



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

January 9, 2022

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPH

LaCuesta's Quest

Expectations matter. We all know that from experience. When a man and woman entering into marriage have the same expectations, it gives them a firm footing which to begin their lives upon. But when those expectations don't match up, it can be disastrous, right? And when an employer and employee have the same expectations, it can be truly be a stable work relationship that can go on for years. But if they don't have the same expectations, the employee will almost certainly be looking for a new job sooner rather than later. And when people living in an apartment building expect the same things from one another, harmony is sure to follow. But if no one can agree on what is acceptable behavior, it can be a tough environment to live in. Yes, expectations matter.

"The people were filled with expectation..." That's the way the Gospel Reading (*cf. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*) we heard at Mass today begins. *"The people were filled with expectation..."* Of course, that's why they went out to the desert in the first place—to hear what John the Baptist had to say, to see what he was all about. So what exactly were the people "expecting"? Well, it's hard to say with certainty. And of course, not every person had identical expectations. The most obvious answer (and the one that is explicitly mentioned) is that they were wondering whether John was the Messiah. John made it perfectly clear that that was not the case. But I think it goes way beyond that.

After all, John preached repentance, and used a ritual bath (baptism) to signify that. So, if people were flocking to John it must also have been that they were longing (searching) for something not simply regarding a Messiah but regarding themselves. John was telling them that they **NEEDED** to be different, that they **COULD** be different. John made sure that they knew they needed to change, they needed to be more faithful. Put another way: it seems to me that people went out into the desert because they wanted to be more! The way things were was not good enough. Something better was out there—better for themselves as individuals, better for the Jewish community, better for the world. And John made sure they knew where and to whom to look.

Today, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we gather not simply to reaffirm who Jesus Christ is but also to reflect on our own baptisms (what it meant back then, and what it means now). For most of us, we were baptized as infants. That means that adults (parents in almost every case) made the decision for us. And they did so out of love but also with certain hopes and expectations. They hoped that we would grow up

(Continued on page 3...)

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially: G.P.A, Bruce & Kathy Anderson, Alicia & Tim, Anderson, Christine Anne, Chloe Arnold, John Barber, Beth Bartja, Dave Beutler, Larry & Susan Bialecki, Rich Brenner, Ava Burkey, S.C., Mike Chambers, Sue Chitwood, Seth Clark, Howard Cook, Dcn. George Cousino, Patricia Davis, Tom Dieter, Bob & Ruth Drudge, Ron DuVall, D. & A. E., Charles Esteves, Jim Etts, Caroline Flaczynski, J. Flanagan, Tom & Joanne Foster, Carollee Gilmore, Florence Grandowicz, David Greer, Gayle Grove, Sharon Grycza, A.L.H., Nan Hankenhof, Doris Hervieux, Gerogianne Hobson, Shannon Huber, Thelma Humphrys, Jessica Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Eugenia Jones, Jacob Kahn, Gloria Karczewski, C. & M. Kehoe, Thomas Kern, David Kolar, Rich & Lexie Kopas, Dick Laurell, Vicki LaValle, Josh LaVigne, Loren LaVoy, Madeline & Mary Lemerand, Laura Lorenzo, Katie M., Ed McCormick, Nick McCoy, Regina Meszaros, Betty Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Rick & Madeline Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Ken & Lynn Muntz, Pat Myers, Patricia Novembre, James Nyhan IV, Carita Pakulski, David Perry, Margie Perzynski, Lucille Pirrone, Jamie Poupard, Marie Rakolta, Crystal Regnier, Lu Rosser, Mary Russell, Joe Rutkowski, G.S., Joan Salisbury, Pat Schoenrad, Paul Schornack, Joe Seager, Midge Sherman, Ernestine Slaviero, Tracy Smith, Jill Stoll, Barbara Szczurek, Christy Szymanski, Tenney Family, Alice Truna, Erick Urbaniak, Cheryl Usery, Cindy Vebenstad, Andy Vebenstad Jr., L.W., M. Walentowski, Walter, Pat Webber, Ralph Wenski, Roberta Wesolowski, Dana Willi, Hazel Young, and Tom Zoldowski.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

***Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 4:30 PM;
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

***Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 9:00AM.
Church open daily until 2:00PM (no Thurs & Sat).

Confession: Saturdays, in Room 1, 9:45-10:30AM;
3:00-3:45PM; weekdays by appointment—call the Parish Office.

Baptism and weddings: Prearrangement required.
Call the Parish Office for details.

Rev. Don A. LaCuesta Pastor
Rev. Mr. Marty Selmek Deacon
Rev. Mr. George Cousino Deacon, *retired*
TBD Director of Faith Formation
Linda Moeltner Business Office
Chris Knudsen Director of Music Ministry
Kelly Schmidt olmc.kelly@bex.net
Jane Czapich, Parish Secretary olmc@bex.net
Parish Office 734.847.2805
Fax 734.847.8970
Email olmc@bex.net
Faith Formation Office 734.847.1725
Email olmc.dre@bex.net
Website mountcarmeltemperance.org
Office Hours M-F, 9AM to 5PM

Sign up for FLOCKNOTES!

You can easily stay connected to the parish by signing up for FLOCKNOTES. You'll be notified about special events, Holy Day Mass times, ministry updates (if applicable), and more.

To sign up, simply text **OLMC1** to **84576** or sign-up online: ourladyofmountcarmel19.flocknote.com

You can cancel at any time by texting STOP to 84576, or text HELP for help with Flocknotes. There is no charge, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. You can view privacy policy and conditions at: flocknote.com/txt. Your personal information is not shared.

The St. Vincent de Paul "Fill the Top Hat" fund raiser will be January 29/30. You will see SVDP members holding top hats at the entrances of the church at the end of each Mass. Proceeds will support Gabriel's Gift Baby Closet. Your donation will help us help those in need.



Is there someone you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **734-847-2805, #20**, so together we can help those who are hungry or in need.

Gabriel's Gift Baby Closet may be used for families in need with children age 3 and under. The closet is open Monday, 10:00 AM to noon, and Thursday 3-5:00 PM, or by appointment. Call **734-847-2805, #19** and leaving your name and phone number.



Your Envelope Speaks...

December 26:

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 10,400
Actual	\$ 6,340
Over/Under	\$ - 4,060
Budget YTD	\$ 270,400
Actual YTD	\$ 232,727
Over/Under YTD	\$ - 37,673

January 2:

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 10,400
Actual	\$ 8,063
Over/Under	\$ - 2,337
Budget YTD	\$ 280,800
Actual YTD	\$ 240,760
Over/Under YTD	\$ - 40,010

Christmas Collection (as of 1/2/2022): **\$91,561.00**

Thank you for generous support at Christmas and throughout the year!

Flowers for Our Lady

The flowers donated in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are provided this weekend by **Don & Mary Smith in honor of Al & Eileen Couturier**.

To donate flowers and have your intentions lifted in prayer, sign up at the church bulletin board, or call the Parish Office, 734-847-2805; olmc@bex.net

Holy Hour Monastery of the Visitation

1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo
**Sunday, January 9
4:00 PM**
Vespers, Rosary, Homily & Benediction

GOSPEL of LIFE

"When they saw the Child, they recounted the message that had been told about him" (Luke 2; 17). The shepherds saw the newborn Christ, and the message that they had heard was that he was a Savior for all people. Seeing him, they understood this even better. After all, who is more approachable than a baby? Nobody, no matter how poor or lowly, would have reason to be afraid to approach him. (-Fr. Frank Pavone) Lord, you continue to reveal yourself in the tiny babies yet in the womb. May we see you and love you in them.

Pickle Ball

New for 2022!

Adult pickle ball nights.

Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, starting **January 12** in the OLMC gym.

Bring your own paddle.

No charge, no registration ... just come check it out!

Please direct questions to: Dave Kowalski, 419-343-2576.

Hope to see you there!



(LaCuesta's Quest continued...)

to love God. They hoped that we would stay tethered to the faith of the Church. They hoped that we would grow up to be kind, compassionate and faithful. In other words: the day we crossed that threshold, our parents and family and friends wanted beautiful things FOR us and FROM us.

Do WE still have those same expectations? Those same hopes? Those same dreams? Maybe we've stopped thinking it's that important. Maybe we think we can remain on a spiritual "cruise control" where everything stays exactly the same and where nothing needs to change. Maybe we feel that our baptism was just something that happened long ago not something we need to live out each day. It can be painful to think about these big questions. After all, we all fall short of perfection. And since we can't be absolutely perfect, we've stopped trying. Yet, what we expect from ourselves is only half the question. What also matters is what God expects FROM us and FOR us.

That's why expectations truly matter in the spiritual life. If OUR expectations and GOD'S expectations don't match up, we can never be the person God created us to be. We will continually fall short and will experience life in a diminished way. But if we align our expectations with those of God, if we strive to remain close to the Lord Jesus, if we truly want to BE more, who knows what might be possible? Our baptisms might have been long ago but the grace is still there, the calling is still there, our Lord Jesus is still there...expecting wonderful things from us. Let's expect the same and strive to make them happen!

— Fr. Don A. LaCuesta

2022 Envelopes

You should have received your 2022 offertory envelopes in the mail. If you did not, please let us know.

If you are giving electronically, and do not plan to use the envelopes you received in the mail, please also let us know.

Please be patient as we work through this new process.

Direct any questions or concerns to: olmc@bex.net; 734-847-2805.

Eucharistic Adoration



Spend quality time in Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays, any time after the 9:00 AM Mass, until Benediction at 4:00 PM.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 10

9:00 AM † Frank Wesolowski

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 AM † Rita Drabek (1st Anniv)

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 AM † Nancy Hamman

9:30 AM **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 PM Benediction

Thursday, January 13

No Mass

Friday, January 14

9:00 AM † Sigmund & Leatrice Geremski

Saturday, January 15

9:00 AM † Leo Gramlich

4:30 PM

† Richard Frantz

† David Hofheinz

† Joseph & Michael Wlodarski

Sunday, January 16—Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

Intentions of John & Chris Barber (50th Wedding Anniv.)

† Marjorie Scavio

11:00 AM

† Richard Slovak

Readings for the Week

January 10

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Mk 1:29-39

Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/
Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/
Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11



FOLLOW US
ON FACEBOOK

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc)

YouTube Sunday Mass

9 AM Sunday Mass streamed if you cannot join us in person:

[OLMC-Temperance, MI](#)



Urbanski's
Bedford Funeral Chapel
Since 1969

"Area's Only Catholic Family Owned Funeral Home"
♦ A service & price to fit your needs ♦ 95 Year Family Tradition
Eric J. Urbanski - Manager ♦ William G. Urbanski - Director
734-847-3841 ♦ 8300 Lewis Ave., Temperance, MI
www.bedfordfuneralchapel.com

SEGER
CONSTRUCTION, P.C.A.
SPRAY FOAM • ADDITIONS
CONCRETE • REMODELS
Heather Seger
419-704-8053

LEWIS AVE. AUTO REPAIR
8903 LEWIS AVENUE, TEMPERANCE
HONEST & RELIABLE AUTO REPAIR
734-847-4898

PREMIER VISION
Dr. Spenser Brittain, Optometrist
6812 Lewis Ave., Temperance, MI 48182
Make an appointment today!
734-224-7020 | www.premiervision2020.com

SIEB
Plumbing • Heating • Air Conditioning
734-241-8898

Arcoaire 5265 TRACTOR RD., #L
TOLEDO, OH 43612
419-478-6986
BLADON HEATING & COOLING, LLC
Service You Can Trust!
Family Owned & Operated

Specializing in:
Choice Angus Beef
Grass Fed Hormone Free Beef
Hormone Free Chicken & Turkey
Deli • In-Store Bakery
Party Trays • Catering
734-854-MEAT (6328)
8078 Secor at Summerfield,
Lambertville, MI 48144
Family Owned

the Letterman Club
Jenn & Howie Scally
— Parishioners —
734-847-3881
8015 Summerfield Rd., Lambertville

LIEVENS LAW, PLLC
J. HENRY LIEVENS
Attorney & Counselor
(734) 854-3881
The Zaums Building
8113 Secor Rd. • Lambertville, MI 48144

IHM Senior Living Community
SALES & MARKETING
MEDICAL
IHM Senior Living Community
• SHORT-TERM REHAB
• SKILLED NURSING
• POST-HOSPITAL STAY
734-240-9732 | 610 W. Elm Ave. | Monroe, MI

DACAPO
GREAT THINGS HAPPEN OVER GREAT COFFEE
PICK UP, CURBSIDE OR DRIVE THRU - ONLINE ORDERING
7370 Lewis Ave, #B, Temperance
734-224-7064 • dacapocoffee.com



CARTER CARPETS & VINYL 734.847.1198
www.cartercarpet.com
8190 Lewis Ave.
Corner of Lewis & Dean / Temperance, MI 48182
LAMINATE • HARDWOOD • VINYL • LVT • CARPET
10% OFF MATERIAL
*MATERIAL ONLY. Offer does not apply to in-stock material or previously placed orders. Not valid with other offers. Exp. 12/31/21.

SHIDLER & WILDER
WELLS & PUMPS
Residential Commercial Irrigation
PUMP & TANK SALES & SERVICE
WELLS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
734-279-WELL (9355) or Toll Free 866-385-9355
sandw@cass.net • shidlerandwilder.com

FLICK'S PACKAGE LIQUOR
Hours: Mon - Thur 9am-10pm;
Fri - Sat 9am-11pm
Sun 10am - 7pm
3320 W. Sterns Rd.,
Lambertville, MI 48144
734-854-2000
\$10 purchase - FREE bag of popcorn

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass
Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email
www.ParishesOnline.com

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Work-Life Balance • Paid Training
• Full-Time with Benefits • Some Travel
• Serve Your Community
Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

Ford FRIENDLY FORD LINCOLN
2800 N. Telegraph Rd.
Monroe, MI 48162
734-243-6000
Selling, servicing and supporting our community for over 30 years
www.friendlylincoln.com

Danberry Realtors
Lifelong Parishioner
Matt Fornwald, Realtor
419-466-3937
mattfornwald@danberry.com

FREE AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE
CALL 800.477.4574

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!
Contact **Sherri Fischhaber** to place an ad today!
sfischhaber@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6553

Michael W. Pawlak,
Manager/Director
1640 Smith Rd. • Temperance
(734) 850-5000
PAWLAK FUNERAL HOME, LLC
www.pawlakfuneralhome.com

SCHAFFER AGENCY INC.
Insurance & Financial Services
Carleton, MI 48117 • 734-654-6269
5955 E. Dunbar Rd. • Monroe, MI 48161 • 734-242-5100
www.schaferagency.com

Liedel Power Cleaning and Painting
Ben or Brad Liedel
734-244-3318
or 734-777-1934
Int or Ext

DEVOS EXCAVATING LLC
10919 S. Dixie Hwy • Erie, MI 48133
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
DRIVEWAY REPAIR STONE
ASPHALT • CONCRETE
DRAINAGE • SEWER • INSTALL OR REPAIR
MENTION THIS AD FOR A 5% DISCOUNT
DAVID DEVOS • devosexcavating@yahoo.com
phone (734) 457-9011 • cell: (419) 392-0337

T.J. Roofing & Siding, LLC
MARK JOHNSON
PARISH MEMBER
www.T.Jroofing.com
(734) 847-0661 • (800) 230-7921 • Fax (734) 847-1957
150 Reed Drive • Temperance, MI 48182

Do it Best
When Quality & Service Count!
Serving You Since 1971
LAMBERTVILLE HARDWARE
8100 Secor Road, Lambertville, MI 48144
734-856-3703
HOURS: M-F 8-8 • SAT 8-6 • SUN 10-5

Shinkles'
Flower Shop & Greenhouse
Family owned & operated Since 1924
Suzanne & Gary Shinkles
9359 Lewis Ave. • Temperance, MI 48182
734-847-4025
shinklesflowershop.com