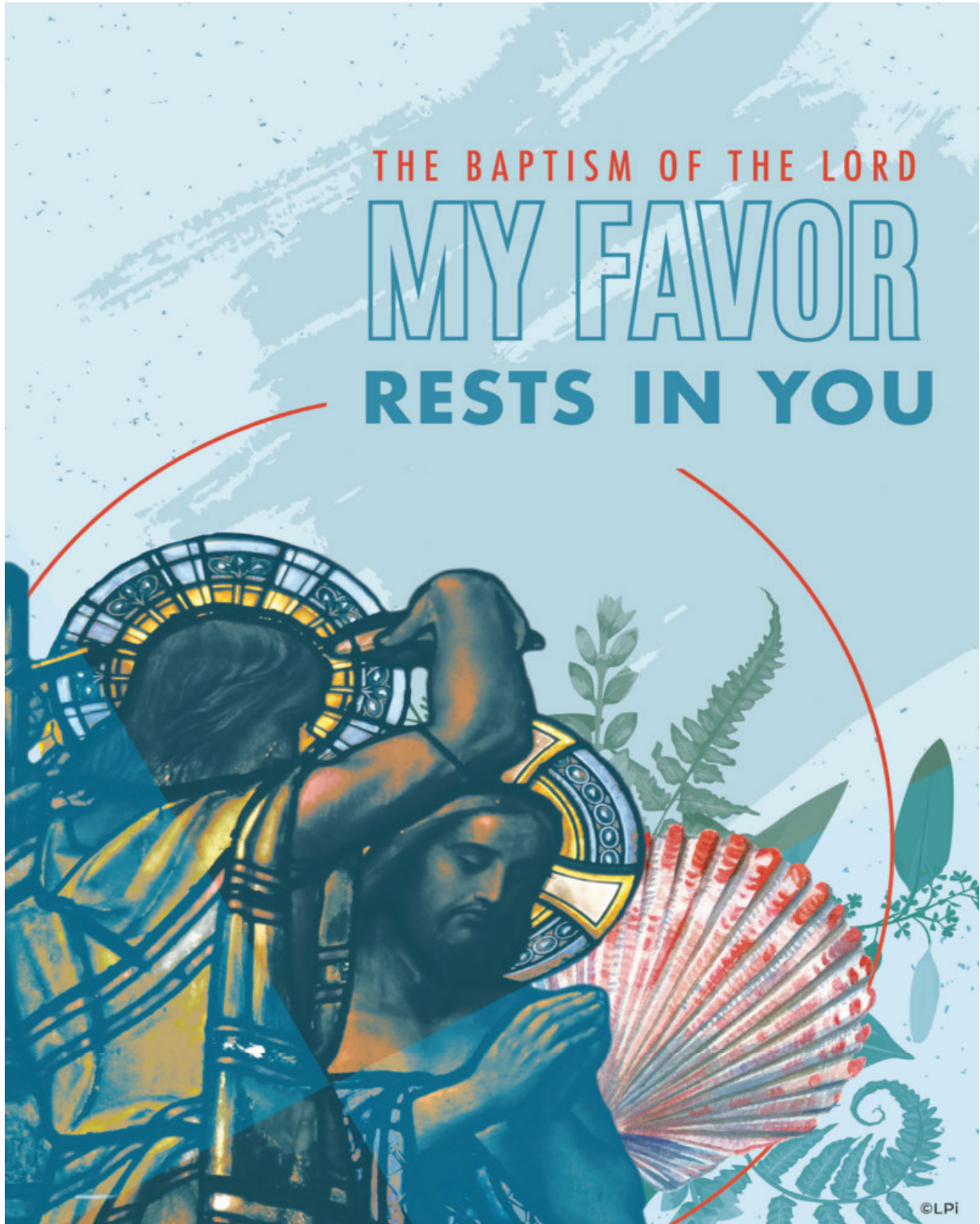




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JANUARY 12, 2025



The Christmas Season is over, at least liturgically, with the Baptism of the Lord. It is fitting that the tender, heartwarming season of Christmas ends with Jesus' baptism in which He heard God the Father say to Him: ***"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."*** Jesus Christ was not baptized for His own sake, as John the Baptist rightly recognized, but for ours. The Lord's baptism gives us a chance to reflect on our own baptism and what it means.

Baptism makes us adopted children of God, but we don't start that way before baptism because of our fallen human nature. Satan has dominion over us as Scripture and the Church remind us: ***"The whole world is in the power of the evil one"*** (1 Jn 5:19). The salvation that Jesus won for us in part means a new identity and relationship with God.

Our next wave of the Rescue Project starts tomorrow, and Fr. Jonathan Ricardo, the creator of the Rescue Project, gives a powerful image for this effect of Baptism.

"Imagine growing up in a dysfunctional house. Parents who fight, an alcoholic father and abusive mom. There's verbal abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse. Plates literally fly. You hate it there and do everything you can to not be home, you get involved in every sport and extracurricular activity and sneak in late at night to avoid their wrath or hand.

Across the street lives a happy family that you hear all the time, the father playing with the kids, laughing, having fun, playing catch, while you live in this horrible place. One day when you are the only person at home, you hear a knock at the door and it's the dad from across the street and he says, "Do want to come live with us?" You don't even pack but go with him right away. That's baptism, you move from the house of the tyrant to the house of the good Father."

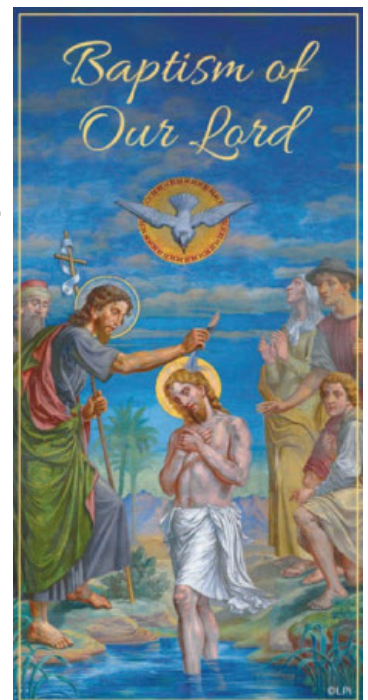
We have been rescued. The prayer of the Church in the Rite of Baptism says to the Father ***"You sent Your Son into the world to drive out from us the power of Satan, the spirit of evil, and bring the human race, rescued from darkness, into the marvelous kingdom of Your light."*** We are reborn in baptism into a new family with a loving Father and get to hear the same words that Jesus Christ, the Son heard from the Father. The Church and the local parish are meant to be the home where people feel safe to grow in faith and virtue.

Of course, no sacrament is magic and there must be a meaningful response on our part for the Lord's grace to bear fruit which is why the Church says to the parents of a child to be baptized: ***"You are undertaking the responsibility of raising him in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, he may love the Lord and his neighbor as Christ taught us. Do you understand this responsibility?"*** Still, baptism is never repeated even when we don't live into our potential but are prodigal children.

We will leave the church this weekend and bless ourselves with holy water in the sign of the Holy Trinity as a reminder of our baptism. May that blessing remind us of our personal relationship with the Lord: ***"You are my beloved son, you are my beloved daughter."***

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Mike





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 in whom I am well pleased."



2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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Thank you for your continuing support of the parish.

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School Science Fair will be on January 23, 2025 and we are in need of judges! As a judge, you will be evaluating students on their science fair presentation while also reading their written reports. Both projects have a rubric to follow. Anyone is able to volunteer (who does NOT have an 8th grade student enrolled in St. Elizabeth) but if you have a background in education, science, or medicine, that is a bonus, but not required. If you can help out on the 23rd from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. , please contact Mrs. Kathy Dati at: k.dati@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

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After the wonderful moment of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, what should we do next? You got it: pray! According to the Diocese of Peoria, “After we receive the Most Holy Eucharist we return to our pew... This is a most opportune time to pray and talk with our Lord, whom we have just received” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 20). *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* instructs us that this period may be given over to quiet prayer or to singing: “When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the Priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired, a Psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation” (*GIRM*, 88). Depending on your parish traditions, there probably has been a Communion hymn or antiphon, which began after the priest received Communion. Your parish might also have a tradition of singing a Post-Communion hymn, sometimes called a hymn of thanksgiving. Many authors recommend that, in addition to these, there also be a period of silence.

The Importance of Silence

Fr. Guy Oury says that a period of silence is important: “The whole Church, the whole community, should take time to give silent thanks. It is important to do so, even if this has to be done after dismissal. This is the moment, if ever, to introduce a time of silence, as recommended also at other moments of the celebration. On the whole, however, the Eucharistic Prayer is much less silent than in the past, and the silence that favors recollection is a value not to be lost. Thanksgiving is absolutely indispensable in its collective form and its personal form. Sacramental effectiveness of the Eucharist does not work automatically. It requires dispositions. Mass itself is a thanksgiving, but thanksgiving does not cease with reception of Communion. It continues, and may extend to a hymn or a psalm said in common. There is much singing in the course of Mass, but at this moment it is well to let the peace of silence fall over the assembly” (*The Mass*, p. 123).

So, what kind of prayer is fitting during this time? Fr. Oury notes an anonymous author writing in Syria around the year 300 AD who gives us an example: “After receiving the precious Body and the precious Blood of Christ we give thanks to him for making us worthy to share in his holy mysteries and ask him that this partaking be not for judgment and condemnation but for salvation and the benefit of soul and body, for the preservation of piety, for the remission of sins and for the life of the world to come” (*The Mass*, p. 117). Perhaps this is a moment of prayer where thanks pour forth from our hearts as we recognize the wonderful gift we have been given. Maybe it is a moment to ask that we be strengthened for what we are facing. Hopefully, it is a moment to say from our hearts that we truly want to live in God’s love.

Silent but Active Prayer

Whatever our prayer is, Fr. Joseph McGloin reminds us that this time of silence shouldn’t be mindless and passive: “So, although this is a time of silence, it isn’t a time to prop ourselves upright, either kneeling or sitting, and doze off to dream of the upcoming day or the past night. It isn’t a time, either, to say, ‘Ok, Lord, do your thing,’ and then settle back to wait passively for Him to do it. That would be about as polite as welcoming a visitor into our home and then just sitting there while they entertained and feasted us. No, this moment of union with God after Holy Communion ought to be the most active, wonderful part of the Mass for us. We talk to him and we listen. His talk will be quiet talk—the way he almost always communicates with men... He wants to teach us, especially at this intimate moment, to love him in return. This will mean an active response on our part. Silent prayer doesn’t mean just sitting back in regal passivity, waiting for the gifts to be laid at our feet. A lady once complained to Fr. Walter Farrell, the great Dominican writer, that she couldn’t seem to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. ‘I begin a Hail Mary,’ she told him, ‘and then I look at the tabernacle and start to think about how good God is, and I never do finish my Hail Mary.’ She couldn’t pray? Here was a perfect prayer. And Mary would be the first one to admit that. The very purpose of our devotion to Mary (and all the saints) is to lead us to adoration of her divine Son” (*How to Get More Out of the Mass*, pp. 137–9).

So, let us use well this opportunity for prayer after Communion and grow closer to the Lord we have just received!



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2025

5:00 PM — Joe Rangel, Margaret Wyera, Don Love, Oliver & Estelita Loro

SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Walter Dyjak (38th anniversary), Rose Dyjak (birthday), Anna, Estelle, Joseph & Edward Dyjak, Jo & Ed Sanborn
 9:00 AM — Russell Sager
 11:00 AM — Joseph Donnelly
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin

MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025

8:30 AM — Jim Dagger

TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2025

8:30 AM — Eduardo Granados, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 5:00 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2025

8:30 AM — James Albert

THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2025

8:30 AM — Hugo Munoz
 6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2025

8:30 AM — Gabriela Lara, Owen Estep, Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard, & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer

SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2025

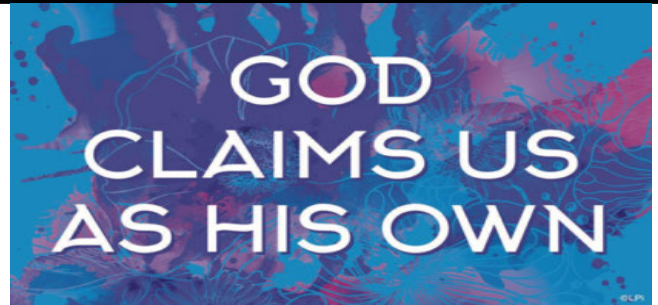
8:30 AM — thanksgiving for the gift of life of Celiste, Marciamie & Cheyene
 5:00 PM — Jose Guerra, Rose O'Neill, John & Helen Ptak, Don Love Jr.

SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Tom Gutzman
 11:00 AM — for our catechumens
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin

Presider Schedule - January 18 & 19

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano / *Guitar Ensemble*
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / *organ*
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / *piano / Parish Choir*
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / *organ*
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: 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: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/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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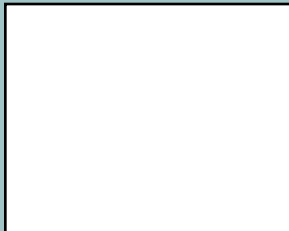
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Rosary:

Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m.

Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

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

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Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Hugo Munoz for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory.

Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the parish office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym
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Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

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