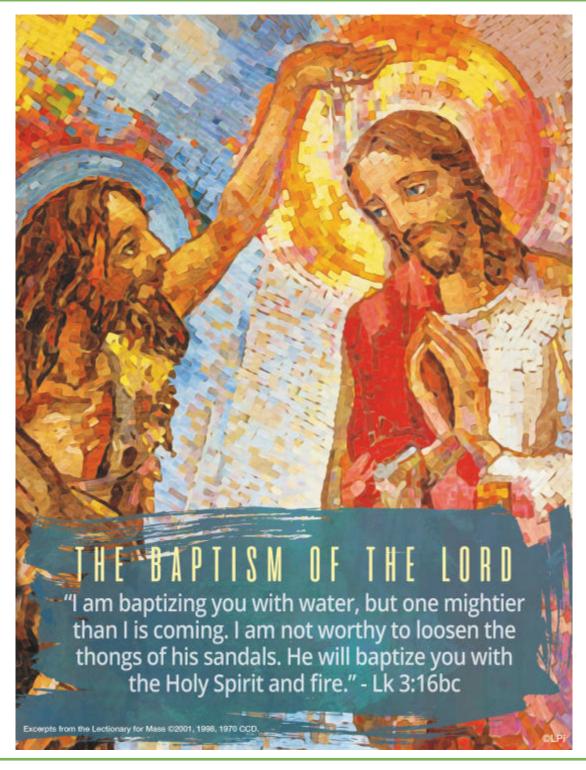


# **PRINCE OF PEACE**

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## **ABOUT OUR PARISH**



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Thursday | 9:00 am - Noon

Friday | Closed

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 4:00pm Sunday | 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays | Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30am

#### **RECONCILIATION/PENANCE**

By Appointment for Parishioners



### **ONLINE GIVING**

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#### WEEKLY READINGS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

## SUNDAY 1/9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

#### MONDAY 1/10

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**TUESDAY 1/11** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8/Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY 1/12 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**THURSDAY 1/13** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY 1/14 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

**SATURDAY 1/15** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

**NEXT SUNDAY 1/16 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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#### Baptism of the Lord

The rest of the world may have put away the trimmings of the holiday season of shopping and feasting, but we, in the Church, continue to celebrate an event that changed the direction of human life and history: the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In song, worship and story we spend this time meditating on the mystery of God's love for us and our response to his eternal love. We still sing a song of Christmas, we still have our crèche, and we remember still the event that brought us joy. And what joy gazing at our nativity scene after December 25 brings to each of us.

Now with the end of the Christmas season, how do we live on in the "joy" of the Birth of our Savior and his entrance into the life of the World? First of all. we have to remember the Word of God. It is through His Word, His Son that we come to know God's great plan for our salvation. It is in and through lesus that we "see" what God is like. We "hear" what God wants to say to us and we "respond" to His words in a way fitting of the apostles themselves. The Word teaches us to be more God-like and the Word of God has the power to transform our lives into vessels of grace and mercy.

Secondly, on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we

remember that as Jesus was baptized, His eternal Father spoke words of hope and love for all of us: this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Our mission in life is twofold because of this: interiorly, to live with the knowledge placed in our hearts that we are God's special people, forever loved and forgiven by Him. Exteriorly, we come to share that same love, mercy and forgiveness with others. The love God has for us must flow out into the world through us. Love is always active and moving; it cannot be contained. Neither can the Word of God. If we have heard the call of Jesus, just like he heard his Father's words of blessing, we can do no other but go into the world to renew the face of the earth through him.

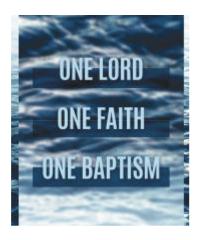
Finally, we remember that we cannot hold fast to any one moment of our lives. Time presses on, we grow and develop, we change and mature. Today's feast reveals to us that Jesus grows and develops. From this point on he will be busy bringing the Good News to life and bringing others into a loving relationship with our God. And so, we must leave the wonder of Christmas and enter into the life of the world. Our real work will be, to borrow a phrase and a theme, to practice "mindfulmercy". This is mercy that is always given out to others. It remembers not only who we are

## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

as fallible humans but calls us to bring that mercy into every nook and corner of everyday life. It is a conscious decision on our part to be merciful all the time. It is an act of Christian charity to be mindfully merciful all the time. To practice mindful-mercy is no less than to act in a godly manner. Without a doubt, God is mercy and His Son comes to us to be the most merciful of all.

And one more point, before I forget. This is the traditional feast day of our parish. Named for Christ, the Prince of Peace, we continue our mission to grow in grace, gratitude and giving through our commitment to serve the poor and build up our community in faith. Pray for our parish that we continue to be, under the guidance of our Patron Saint, Blessed Solanus Casey, to be people who, like Jesus, grow in grace, wisdom and age.

#### REV. RON JOZWIAK Pastor



## **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

#### MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00 pm Crisostomo Nazareno4:00 pm Francisca Nazareno4:00 pm Teresita Orlino4:00 pm Cris Nazarenu

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00 am Naoumi Family 10:00 am Families of Prince of Peace



**LOVING MEMORY** Our sympathy goes out to the families of...

#### **JOANNE DEPTULA**



TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

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Christ."

— Pope Francis

properly live life.

#### REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Alexis Anton Elizabeth Brown Genevieve Davey Roland Gerhard Bernie Hoomian Gerald Lewis Tom Mc Gillen Sal Palazzolo

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

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

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.

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Knights of Columbus Fr. Arnold J. Kosco Council # 12808

A Very Special Thank You To Our Fellow Prince of Peace Parishioners,

As we reflect back on 2021, we realize that it was a very difficult year for many. Primarily, the pandemic continued on with an increasing number of new variants. In addition, many in our own community and surrounding areas are struggling with tougher economic issues.

Despite these challenges, our Knights of Columbus, with Fr. Ron's approval and support, were still able to conduct several important charitable initiatives. Chief among those were our Annual St. Christine's Food / Financial Support Drive and the MI Fund Drive (the "Tootsie Roll Campaign").

St. Christine's continues to do outstanding work providing food and financial help to an impoverished area on the west side of Detroit. And, the MI Fund Drive helps provide much needed assistance to Michigan residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This past year, we set new records for contributions to both of these endeavors, including a 68% increase from last year to the MI Drive. These results would not have been possible without YOU, our fellow parishioners, along with the support of our individual Knights, parishioners from St. Thomas and several local commercial establishments. You have come through once again with your kindness, generosity and giving spirit. You certainly reflect our Lord's commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself". We are very grateful and we wish you all a blessed New Year.

Finally, please know that the Knights of Columbus, an organization of men dedicated to Faith, Family, Community and Life, are always looking for new members willing to serve their community. Please consider joining us. Any questions regarding membership may be directed to:

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## **COVID-19 UPDATES**

We continue to follow the guidelines to do our part to keep everyone safe. Masks are required at this time. Please be sure to take everything with you when you leave the church including, masks, gloves, tissues and any other items you may have brought with you.

Remember if you are sick, please stay home. You can watch Mass by visiting our website and clicking on the Video Mass Image.



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Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



