

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 8 TO JANUARY 16

(L) indicates living intention

Saturday	Jan 8		
4:30 pm	Nicola Iafrancesco		The Herod Family
Sunday	Jan 9	Baptism of the Lord	
9:00 am	Michael McNally		Doug Doherty
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Jan 10		
8:30 am	Virginia Da Costa		The Family
Tuesday	Jan 11		
8:30 am	The Mio & Vaincourt families		The Family
Wednesday	Jan 12		
8:30 am	Mary Lou O'Grady Murphy		Walter & Linda O'Grady
Thursday	Jan 13		
8:30 am	Yorrick De Souza		Mrs. & Mrs A. Braganza
Friday	Jan 14		
8:30 am	Irv Antle		Lise Emsley
Saturday	Jan 15		
4:30 pm	Saron Ramsampath		Charlene Subero
Sunday	Jan 16	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Peter Yourkuu		Juliana & family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

January 9: Chuck Casey & Family (L), requested by Louise & Don Casey

January 16: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Rina Callard

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Barbara D'Artois, wife of the late Gyles D'Artois, mother of Pete, Kathie & Karen.

Joseph Bedic, husband of Catherine, father of Christopher and Ryan.

James Keane, husband of the late Bernadette Leclerc

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 12: Offerings: \$ 5,219.75

Religious Education \$ 1,010.00

Dec. 19: Offerings: \$ 6,501.60

Dec. 25: Offerings: \$ 10,802.00

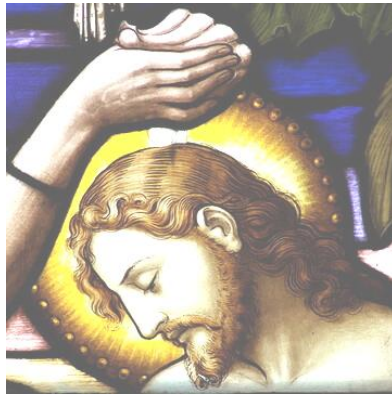
Building Maintenance Fund: \$2,350.00

Dec. 26: Offerings: \$ 4,909.64

Jan. 1: Offerings: \$ 370.00

Jan. 2: Offerings: \$ 3,221.25

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Every January as we end the Christmas season and venture out into Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. If you have ever wrestled with the significance of this mystery of faith, wondering why the Son of God would be baptized at all, you shouldn't feel bad. Even Saint John the Baptist was taken aback, and tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" And yet it's safe to say our Lord was right to insist: Allow it now, for thus it is fitting

for us to fulfill all righteousness.

We have been taught that the Sacrament of Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and spiritual rebirth. For example, Question 621—"What is Baptism?"—from the old Baltimore Catechism would have received this speedy reply from generations of Catholic kids: "Baptism is a Sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and heirs of heaven". But Christ was baptized, Saint Ambrose said, "not so that the waters would cleanse him, but so that he could cleanse them, purifying them by his sinless flesh to assume the power of baptism." As Pope Benedict XVI once explained: "Basically, the whole mystery of Christ in the world can be summed up in this term: baptism, which in Greek means 'immersion.' The Son of God, who from eternity shares the fullness of life with the Father and the Holy Spirit, was 'immersed' in our reality as sinners to make us share in his own life.... Jesus' first public act was to go down into the Jordan, mingling among repentant sinners.... The Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove, while the Father's voice from Heaven proclaimed him my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. From that very moment Jesus was revealed as the One who came to baptize humanity in the Holy Spirit: he came to give men and women life in abundance, eternal life." Thus, we return to this sacred event each year as a divine assurance of what baptism accomplishes in us: "the tiny human being receives a new life, the life of grace, which enables him or her to enter into a personal relationship with the Creator forever, for the whole of eternity." In a word, Jesus' baptism is what made our baptism do what the Baltimore Catechism said it would.

Yes, Jesus was right. His baptism was fitting indeed.

~ *Father Sebastian White, o.p.*

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL



Thank you to all who helped us to cover the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants. Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

Gabriela & Giovanni Ambrosio, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Kathleen Steer, Dorothy Lyall, Cizaltina Pereira & Antonio Cabral, Gerry Emsley, Genowefa & Wladyslaw Latkowski, Maria & Victor Kozlowski, Maxime Goulet, Mirian Niznik, Nicodemo Barillaro, Giglione & Lodico families, Philip & Catherine, Aurelio Crescenzi.

Intentions received after Dec 8: Mary & Harry LeBlanc Andrew Dreghorn, Maddocks & Floreani families, Maximo & Maciana Carandang, Jane & George D'Lima, Cyril & Pauline Rebero, Anastacia & Spirodionisios Staveris.

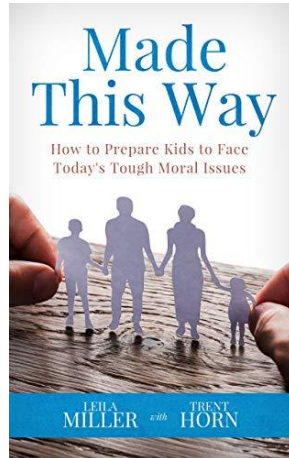
WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS



Despite the challenges and constant changes we are all facing these days, we choose to focus on the many blessings in our lives and our parish, never more than during these past Holy days. So many pitched in to assist the sacristans and Altar Guild to ensure the church (and the hall on Christmas Eve) never looked more beautiful; our music director and a number of volunteers made sure every Mass was enhanced by music, even though some of those scheduled had to drop out; we had lecturers, greeters and ushers at all the Masses, with vaccine passport checking complicating things even more than usual; we were blessed with a visiting priest from the Oratory, Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, on Christmas Eve, and a visiting Jesuit, Fr. Edmund Lo, for the New Year's live-streamed Masses. Even though many of you were not able to attend in person over the holidays, so many offered sincere good wishes and thoughtful (and often delicious) gifts to Fr. Tibu and me. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

WORTHWHILE READING

Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues by Leila Miller with Trent Horn



A generation ago, Christian parents didn't have to worry about how to explain transgenderism to their nine-year-old, or help their teenager deal with mockery at school for believing in traditional marriage. But today, as our culture's moral center continues to fly apart and with every form of deviance publicly aired and celebrated, we have no choice but to equip our kids to understand and to own the truth about such issues. In *Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues*, Leila Miller and Trent Horn give parents (guardians and teachers, too!) crucial tools and techniques to form children with the understanding they need—appropriate to their age and maturity level—to meet the world's challenges. Their secret lies in an approach that begins not with the Bible or Church teaching but with the natural law. In kid-friendly ways, Miller and Horn help you communicate how the right way to live is rooted in the way we're made. God's design for human nature is a blueprint or owner's manual for moral living that any child can grasp through reason and apply to modern controversies over sex, marriage, life... and the quest for human fulfillment. Silence can no longer be an option. If we're not teaching our children how to understand tough moral issues, then the world will.

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2024)	620-6643	Cindy Finn	(2024)	624-0546
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo	(2023)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2023)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto	(2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Children's Liturgy	Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Head Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	626-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Seniors:	Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Tibu Fernandez

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath