock. After Christmas, you could take the poinsettia home or leave for St. Bridget Church.

**DONATE:** Towards a poinsettia or poinsettias. Put your name, "in memory of", and money or check in an envelope. This envelope could be put in the collection basket on a Sun. or brought to the church office.

Thank you for your gift to St. Bridget Church; it will be acknowledged in the Jan. bulletin

### MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass. For this reason, all are encouraged to have a Mass offered for loved ones who have died, or even for the living who have some need.

### MEMORARE

Bishop Kagan asks of us to pray this daily for an end to the Corna Virus.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### FACEBOOK PAGE

ParshallPlazaMakotiCatholicChurches  
Fr. Terry will be live streaming Masses to the Facebook page beginning this weekend.

### JESUS IS REAL

True story— Last year, a 7yr. old grandson said to his Grandma, “No, I won’t pack Jesus away in a box.” “Why not?” You said, “Christmas should be in our lives all year. That has inspired me to do one free drawing on Christmas Day, postage paid by me, for a 10 in. wooden Holy Family Nativity scene. Only if you promise to leave this up, in a prominent place in your home all year, then type “YES” with your number or address to enter the drawing, please no name. Leave “YES” and your info at [jawaldock@yahoo.com](mailto:jawaldock@yahoo.com) or text 701-898-0080. Jesus is real; this is real!

## **BULLETIN INFORMATION**

If you have anything for the bulletin please email me by Monday evening to get into the weekly bulletin. Always looking for something new to publish.

Thank you! Bobbi.Shegrud@k12.nd.us 701-720-3998

### **COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

We would like to share a few reminders with you per the Diocese of Bismarck Directives.

- \*Stay home if you are feeling ill.
- \*Hand Sanitizer is always available at the entrance. Please sanitize your hands as you enter the building.
- \*Face Masks are not required to enter the building or to attend Mass, but we strongly encourage you to wear one for your safety and the safety of others around you.
- \*Social Distancing guidelines are still in effect, and we ask that you do not congregate in the Pews or Gathering Spaces after Mass.
- \*Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. Hand Sanitizer will be used by the priest after each communicant receives on the tongue.
- \*Confessions will be heard behind the scree.
- \*The dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect.

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**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.

### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a “light for the nations.” How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

**Second Reading:** John teaches his community that God Himself has “testified on behalf of His Son.” In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

**Gospel Question:** The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus’ baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God’s presence?

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

### **January 10, 2021, The Baptism of the Lord**

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?

### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

#### **Readings for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: 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 1:7-11  
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: 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

#### **Observances for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday:



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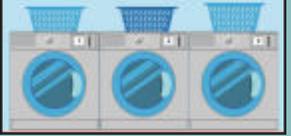
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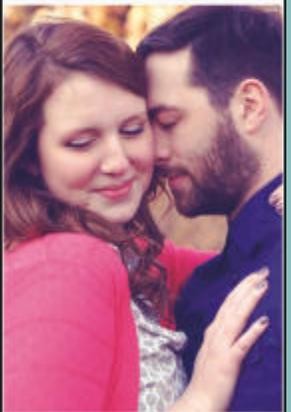
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