

GOOD NEWS!

JANUARY 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord (B)

Is 55:1-11 / 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

Who was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. Today’s Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: “You are my beloved Son.” As Son, his role is to bring God’s goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God’s spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God’s goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; flowing water; and the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR

Scripture Readings for the week of Jan. 11—17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Heb 1:1-6	Heb 2:5-12	Heb 2:14-18	Heb 3:7-14	Heb 4: 1-5, 11	Heb 4:12-16	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29—39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season. So after today you can take down all your Christmas decorations!

It might seem a bit strange that we celebrate Jesus’ baptism during the Christmas season. Before the changes to the Liturgical Calendar after Vatican II the time after Epiphany until the beginning of Lent was called: Time after Epiphany. In this time, we remember the ways that Jesus is made manifest – is made known – to us throughout our history. In Jesus’ baptism, John the Baptist is reluctant to baptize Jesus because he is “not worthy to untie his sandal”. Obviously, Jesus does not need baptism for the forgiveness of sins, but rather to sanctify the waters and make known the way that we enter into a relationship with God. The really important moment in the Gospel this Sunday is when a voice is heard from heaven saying: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” along with the appearance of a dove. In this way, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are made manifest.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year this year. Many of you have told me it was quieter than usual but still good. Hopefully this spring and summer we will start to emerge from the pandemic as more and more people get vaccinated. Thank you to everyone who left me a card, a gift, or some sweets over the holidays. I am now officially on a diet after eating way too much... I am grateful to Archbishop Russell who generously made himself available to celebrate several Masses with you all during this season. My good friend and classmate, Fr. Joe Farrell, made it back to George Mason University safely. If you heard his homily last Sunday, I’m sure you enjoyed him making fun of me.

God bless,

Rev. Tyler A. Bischoff



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord		
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Raphael	<i>Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael</i>
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Catherine	<i>Ruth Spurlock</i>
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine	<i>Carol Beighey</i>
11:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Fr. Robert Bissot</i>
Monday, January 11,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Jeanette Bosco</i>
Tuesday, January 12,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>All people without faith</i>
9:30-10:30 am, Adoration & Confession at St. Anne		
Wednesday, January 13, St. Hilary		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Gabriel	<i>Rex & Ruth Spurlock</i>
9:30 am Rosary,	St. Gabriel	
5:00 pm Adoration & Confession at St. Catherine		
Thursday, January 14,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine	<i>Donald Zielinski</i>
9:30-10:30 am Adoration		
Friday, January 15, NO MASS		
Saturday, January 16,		
3:30 pm Confession,	St. Raphael	
Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Raphael	<i>Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael</i>
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Catherine	<i>John Dumont</i>
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine	<i>Vicki King</i>
11:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Dan Bruske</i>



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$57,894.21	\$70,036.65	\$14,987.70	\$19,990.26
Actual year-to-date	\$60,826.42	\$69,929.29	\$14,109.52	\$21,047.47
Dec. 27 & Jan. 3	\$8,215.74	\$9,981.01	\$1,450.00	\$2,208.25
Other Collections:	\$295.47	\$1,043.21	\$279.03	\$375.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. James Hayden
Monday—Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa
Tuesday— Rev. Gerald Hunko
Wednesday— Rev. Michael Janowski
Thursday—Rev. Christopher Jarvis
Friday—All Deacons
Saturday—Rev. Alex Kowalkowski

Joseph of Nazareth

Although not a lot is said about St. Joseph in the Bible especially after finding Jesus in the Temple, the movie reveals some interesting perspectives based on a combination of scripture, history and what tradition of that era was. The movie views the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and grandparents Joachim and Anne, as well as the horrid behavior of Herod and his “seed”. A review of Joseph of Nazareth the movie is available to all for free on Formed.org by Eileen Oposnow. Go to www.formed.org to sign up using the zip code 49766. Others are invited to submit reviews and recommendations for the bulletin.

2020 Year End Contribution Statements: If you would like a statement please contact your parish office. Statements will be mailed out at the end of January.

Prayer Tags: Please feel free to take additional tags as there are many left on the prayer tree and pray for the parishioner on the back of the card.

St. Catherine has banquet tables available for sale for \$25.00 per table. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 471-5121.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation for children

Our parishes will be beginning soon classes for the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. If you have a child or know of a child who is currently in 2nd grade or above who has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation please register for the upcoming class.

To register:
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The class for First Reconciliation will begin on Wednesday, February 3rd and will be held every Wednesday through March 24th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Catherine's parish hall . There will be an in-person and virtual option for all families who either find the distance to great or have concerns about the pandemic. If for some reason in-person meetings become impossible we will continue meeting virtually. The format of the meetings will include a time of prayer at the beginning for the parents and children. Then the children will go to their classroom to work with their catechist while the parents study a similar topic. All adults of our parish are welcome to join in-person or virtually during the parent class if they wish to learn more and support the young parents of our parish during this important time of faith formation. The topics covered will be good for EVERYONE!! The topics will include: Baptism, Sin, Forgiveness, Redemption, Penance, Reconciliation, Lent, and Holy Week.

Are you interested or do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact Fr. Tyler to make inquiries (see contact info on front of bulletin).