

## GESU DETROIT

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022**

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

## Sowers of the Seed

The Baptism of the Lord –a baptism of fire and the spirit.

Marge Sears



This feast ends the Christmas liturgical season. The birth of Jesus is so often depicted as idyllic and sweet but, in reality, Jesus was born in an animal stall with his people denigrated by the greatest and most oppressive empire, Rome. We don't learn anything more about Jesus after his appearance in the temple at 12 until these scriptures today – except that he grew in wisdom and grace. Eighteen years later, he appears at the Jordan River where John is baptizing. All the promises of previous generations are about to be fulfilled (Isaiah and Ps. 104). "Here is your God who will give you food and good things when you open your hands." The people (we too) wait with blessed hope for "The grace of God to appear and to be saved by the bath of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Titus).

Like the birth of Jesus, we know the life of Jesus will not be idyllic and sweet. He is about to shoulder his mission (his Father's business) which would bring him exclusion, threats from religious and political powers and eventually a cruel death on the cross. Perhaps He spent those previous 18 years growing and deepening his relationship with the Father, which he continued by constantly going off to pray so that he was ready to fulfill his destiny and thus fulfill God's promises to us.

So that day at the Jordan, after others were baptized, Jesus stepped into the water, prayed and asked John to baptize him, too. God then anointed His Son with the Holy Spirit and fire and told him (which he also tells us constantly), "You are my beloved Son/daughter in whom I am well pleased." Do we hear that message and remind ourselves of that every day? Have we grown in that strong relationship with God since our baptism? Are we ready to follow Jesus in even the less sweet and idyllic times? Can our baptism be lived every day, a baptism of Spirit and fire, to bring about God's promises in our world?

*The mission of Sowers of the Seed is to deepen parishioners' relationship with God, the Word and the parish community. We would love to hear if you have read this SOS article and if it touched your spirit in any way. Please reply by text, if possible, to 248-225-0564. God bless.*



### Annual MLK Commemoration: Environmental Justice

Our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration will take place virtually on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 from 7-9pm.

Our speaker will be Theresa Landrum, a community organizer and activist who has fought for environmental justice for over twenty years. She will lead an interactive conversation under the topic: **Making Dr. King's Dream Real: Environmental Justice Detroit Style.**

The zoom link to this event is in the Gesu Electronic Update. Copies of the flyer are at the entrances to the Church.

### Gesu's Recipes of Love Rose's Chocolate Macarons

2 sq. bitter chocolate	1 tsp. vanilla flavoring
Butter (size of an egg)	1 cup flour
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs	1 cup powdered sugar



Melt bitter chocolate and butter; let mixture cool. Add sugar, eggs and vanilla flavoring and stir. Add flour and teaspoon of baking powder; and mix well. Cool. Roll into golf-size balls. Roll into powdered sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

-Bill Hickey



### Parish Examen: Care for Creation/Environmental Examen

The health of the planet we live on is one of the most critical issues of our time. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis called on all of us to protect and restore God's Creation. How has Gesu responded to that call? What do we do well, and how can we do more? Please join the Green Team and other parishioners to discuss these questions and more at an upcoming Parish Examen on the environment. It will be held January 23 in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass. In preparation for the meeting, parishioners are invited to respond to questions posted on large posters in the social area of the church. Please stop by there to add your thoughts.

For more information, call the Parish Center or Cathy Lee (248-722-1256)

### Bulletin Deadlines:

*So we can best serve all parishioners and ensure we meet publication deadlines, articles for the bulletin and Gesu Electronic Updates must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the publication date. Mass announcements should be received 7 days in advance. Request for mass announcements, electronic updates and the bulletin should be submitted via email and sent to [communications@gesudetroit.org](mailto:communications@gesudetroit.org)*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

January 10- Eleanor S. Lindeman (by Carolyn Price)  
 January 11- James Maurer+ (by Joe Maurer)  
 January 12- Bruce Thibault+ (by Gesu)  
 January 13- Rita Pavlosky+ (by Gesu)  
 January 14- Catherine McCarthy+ (by Gesu)

+ Indicates Deceased  
 \*Mass offered by Gesu for those on the prayer list

If you would like to have a mass offered for a loved one please contact the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10

**Please pray for those asking for our prayers**



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| Lucille Allen    | Tinney Barnes      |
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| Joseph Tillman   | Tamara Fresh       |
| Rosemary Little  | Stella Walker      |
| Lloyd Sanders    |                    |



**Advent and Christmas Feedback**

The Worship Commission would like to hear your thoughts regarding our Advent and Christmas masses. A link to a simple survey will be available in the electronic update scheduled to be sent out on Friday, January 7. Otherwise, feel free to send a message to Fr. Jeff with your thoughts.



In 2022 we want to celebrate the life events and successes of our parishioners. If you are interested in sharing personal life events with the Gesu community please send an email to [communications@gesudetroit.org](mailto:communications@gesudetroit.org). We look forward to hearing your stories!

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**Gesu Church  
 MISSION STATEMENT**

*"We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us."*

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**Office Hours**

**Monday through Thursday : 9am - 4pm Closed Friday**

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**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm  
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 Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
 Secular Holidays: Mass at 9:30 am  
 Holy Days: Mass at 5:30 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday's 4:00-4:45 pm in the church  
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Every year the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament celebrates the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a prayer service and memorial mass. In 2022, we are pleased to announce that the celebrant will be Fr. Phil Cooke, S.J. The mass will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, January 17th at the Cathedral.



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