# **Our Divine Savior Church**



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**January 9, 2022** 

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Tues-Friday 9:00 am
or by appointment
Call or email the office.



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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MISSION STATEMENT Our Divine Savior Parish, a Roman Catholic community, nourished by God's grace and the sacraments, embraces the mission of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live the gospel through our worship of God and through loving service to one another and to the greater community.

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# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

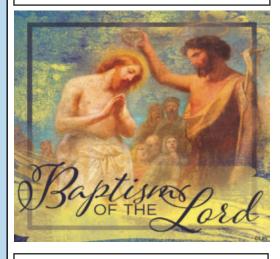
## **Second Reading:**

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

# Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

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# **Weekly Observances**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Friday: Saturday:

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

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# READINGS

# Cycle C January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk

1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-

8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk

2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6

-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

[3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat.	08	5:00pm	Leo Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)			
Sun	09	8:00	Rich & Bunny Ripp, Thanksgiving, (The Ripps)			
		10:00	Judy Purvis, d, (Tom & Mary Ann Ward)			
Mon.	10					
Tues	11	8:30	David Sunday, d, (Joan King)			
Wed	12	8:30	Al Burghardt, d, ( Tom & Mary Ann Ward)			
Thurs	13	8:30	Deceased Parishioners of ODS			
Fri	14	8:30	Deceased Parishioners of ODS			

# GOSPEL MEDITATION The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

# — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



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# **PARISH NEWS**



From the Pastor's Desk... Cor unum et anima una (Acts 4:32)

**Pastor's Mission Statement:** Appointed as a servant-leader of Our Divine Savior Catholic Church and in the light of the Parish Mission, I commit myself to empower, inspire and help each parishioner to be in "one heart and one mind" (Acts 4:32) in the liturgical, sacramental, spiritual and social celebrations and prayers to build an Amazing Parish.





The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-19)

Since the Sacrament of Baptism is the first sacrament to be received, it opens the door for the other sacraments to be received. It is the foundation of all the sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches: Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (#1213).

How can we say a sacrament that is administered is valid? If the matter, form and minister of Baptism are valid, then the sacrament is valid. The matter of Baptism is no other than water. The form of the Sacrament of Baptism is, "Name, I baptized you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These are the words said while pouring the water on the forehead of the one baptized. The minister for Baptism is a validly ordained deacon, priest and bishop with the faculty to perform the sacrament in a particular jurisdiction. Therefore, if a visiting priest administers a sacrament outside the Church, then the sacrament is illicit (unauthorized). Even though the matter, form and ministers are valid, it was administered without permission and necessary faculty to perform the sacrament. Since there was no permission granted, the illicit sacrament is not recorded in the parish, the place of Baptism.

In the Baptismal preparation, we need to patiently fulfill the requirements. We must also prepare ourselves spiritually, especially the candidate of Baptism, to receive the graces effected by the Sacrament of Baptism.

In the celebration of Baptism, we hand down the faith we also received from the Church, from the ancestors of faith, our parents and godparents.

Did your parents and godparents tell you about the story of your Baptism or even what happened on your own Baptism? If you were baptized as a teenager or adult, do you vividly remember your own Baptism? Do you have some memories of your Baptism? As confirmed Christians, have you been a godparent for a baptism? Remember that special day when you were incorporated into the Body of Christ, the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Share your stories to your spouse, children, friends and others. Remember to celebrate your birthday in the Church, your Baptism day!

Please Keep In Your Prayers										
Tom Claiborne Michael Kolonay Carolyn Mormann Carolyn Ellis Mary Ann Olson Chris Mendoza Audrey Downes Dianna Marvin  Tim Merrifield Sherry Scofield Dennis McCosker Rachelle Currier Bryn Rau Patricia Arrequi Nathan Liebert Mike Miterko	Phil & Lorri Beaucham Tillie Holman Tony Duffy Dana Hicks Joan Costa Jasper Mazzocco Janie Montgomery Jerry Kowalkowski	Dave Parker Donald Fabish Rick Ruz Karen Hamar Aurora Blosiu Allan White Carol Matthews	Linda & Gerry Grandstaff Nancy Lodge Lorraine Overton Bobby Henry Hal Currier Tammy La Rossa Marvin Garcia	Rebecca Markey Lori Perry Jackie Little Samuel Hoffman Mary Sams Steffen Nelson Myrti Bedford Mary Sajben	Rusty Phillips Rhianna Dutra Darcy McNabo Navarro Family Lavinia Divine Gloria Trent Diane McVittie Jason Cousins	Warren Childs Kathleen P. Karen Hamer Deborah & Betty Connie Johnson				

Please note: in order to keep our Prayer List current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

## PARISH NEWS

# COLLECTION DEC. 13—DEC. 19, 2021

 Sunday
 \$ 3,586.80

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 675.00

 Religious Retirement
 1,798.00

 Holy Day
 379.08

# Online Donations Nov. 22—Dec. 19, 2021

Sunday \$ 4,186.00 P&I 220.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity to ODS

#### **Second Collections**

Jan. 29/30 Youth Ministry
Feb. 05/06 Projects & Initiatives

The Baptism of Jesus

Behold, the Lamb of God whose face did shine.

John saw approaching; in apprehension

Trembled with joy seeing the Son

Divine

Conceived by God's holiest intention.
'I need to be baptized by You, the Lord.'
Jesus said: 'Suffer it to be so now...'
HE came to the Jordan, His feet would
ford,

John immersed Jesus and would his head bow.

The masses on the bank saw His glory
The Heavens parted, pearly light
streaming

No man like this One lived in history, Could they in the day be simply dreaming?

HE surfaced, Son of God, Teacher of Love

Descending on Him Spirit from Above.

By Barry Blander

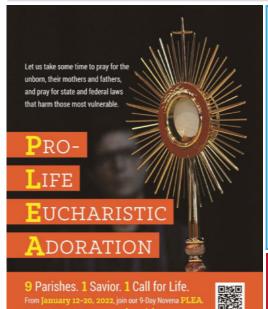
# The Pope Speaks to Us About Discernment

"Between the first step, which is to come close and allow yourself to be struck by what you see, and the third step, which is to act concretely to heal and repair, there is an essential intermediate stage: to discern and to choose. . . This calls for discernment of spirits. Discernment means to think through our decisions and actions, not just by rational calculation but by listening for His Spirit, recognizing in prayer God's motives, invitations, and will. There is a principle worth remembering in these times: ideas are debated, but reality is discerned. . . . It is an illusion to think that we can go back to where we were. . . . Discernment allows us to navigate changing contexts and specific situations as we seek the truth.

"I believe in objective truths and solid principles. I am grateful for the solidity of the Church's tradition, the fruit of centuries of shepherding humanity and of faith seeking reasoning and understanding. The truth possesses us, constantly attracting us by means of beauty and goodness This is an approach to truth quite distinct from the epistemology of post-truth, which demands that we choose sides rather than hear evidence. Jesus made the promise to his disciples that after he was gone the Spirit "will guide you into all the truth." There is no contradiction between being solidly rooted in the truth and at the same time being open to a greater understanding.

"How do we distinguish the spirits? The voice of the enemy distracts us from the present by getting us to focus on fears of the future or the sadness of the past. The voice of God, on the other hand, speaks to the present, helping us to move ahead in the here and now.

"To dream of a different future we need to choose fraternity over individualism as our organizing principle. This is it's (synodality's) goal: not so much to forge agreement as to recognize, honor, and reconcile differences on a higher plane where the best of each can be retained. The Spirit always preserves the legitimate plurality of different groups and points of view, reconciling them in their diversity."



# Bible Study of Luke's Gospel

Start the new year with a new habit! The Tuesday morning Bible Study, which meets every week from 9-11, will begin the study of the Gospel of Luke on January 4. We use the Scott Hahn study guide which includes both information about context and questions for reflection to share. All are welcome - no experience required! For now, due to COVID, we meet on Zoom. If you are unfamiliar with the format, we provide instructions! For information call Terry Matthews, 530-591-0398.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS meeting scheduled for Jan. 13th has been CANCELED! Any questions, please call Carole Claiborne, 530-228-9701.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation Contact the Religious Education Office for questions, 530-345-6201

### Sharing the Gospel

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

## Prayer

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

# Something to Draw

Draw a picture of God telling you, "Good job!"

## Mission for the Week

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

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## **ODS Gift Card Tool Wish List**

Check out the board outside of church with tags to purchase gift cards for items needed for maintenance and minor repairs of the church property. If you are able, please take a card to help ODS update tools and other items needed to keep ODS looking beautiful. Gift cards can be dropped off at the ODS office or in the collection basket. Any questions, contact Marc Betenbaugh, 530-520-8596 or odsmarc@gmail.com.

#### **NEW MISSALS**

We are now using a permanent, hardcover missal, Word of the Lord, NAB Edition for use in the pews!

These missals are to remain in the church. If you are interested owning in your own book, they are available for a suggested donation of \$20 by contacting the parish office.

Look for the Amazing Parish Prayer on the inside cover!

# RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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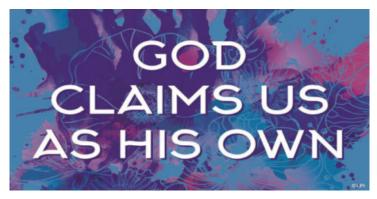
The "Vocation Cross" program is an opportunity for families to pray daily for vocations to the religious life and priesthood in their homes. The Vocation Cross will be presented at the end of weekend Mass. Along with the cross, suggested prayers will be given. After one week, the family who takes the cross home returns the cross to the Church and another family will have the opportunity to take the cross home. This program will be on-going. Is your family interested in participating? If so, please call or email the parish office.

### **Baptism of the Lord**

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps Jesus comes to sanctify his mortal baptizer, certainly our Lord comes to bury sinful humanity in the purifying waters of His Baptism. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us, He who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

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# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco

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# WalkforlifeWC.com

Saturday January 22, 2022 Your Care, Your Voice, Your presence, Their lives, Stand for the most defenseless among us.

## We will NOT be having a bus this year.

To go you will need to provide your own transportation Be prepared to walk 4 miles and carry your food and water.

### Event schedule:

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough St.10:30 am Talks by Silent No More 10:45-12:15 Civic Center Info Faire 11:00-12:30 Civic Center Rally Speakers 12:30-1:30 Civic Center Actual Walk down Market Street to the Embarcadero - 1:30

For those who don't go you can go Please pray for the success and safety of this mission. To change the perceptions of a society that think abortion is an answer. Abortion does violence to women and to their children.

#### FAMILY ROOM

WRITTEN BY TERRY MATTHEWS

The synod is coming! What are the logistics at ODS? The listening circles will gather in the Parish Hall on Jan. 22, Saturday. We will meet one another in our listening circle and grab a coffee and a treat at 9:45. At 10, we begin the welcome, introduction, and the diocesan PowerPoint presentation. The bulk of the time is spent listening. We aim to capture people's experiences, hopes, burdens and dreams. What a listening session is **not**: debate, discussion or issuecentered. A listening session is a spiritual conversation. The ground rules are prayer, respect, trust, listening, sharing, and discernment. Expect silence!

The Biblical image that will center our reflections is the scene of the multiplication of the loaves (as described in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 14.) Here are the four questions we will be reflecting on and answering, each from our own unique soul.

- 1. Reflecting on the image what experiences of church come to your mind that are life giving?
- 2. What do you bring to this encounter with Jesus that is burdening and challenging?
- 3. Where do you sense the Spirit is leading you to grow more deeply, to engage more fully?
- 4. After we heard all this: What touches you the most? What begins to emerge? What is the most significant moment for you?

Do you have doubts or questions? Here are some possible concerns.

I don't know what is expected of me. If I am willing to be vulnerable, I might be embarrassed. No one wants to hear what I think. I'm too old, I shouldn't have a say in the future of the church. I'm too young - people will just keep doing things "the way we always have." I have my own opinions, and I am right. I don't need to know what other people think.

Do any of these speak to you? Please be reassured: Whoever you are, your voice is needed! We *do* care, and we *will* listen. You *do* make a difference. Call Tatiana or Angela to sign up. Give a gift to yourself and to our Church.





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