

January 9, 2022

# St. Ronald Church

## The Baptism Of the Lord



*It is the Mission of St. Ronald Catholic Church to provide a place of comfort and peace to all who seek worship, friendship, Christian knowledge, spiritual guidance, and service to the Community of the Lord.*

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

#### The Baptism of the Lord

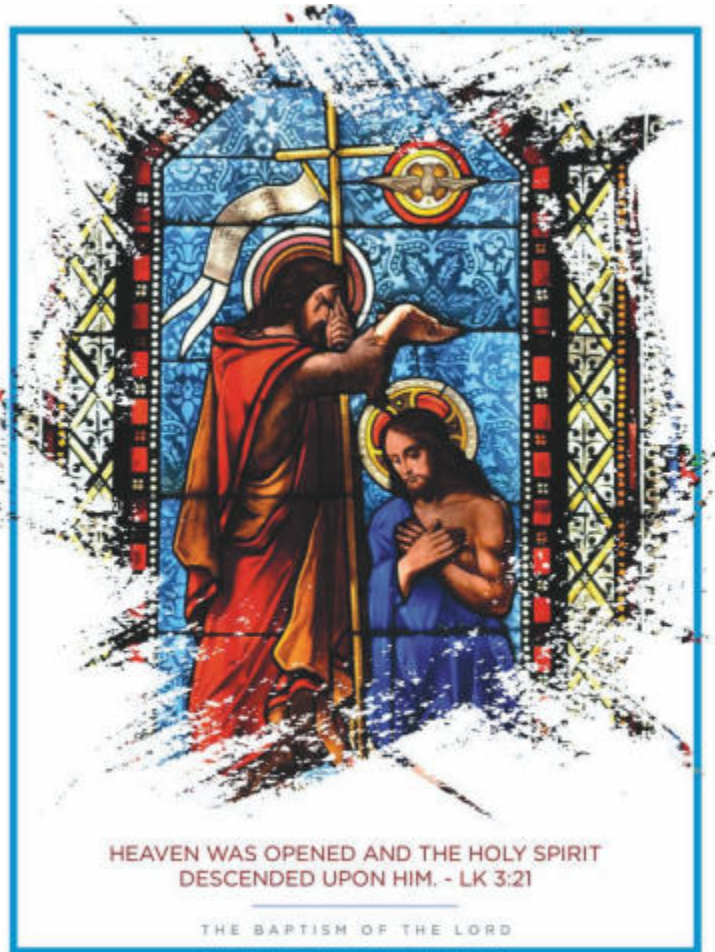
*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— 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



## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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. ©LPi

## Religious Formation News

**Kimberly Jacob:**  
Parish Catechetical Leader & Youth Minister

### Religious Formation:

Classes resume this Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

### First Holy Communion:

There is a parent meeting for all parents of First Holy Communicants next Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the youth room. The meeting will last approximately half an hour. Communion retreat is on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm.

### Middle School Formation:

The next time we meet is on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Friendly reminder that Friday sessions are for students only and they should always have their Bible, workbook, and folder with them.

### High School Ministry:

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

I want to give a huge thank you to the entire religious formation team for their hard work and dedication to our youth. In addition, they do a great job with the bulletin board by the parish office. If you have not seen it stop by and look.

### January:

- 11<sup>th</sup> – religious formation classes resume at 4:40pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – high school meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> – middle school session at 7:00pm for students
- 18<sup>th</sup> – religious formation classes
- 19<sup>th</sup> – MLK service project here at St. Ronald from 6-8pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – religious formation classes

*Quote of the Week: "We can find joy easily if we have a sense of humor!" ~Carrie Gress*

If you should have comments, questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail [kjacob.stronald@gmail.com](mailto:kjacob.stronald@gmail.com) or call 792- 1276, ext. 226.

*We will be putting Christmas decorations away on Monday, January 10th starting at 9am.*

*All are welcome to come help!*

We are looking for a volunteer interested in heading up our quarterly blood drives at the parish.



The blood drives are held quarterly (January, April, July, October).

Responsibilities include organizing the drives, scheduling appointments, making reminder calls/ emails, etc. Training would be provided.

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please call the parish office at 586-792-1190.

The next  
**ST RONALD ALTAR SODALITY**  
meeting is on  
**Wednesday, January 12th at 1pm.**

**All women of the parish are welcome!**



## ST RONALD SUPERBOWL CELEBRATION

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Friday - 9:30am - 12 noon

# LITURGICAL ROLES

January 15/16	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Sunday, 8:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
<b>Sacristan</b>	Jerry Matson	Sandra Butler	Mary Lutz
<b>Ushers</b>	Phillip Vallelunga Max Adani Cindy Neiman	Darryl Debski Connie Larimer Dave Anderer	Warren Price Jan Chrzan Mike Lutz
<b>Lector</b>	Shalise Tempest	Wendy Cummins	Margaret (Peggy) Szurkiewicz
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Cathy Gray (P)	Cheri Stanziola (P)	Larry Young (P)
<b>Server</b>	Charlie Clark		Daniel Baker

## Pray for our Troops

*Keep our troops and their families  
in your prayers.*

*Also, remember all those who fought  
and lost their lives for our freedom.*



Senior Airman Chayse Anderer

Sgt. Veronica Camacho

Dominic DeYonker

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Seaman Nathan Matson

Joshua McBarnes

Sgt. Sean McDowell

Pfc. Amber Mueller

Sgt. Jacob O'Dowd

George Revenaugh

LCpl Ryan Ritthaler

IT2 Andrew Severini

LCP Joseph M. Zelek

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Jan 8, 4pm Mass**

+Joe Konopka requested by Chris and Mike St. Onge

+Donald Kolke requested by Weinberg Family

For Mr and Mrs Gaetono Rizzo requested by their Daughter

**Sunday, Jan 9, 8:30am Mass**

+Rita and Leonard Cichocki requested by Cathy and Mike Grix

**Sunday, Jan 9, 11am Mass**

+Robert Strimpel requested by Kathy and Tom Liguori

**Monday, Jan 10 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, Jan 11, 9am Mass**

+Joe Konopka requested by Therese Kalbaugh

**Wednesday, Jan 12, 9am Mass**

+Raymond Comtois (18-year anniversary) requested by Family

**Thursday, Jan 13, 9am Mass**

+Robert Strimpel requested by Cindy Nieman

For Bill Garanski requested by Cindy Nieman

**Friday Jan 14, 9am Mass**

+Joe Konopka requested by Therese Kalbaugh

For Rita Klimek requested by Cindy Nieman

**Saturday, Jan 15, 4pm Mass**

+Joe Konopka requested by Altar Sodality

+Mr. and Mrs. John Vitale requested by Daughter-in-Law

For Barb and Steve Skrzypczak

requested by Linda and Sam Rodriquez

**Sunday, Jan 16, 8:30am Mass**

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

**Sunday, Jan 16, 11am Mass**

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

*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 3:22)*

## Readings of the Week

**Readings for the week of January 09, 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

## Masses of the Week

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: Mass of the Day

Tuesday: Mass of the Day

Wednesday: Mass of the Day

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Mass of the Day

Saturday: Mass of the Day

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

## Pray for our Sick

Robert Barner

Josephine Blunk

Michael Bolter

James Cichocki

William Cichocki

Fran Davis

Anna DelVillano

Carol Goyette

Chris Kleist

Kelly Kleist

Darlene Kleist

Richard

Kowalewski

Paul Kushner

Anne Lanivich

Irene Lorkowski

Gus Malmberg

Carol Matson

Don McGraw

Molly McGraw

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