



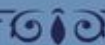
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JANUARY 9, 2022



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

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with family and friends as your health allowed. It's the time for New Year's resolutions! Perhaps you've gained holiday pounds that you'd like to shed and feel better about yourself; maybe you've already broken them this past week. We are made of body and soul. Perhaps some simple and practical things are what most of us really need.

Today is also the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the last liturgical day of the Christmas season when we remind ourselves that God Himself took on flesh to dwell among us to save us and also to show us how to live with His grace. As beloved children of a heavenly Father, how might we give back to God with our whole being this year?

On the physical level we might consider asking ourselves do I go to bed at a consistent, reasonable time every night? A good day usually begins with a good end to the prior day. We all know how unproductive and cranky we can be without a good night's sleep and that might be the greatest act of charity we can give to those who must live and work with us. The only thing the Gospels tell us that kept Jesus from sleep was prayer, not other distractions.

Spiritually, part of a healthy bedtime routine is a meaningful time for prayer, reviewing our day with Jesus. This is called the daily examen. Obviously, we can and should pray throughout the day as our state in life allows, but usually the early morning and evening are available to us when no one else has a claim on our time. The daily examen starts with an awareness of God's loving presence, perhaps even thinking of how God the Father referred to Christ at His baptism: "*You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.*"

We then move to gratitude, thinking about and thanking the Lord for the blessings received that day which could be as simple as a hot shower or a tender kindness to the gift of the Eucharist. Taking quiet time at the end of the day to thank God is important.

The next movement of prayer in the Examen is to be sorry, where we need to be telling the Lord we trust in His love and mercy. There may have been times that day when we didn't respond to the will of God or the grace offered, perhaps we hurt others by our words or deeds. The Lord knows we are weak and at this time we can apologize for sins of the day while taking new strength in His love to prepare for a better tomorrow.

After thanking the Lord and being contrite we can move to asking for all the things we need and desire. The best prayer of petition is to ask the Lord for a deeper insight to see how He wishes to transform our lives with His love. Growth in love and holiness is a work of grace. While we might ask for the other things we desire, being receptive to what God desires is the goal of petitionary prayer.

May we be blessed this year with a renewed sense of purpose to grow in the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ and be in real loving communion with each other. We are all children of our Heavenly Father by our baptism. May we grow into that identity even more this year.

May the Lord bless us all with His peace this year,
Fr. Mike

A graphic with a blue background and white text that reads "What will you do this year?". The text is arranged in a vertical stack: "What", "will", "you", "do", "this", "year?". The background has a subtle pattern of horizontal lines in shades of blue and purple.



After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard: “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words: “You are my beloved with whom I am well pleased.”

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“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.

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Weiwei & Irma
(Rodriguez) Liu



Kaleb Gabriel, child of
Robert & Karen
(Galway) Fedoruk

Welcome New Altar Servers!



Over the last several months, a number of committed, dedicated young people from our School and our Religious Education program have answered the invitation to train to become **St Elizabeth of the Trinity Altar Servers**. These young people have trained hard, had many practices, passed Server tests, and are ready to begin Altar Serving. As a parish, we thank and congratulate our new Servers. Their respect and knowledge around God's Altar will help us all to benefit even more while we gather as a parish community at Mass. Our new Servers include:

**Mickie Allegretti
Rachael Dalton
Elise Pyzyk
Keira Stieve**

**Abby Thiel
Regina Duggan
Kathleen Rahlfs**

**Alyssa Allegretti
Ellie McDonough
Blake Soeding**

**Maddy Camarillo
Emmanuel Parra
Andrew Stachula**

If you see any of our new Servers after Mass, be sure to congratulate, thank, and support them in their new Ministry to our parishioners.

Fr McC



**Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Carol Williams—
Gary Sowell—Virginia Barski—Jeffrey Lalowski—
Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—
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Sunday, January 30, 2022



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New Year's Resolutions: The Pope Francis List

This post on Rappler by Paterno Esmaquel II is an amazing overview of Pope Francis' primary concerns. Pope Francis goes beyond abstract theology, and gives us advice we can use daily.

1. **Don't gossip.** It's one of our hobbies. For Francis, it's also one of the most evil activities. The Catholic leader denounces gossip as “murder.” He feels so strongly about it that in less than a year as pontiff, Francis has preached against gossip in at least 6 different instances. He says when we gossip, we “are doing what Judas did,” and “begin to tear the other person to pieces. Every time we judge our brother in our hearts or worse when we speak badly of them with others, we are murdering Christians,” Francis says. “There is no such thing as innocent slander.”

2. **Finish your meals.** No leftovers, please. Named after a 12th-century saint who lived in poverty, Francis slams a “culture of waste” that neglects the plight of the hungry. The Pope says: “We should all remember... that throwing food away is like stealing from the tables of the poor, the hungry! I encourage everyone to reflect on the problem of thrown away and wasted food to identify ways and means that, by seriously addressing this issue, are a vehicle of solidarity and sharing with the needy.”

3. **Make time for others.** Tending to 1.2 billion members, Francis seems too busy for anything else. That is, until he calls up strangers. Or entertains a random biker. Or sends a handwritten letter to a Jesuit he has never met. The Jesuit who got the letter, Fr James Martin, says “If the Pope can find time to be kind to others, if he can pause to say thank you, if he can take a moment make someone feel appreciated, then so can I. So can we.”

4. **Choose the 'more humble' purchase.** The Pope preaches against materialism. “Certainly, possessions, money, and power can give a momentary thrill, the illusion of being happy, but they end up possessing us and making us always want to have more, never satisfied. ‘Put on Christ’ in your life, place your trust in him, and you will never be disappointed!”

5. **Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'** “It is not enough to mediate this commitment through institutions, which obviously help because they have a multiplying effect, but that is not enough. They do not excuse us from our establishing personal contact with the needy. The sick must be cared for, even when we find them repulsive and repugnant. Those in prison must be visited. Charity that does not change the situation of the poor isn't enough.”

6. **Stop judging others.** In the same way he denounces gossip, Francis condemns prejudice. He reminds “intolerant” Catholics, for one, to respect atheists. “If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others, if we meet there, doing good, and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of encounter: we need that so much. We must meet one another doing good.”

7. **Befriend those who disagree.** “When leaders in various fields ask me for advice, my response is always the same: dialogue, dialogue, dialogue. It is the only way for individuals, families, and societies to grow, the only way for the life of peoples to progress, along with the culture of encounter, a culture in which all have something good to give and all can receive something good in return. Others always have something to give me, if we know how to approach them in a spirit of openness and without prejudice.”

8. **Make commitments,** such as marriage. The Pope says: “Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion; in a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of ‘enjoying’ the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision, ‘forever,’ because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes that you are incapable of responsibility, that you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Have the courage ‘to swim against the tide.’ Have the courage to be happy.”

9. **Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'** “Dear young people,” he says, “some of you may not yet know what you will do with your lives. Ask the Lord, and he will show you the way. The young Samuel kept hearing the voice of the Lord who was calling him, but he did not understand or know what to say, yet with the help of the priest Eli, in the end he answered: 'Speak, Lord, for I am listening' (cf. 1 Sam 3:1- 10). You too can ask the Lord: What do you want me to do? What path am I to follow?”

10. **Be happy.** The true Christian, says the Pope, exudes great joy. He says keeping this joy to ourselves “will make us sick in the end. Sometimes these melancholy Christians' faces have more in common with pickled peppers than the joy of having a beautiful life.” Francis says, “The Christian sings with joy, and walks, and carries this joy.” This joy, he reminds us, should translate to love of neighbor.

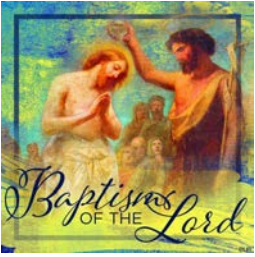


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On the last day of school before the break, Santa made a surprise visit to the school to wish everybody an Early Merry Christmas !





BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas on the Church calendar. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time until we reach Ash Wednesday, which is March 2nd this year.

When we are born into the world we become members of the human family. When we are baptized we are born into the Christian family. This is cause for great celebration!

As part of the baptismal rite we are anointed with the oil called *chrism*. This word is derived from the Greek and it means anointed one or chosen one. This is the same meaning as the title Christ. (*Don't be confused in thinking that Christ is Jesus' last name. He should more appropriately be referred to as Jesus, the Christ.*)

In baptism "we put on Christ." In baptism the priest or deacon anoints us as "priest, prophet and king." This may sound a little strange so let me explain. We are made priests in the sense that priests honor and give glory to God. They should be models of faith for others. And so we should do the same. We are prophets in the sense that a prophet spreads the Good News. So we, too, by our baptism are called to spread the Good News of salvation "always and everywhere." There is a quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi that puts this mission in perspective: "Spread the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." In other words, like Christ, we are called to live and model our faith. Finally, we are made kings at baptism. What kind of king was our Lord? Certainly not one that modeled power and might! Instead He modeled compassion and forgiveness and love for all. And so we are called to do the same.

Through Baptism we are reborn. We are born into new life in Christ. We die to an old way of living - original sin - and are reborn as one in Christ. When baptism is performed by full immersion, the dying and rising element of the sacrament is more clearly articulated.

Baptism is the first of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are Eucharist and Confirmation. These make us full members of the Church. At Baptism our godparents speak on our behalf. In Confirmation, we can look at it as an extension of baptism, because we speak on our own behalf in professing our faith.

Baptism offers us a myriad of graces. It is up to us to tap into them and put them to work. The seeds of faith are planted in baptism. When we are young our parents, godparents, and indeed the entire Christian community must nurture our faith and help it grow. After that it is up to each of us to live up to the mission and the call of our baptism. We must model our faith for others just as Jesus was a model for us.

And I'll close with a few citations from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.—#1213

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20).—#1276

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.—#1277

The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ.—#1279

Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated.—#1280

Jim Madura



SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

5:00 PM — Michael Maughan, David Mikruz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

7:30 AM — Edward Rzendzian, Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Walter Dyjak (35th anniversary), Rose Dyjak (birthday), Anna, Estelle & Joseph Dyjak, Jo & Ed Sanborn, James Grisolano, Carmen Rosario Castro, Carmen Caraballo Rosario (good health)
9:00 AM — Si O'Donnell, Holy Name Society, Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn
11:00 AM — Thomas O'Malley, Andrew Miceli
1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

8:30 AM — Roger Lucas Cabrerra

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
11:00 - 6:00 PM - *Adoration / Benediction at 6:00*
5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
6:30 PM — James Grisolano, Christine Longo, Priscilla De Alemeida

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

8:30 AM — Steve Drager

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

8:30 AM — Eugene Holtz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

8:30 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (good health)
3:30 - 4:30 — Confession
5:00 PM — Margaret Rodden Wydra, Michael Maughan, Malachy Byrne, Stan Wolenczuk, Thaddeus Superson, Dennis Creighton, Brendan Patrick Johnson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

7:30 AM — James Grisolano, Brendan Patrick Johnson
9:00 AM — James Grisolano, Stanley Wolenczuk, Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn
11:00 AM — Maggie Ann Bunce, Kathleen Clark, Souls in Purgatory
1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

Presider Schedule - January 15 & January 16

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano
9:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Landfried
(Spanish) 1:00 p.m. - Fr. Landfried

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass until further notice.



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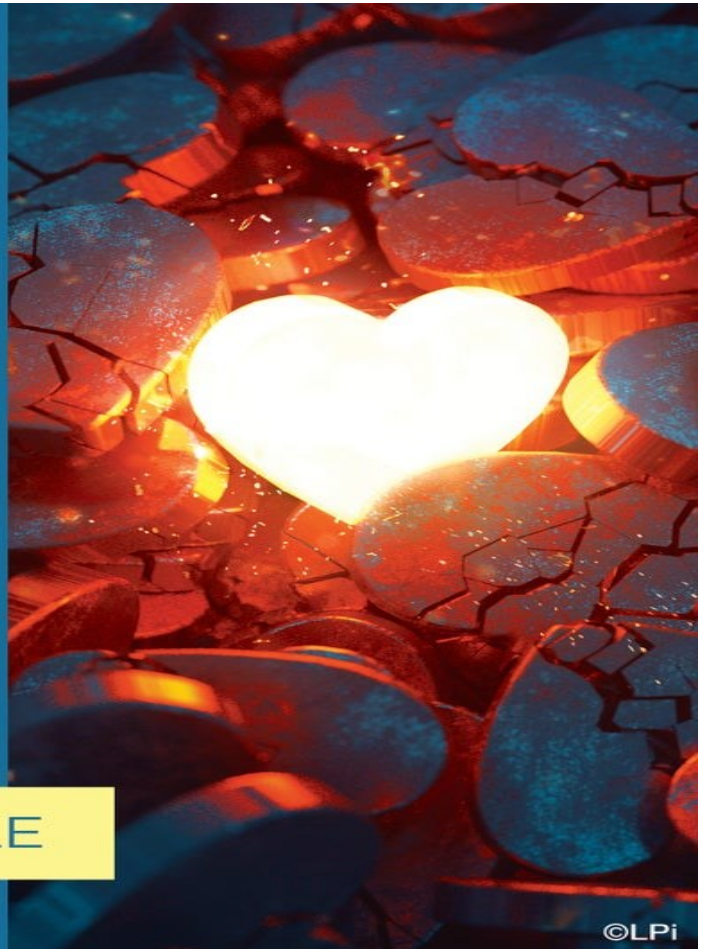
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Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Readings for the Week

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

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Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Friday: 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office) Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdou to make arrangements:

gbzdou@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call Kathleen Driscoll at the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*