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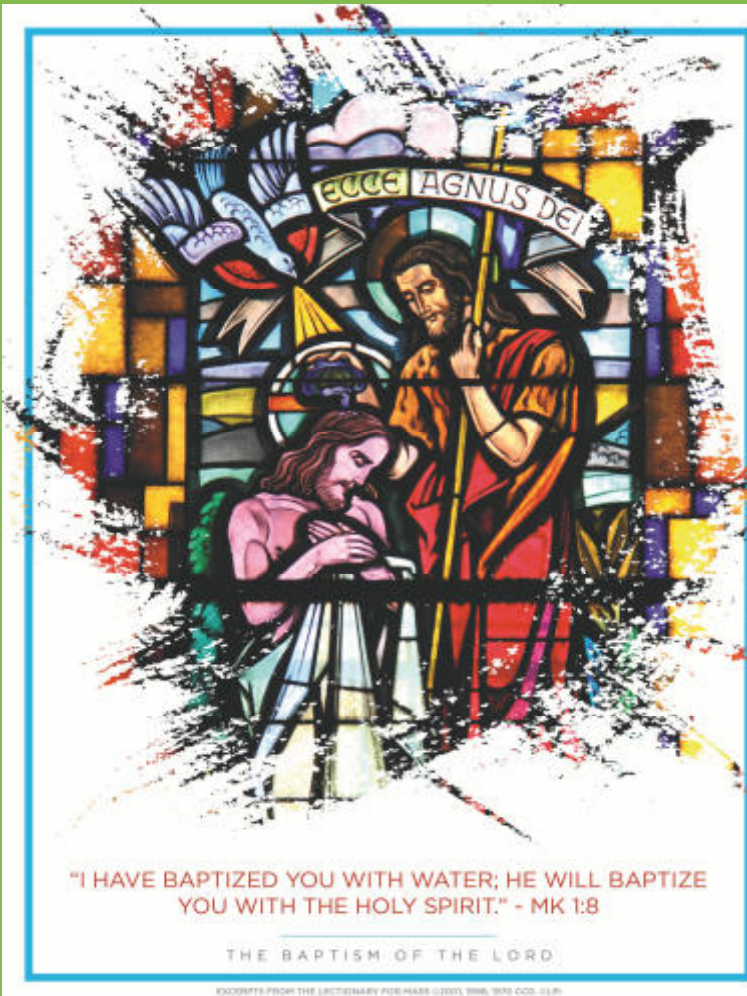
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## The Baptism of the Lord

## 10 January 2021



### 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?

### Mass Reservations

From Monday 9 am to Thursday 4 pm  
You may make a reservation online  
[www.staugustineoh.org](http://www.staugustineoh.org) or by phone  
at 360-675-2303 Ext. 23

**Please take note:** Make sure to list each person's first name in your reservation. Mass-goers not from the same household cannot be seated together.

No reservation & No mask, No entry.



### Resolution for New Year

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies.

Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life.

Let us do more to change our culture of death.  
*Pro Life Articles*



## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. Augustine & St. Mary

January 25-March 22, Mondays at 10 am via Zoom

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline™ Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan. Cost with book and 1-year access to videos online is \$25. You can attend for free on class time only.

Email Barb Dumit to sign up: [tbdumit@comcast.net](mailto:tbdumit@comcast.net)

### Thinking About Becoming a EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? Now is the Time!

We will be holding a training session mid-January for anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at St. Augustine. With COVID restrictions, we have been doing things a bit differently, but still serving our parish family. If you are interested in joining our beautiful team of ministers after the holidays, please contact Debbie Karney at [KrazyKs@Gmail.com](mailto:KrazyKs@Gmail.com) or home phone: 360-240-8687. Email is always the best way to reach Debbie due to her work schedule, but you could always leave a message on her machine at home. She’d be happy to answer questions and explain how we are serving during Covid, and what is needed to begin.



### Next Baptisms are scheduled for April 24

(subject to change depending on Covid19 restrictions)

Baptism class is scheduled on March 6, Saturday from 9:00 am to noon on Zoom.

Call the office at 360-675-2303 to register, where you will receive instructions about the Zoom classes.



### Marriage Preparation

Are you engaged to be married? Preparations for weddings are a six-month process. Please call 360.675.2303 x5 to begin.

### St Augustine Baby Boutique\*

The Pro Life Ministry of St. Augustine invites you to donate baby items to our St. A Baby Boutique. The following items are the ones most requested and most needed by the clients of Pregnancy Care Clinic (PCC): size 3, 4, 5 and 6 diapers, baby wipes, Similac powder formula (any kind), baby boy clothes (from preemie to 2T), or monetary donation.

Note: Baby clothes do not need to be new but in good condition & good quality. No baby furniture please.

You may mail or drop off your CASH or CHECK donations at the parish office (make checks payable to St Augustine and write Pregnancy Care Clinic on the memo line).

Donations accepted all of January. A black cart or wooden box will be placed in the vestibule for all the baby items.



\*Benefits the Clients of the Pregnancy Care Clinic



Connect with Father Paul

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



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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? ©LPi



### Our Family & Friends

Milagros Abrea, Rick Bluhm, Theresa Frazer,  
Tom Karney, Marsha Kilgore, Mary Pierzchala,  
Greg Reynolds, Lou & Lulu Santos, Dennis Sionson,  
Doug Undesser, Jean Valdez,

Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list. To include a loved one's name, please call the Parish Office at 360-675-2303.

## January 9 - 16

Jan 9 Sat	4:00 pm Confession, PO 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Jan 10 Sun	8:00 am Mass, CH ( <i>Our Parishioners, INT</i> ) 9:30 am Mass, CH ( <i>Magdalena Peralta, RIP;</i> <i>Dean Hall, RIP</i> ) 9:30 am Mass Livestream ( <i>FB page:</i> <i>St Augustine Catholic Church</i> )
Jan 11 Mon	Office Unavailable 4:00 pm Special Sacrament Class, Zoom 4:30 pm Agape
Jan 12 Tue	4:00 pm RE Online, 1st & 2nd Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, 12th Gr, Zoom
Jan 13 Wed	Office Closed 9:30 am Mass ( <i>Sean Kelly, INT</i> ) 10:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet, CH 4:00 pm RE Online, 3rd & 4th Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, Gr. 7/8 & 9/10, Zoom
Jan 14 Thu	4:00 pm RE Online, 5th & 6th Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, 11th Gr, Zoom
Jan 15 Fri	11:00 am Private Prayer/Adoration, CH
Jan 16 Sat	No activity in the morning



The Santo Niño Mass  
or the Mass of the Infant Jesus  
will be celebrated on January 16,  
Saturday, at 5:00 PM

Don't forget to make your  
reservation to attend that Mass.



### Thank you for your Stewardship of Treasure!

**Weekly Expenses: \$13,090**

Please write your envelope #  
on your check.

We encourage you to mail your donations to  
P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

### End of Year Tax Statements

will be emailed to parishioners with email and  
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