



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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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

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7a mass
outside in the school courtyard
(weather permitting).

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by
calling us at **586-777-3670** during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342**.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out
the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further
arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center
at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series
required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and inde-
pendent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our
records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to
register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670**.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc,
please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part
of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has in-
creased our mass participation at daily and weekend
masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to
stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays - 7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

**Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live
streaming and to view archived celebrations.**



What Happens in Church, Stays in Church:

Whenever I write an edition of TALLer Tales, I often go back and read what I wrote the last few years. It's fun going

back and reading my previous articles. It's usually a walk down memory lane for that particular time of year.

As I was reading previous articles that I penned shortly after Christmas over the years, I came across the article I wrote following a now-infamous Christmas Eve 4 PM mass experience in 2015. This was pre-COVID, so the place was packed; we probably had 1,400 in Church and another 600 in the Emmaus Hall and Gathering Space. Just as communion was about to start, the fire alarms went off. I froze. I was worried the automatic sprinklers would start drenching everyone on this cold wintery Christmas Eve. I was also worried about the logistics of a fire alarm going off with some 2,000 people on site. There wasn't a fire, but one of our little 3-year-old "elves" decided he wanted some excitement and walked over and pulled the shiny red handle sitting on the wall. I'll have to reprint that edition of Taller Tales in my Sunday email because it's funny to re-read it. The funniest part was hearing the reaction of poor Dave Kesner. Dave was handling the iPad for that Mass. The iPad controlled the HVAC and sound settings. Dave thought he accidentally touched something on the iPad to make the fire alarm go off!

As I read that article, I thought to myself, "Boy, we haven't had any such excitement at a Christmas liturgy in some time!" Well ... let's jump to Christmas Eve 10 PM mass (or as some say: the Midnight minus two Mass).

All was going well until my homily. In the middle of my homily, this loud alarm went off. There was no way in the world I could overtalk the alarm. At first, I thought it was some alarm in Church, but my mind couldn't process the sound, so I was coming up with blanks as to what the sound might be. Then I thought maybe it was one of those national or local emergency alerts going off, and soon we would hear many other phones chiming in. When that didn't happen, and as the noise continued, I looked up to the choir loft and asked if it was the sound system or maybe the organ. Everyone upstairs looked at me with blank stares and bewilderment, which

let me know it wasn't coming from upstairs. People were scrambling, but we couldn't identify the source. I then looked out into the congregation to see if anyone was scrambling there. Eventually, one BRAVE couple in the middle of the Church raised their hands and signaled they were the culprits. The loud noise stopped, and I was able to get back on track with the homily.

As we greeted people at the end of Mass, the couple approached me and apologized profusely. It turns out she was carrying a personal emergency alert device on her purse that, when separated from the main unit, emits a piercing alarm to draw attention! Well, it worked. The husband told me that he accidentally sat on it when he sat down for the homily. When he did so, the unit separated from the main unit. It took him a bit of time to figure out what had happened and a bit of time to put it back together in order to disarm it. Then they added with some laughter and relief, "We're just GRATEFUL our grandkids, who go to school here, weren't with us at Mass. THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORTIFIED it was THEIR grandparents who caused the big stir at Mass." Oh, don't worry. What happens in Church, stays in Church ... unless it becomes a topic for TALLer Tales!

Remembering: This past New Year's Day marked the first anniversary of my Dad's death. It's hard to believe it's already been a year since his death. We gathered as a family at the 10 AM mass on New Year's Day, then went off to the cemetery to say some prayers at my Dad's grave. Then my Mom, siblings, and a niece and nephew gathered at 3:33 PM (which was the time of his death) to remember his final journey on earth. We then gathered with our extended family for Mass and our typical New Year's Day gathering.

It certainly was a day of remembering. As I told my Mom shortly after 3:33 PM, she could rest a bit more easily now that the "year of firsts" was officially over. While you will always remember, that year of firsts is always challenging. It may not get any easier in the following years, but the anticipation of the first birthday, the first anniversary, the first Thanksgiving, or the first Christmas without a loved one can often lead to almost crippling anxiety, which in subsequent years can give way to that attitude that, "Yes, I can do this."

One thing I enjoyed doing over the last few weeks was re-reading my bulletin articles for the weeks surrounding my

family's battle with COVID and my Dad's eventual death. There were so many details that I may not have remembered had I not written them down. Yes, the pictures on my phone tell one story, but my columns helped me recall so many other details.

For example, I had forgotten that right after my Dad died, I removed his wedding ring and placed it on my finger. I also had forgotten that my Mom and sisters knew something was wrong because I stopped texting and calling for about an hour and a half. They were trying to get updates on Dad, but I ignored the calls and texts because I wanted us to be together with Mom when I broke the news. After handling all the details at the hospital and signing all the paperwork that needed attention after my Dad's death, I returned to Regency on Mack. Before leaving the hospital, I called my siblings and asked them to gather at the window of my parents' room (we were still in the height of COVID and not allowed inside). When I walked into the room (they let me in) to tell my Mom that my Dad had died, my Mom and one of my sisters immediately caught that I was wearing my Dad's wedding ring. They didn't need to hear the news. The fact I was wearing his wedding ring told the story of what happened at the hospital.

I always encourage families when I walk with them through a funeral or tragic event that they need to sit down shortly after the experience and put into writing some of the details of the days and the events leading up to the funeral or tragic event. There's something therapeutic about writing. It's one thing to type it up; it's another to put the words on paper in your own handwriting. Recalling the vivid events and memories shortly after they happen memorialize those details in such a way that those details (which otherwise would get forgotten over the years) help retell the story with greater crispness for years to come.

As we begin this New Year, what events or memories do you have of the past year that should be committed to paper? Please do yourself a favor and take the time to recall those events or memories and write them down. You'll be grateful you did because those memories will remain crisp and vivid for decades to come because of those saved details!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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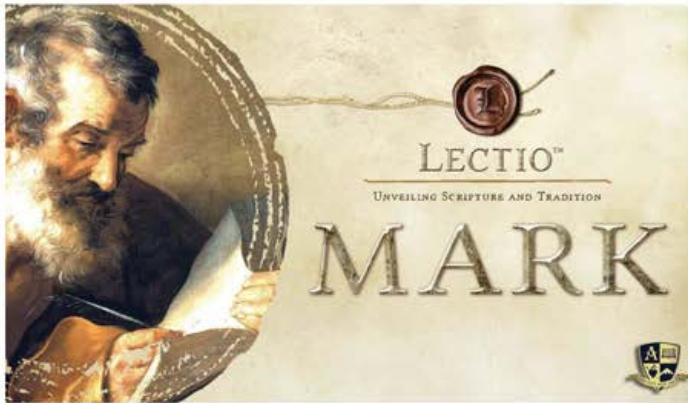
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Misc. Announcements

Can Tab Recycling



We are back to recycling can tabs. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

How you can help: Spread the word! Let your family, friends, co-workers, and classmates know that their small pop tabs, food can tabs all can make a big difference for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Donations can be dropped off in the buckets at church, brought to the Parish Center during business hours.

8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2022 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Matt at 313-683-1972.

The Class of 2022



St. Joan of Arc

Online Giving



Manage your
Online Giving account
with the app!

Download the Online Giving app
today at OLGApp.com

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Give online at
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Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
at

St Basil the Great
Community Room
22851 Lexington Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021

We pray the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed by
a meeting at 7pm.

For those wanting individual prayers please
be there between 6:30 – 6:55 pm

We hope that you can join us!



Are you ready to help
in the fight against RSV?

We're preparing for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season, and we're looking for people who can help us advance an investigational vaccine for RSV.

RSV is a leading cause of respiratory illness in older adults that can lead to hospitalization. No specific prevention or treatment options currently exist. You may be eligible for the Renoir study if you are 60 years of age or older and generally healthy or have stable chronic conditions. If you qualify and choose to take part, you will be in the study for three RSV seasons (about three years).

By participating in the Renoir study, you could be a part of vaccine progress for older adults.

Ready to learn more?

Contact the study team:

Phone: **313-343-6311** or Email:
IDResearchStJohn@Ascension.org



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St. John Hospital

Ascension St. John Hospital
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Or visit www.StudyRSV.com
for more information.



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The **CHOSEN**

SEASON TWO

WATCH PARTY AND DISCUSSION



**JOIN FR. ANDREW VIA ZOOM
TO WATCH AND DISCUSS THE
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OF THE ACCLAIMED SERIES
ABOUT CHRIST'S LIFE**

TUESDAYS AT 7 PM, JAN 11 – MAR 1
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[SJASCS.ORG/THE-CHOSEN-WATCH-PARTY](https://sjascs.org/the-chosen-watch-party)

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, January 10th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:15 pm Faith Formation Grades 7th/8th

Tuesday, January 11th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, January 12th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, January 13th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, January 14th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, January 15th

10:00 am Funeral Mass

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Grace M. Krall

1:30 pm Baptism of Giacomo Van Joseph Dietz

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, January 16th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

January 9, 2022 – Sober Truth

The forecast for January is looking a little drier than December.

A movement called “Dry January” has grown in popularity over the last several years. Participants refrain from alcoholic beverages during the month immediately following the holidays, when it is recognized that so many overindulge.

One bit of publicity for the movement lists several benefits, including better sleep, less money spent, an ability to lose more weight, and even in some cases a propensity to drink less come February.

Those are all noble goals, to be sure.

Another might be reduced likelihood that one will drink and drive, which is beneficial to oneself and society.

Local media recently covered federal legislation that will require automakers over the next several years to begin implementing technology that will help to prevent drunken driving.

It’s an outgrowth, among other things, of an effort by a local woman who lost her sister and brother-in-law and their three kids when they were driving home from a trip to Florida. The tragedy took place in Kentucky where another driver, alleged to have been drinking, hit them head on. He also died.

All of these are terrific reasons to be reasonable in the amount of alcohol an adult chooses to enjoy. Being responsible is, after all, prudent and loving.

Here’s another reason. Doing so may clear our minds and help us to focus our heart even more on the saving message of Jesus.

“The grace of God has appeared,” we hear in one of the choices for today’s second reading from Timothy, “saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in the age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus.”

2022 Words on the Word

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	January 10 , 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Jean King and the deceased members of the Calisi Family
Tuesday	January 11, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Kevin Brys and a Special Intention for the Mordovanakis Family
Wednesday	January 12, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Grace Valenti and Kenneth A. Smith
Thursday	January 13, 2022 Weekday Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Green/White)
7:00 a.m.	A Special Intention for Sharon Nagy
Friday	January 14, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Joseph Allemon and Leonard LeFevre
Saturday	January 15, 2022 Weekday, BVM (Green/White)
4:00 p.m.	Peter & Louisa Sarra, the deceased members of the Walsh Family, Jean Daudlin, Jerry Bodendistel, Robert Boesiger, Joan Weber, Bonnie Batche, Sophie Rupinski, Victor & Lucy Zelenak and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, Dr. Lori Karol, and the Thomas Family
6:00 p.m.	Johnny Spath
Sunday	January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Joel Vandenbussche
12:00 p.m.	Michael Ciach, James LeFevre, Charlotte Bist, and Special Intentions for the Cottone Family and Stevin Arsenault

Daily Readings

Monday, January 10	Friday, January 14
1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Mark 2:1-12
Tuesday, January 11	Saturday, January 15
1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28	1 Samuel 9:1-4 Mark 2:13-17
Wednesday, January 12	Sunday, January 16
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11
Thursday, January 13	
1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45	



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**William Hurley
Brad Grady
Eric Stanczak
Sharon O’Brien Meulebrouck
Dan Voss**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General’s Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Encounter With God's Grace:

My friends and I truly believe in the importance of sharing our moments of grace—the times when we clearly

recognize that we have been gifted with the consolation of knowing that the Holy Spirit has acted and been present to us. We share these with each other, even if it's just in a text at the end of the day, but I wanted to take this opportunity to share one here too.

It occurred shortly before Christmas. I had been thinking to myself for a few weeks already that I needed to get out to see an elderly priest I had not seen for a while. With one thing and another, it hadn't happened. Then one day, I was in the office in the middle of the afternoon, his face came to mind and like a voice saying, "Call him now!" I'm not too quick on the uptake at times, but I'm getting better at learning to hear these promptings as purposeful. I'm learning to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit. On this occasion, I did not question or second-guess His prompt. I immediately picked-up the phone and called Father. He's in his mid-90s and lives in an assisted living facility and I did not necessarily expect him to answer. But answer, he did.

"How are you, Father?" I asked. "Confused," he said. I recalled that he's not a young man... (no offense to anyone with a similar degree of wisdom and experience as him. I fully expect myself to be confused if I make my mid-90s. It happens often enough now!)

"You're confused?!" I said, "What are you confused about?" "I'm moving!" Father said. "You're moving? Oh, I was going to come and see you. Maybe I could wait until you settle in and then come visit. When are you moving?"

"Now!!!" Father said, "This afternoon!" "Okay, well maybe after Christmas then?"

"You can come right now!" "Oh... okay, Father, I'll be right there."

So I headed out to see him and when I arrived, found this elderly man sitting by the window in his room, hidden behind a 5ft high pile of boxes and with 5 moving people milling around.

I greeted him with a smile and almost

immediately he said, "Father, would you hear my confession. It's been about two years." "Absolutely, Father!" I said and I knelt down beside his chair to get on eye-level and within earshot.

Here is this elderly priest, ordained almost 70 years ago, confessing to this 4-year baby priest. Although he is a priest with far more work and ministry under his belt than me, it was a very humbling moment for me; still, he was just another Christian disciple recognizing his need for God's mercy and grace. Being a priest certainly does not take away even one ounce of our need for the Lord's grace.

After confession, Father explained to me that he'd been at the same residence for six years now, but it was too expensive to stay so he was moving a little further away. He smiled and said, "Six years... and I've never used the pool. I don't even own a bathing suit!"

He told me of his sadness that so many of the priests he knew had now passed away.

I had brought the Eucharist to him and so we prayed and he received Jesus. Then we talked a little more and I promised I'd come and see him at his new home. As I was about to leave, I went to shake his hand and Father took my hand and squeezed it tight. As he did, he began to say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy is everlasting." I recognized that he was reciting Psalm 107. Then Father began to sing this psalm refrain as he smiled at me, so I joined in singing as I held his hand, still kneeling beside him. It was such a joy to see his joy. He knew he had received the grace and mercy of God in the sacraments, and I knew it had been the Holy Spirit that had prompted me to visit that day.

I got to my feet, said goodbye and left the room, shaking a little because I'd been kneeling awkwardly for a quite a while. I took the elevator to the main floor and reached the door of the building, where I met a couple who are St. Joan parishioners. They've moved away, but had come to visit a friend at the home. I mentioned that I'd seen Father and that he was moving today. They know him, so before leaving, they headed up to see him too. A second visit today!

That night at the Faith Formation confirmation class, we were watching a video presentation by a Dominican nun who was talking about the sacraments and specifically about the sacrament of Holy

Orders, telling the kids that "priests, deacons, bishops are these amazing people called by God to serve Him." I told the kids that I didn't recognize myself in that description. The truth is that we are no more "amazing" than you. We are simply ordinary Christian sinners like anyone else, trying to live the life of a disciple within a specific call to service, and very much in need of God's grace and mercy to do so. And I told them about my visit that day to see Father—that we recognize our need for the sacraments and for God's healing like anyone else, whether a teenager 14-years old, or a 90-something year old priest.

Baptism of the Lord: Today we hear in the Gospel of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Even Jesus allowed another to minister to Him. It was certainly not because He had any need for cleansing of sin. He was not in need of grace or mercy, but He showed us by His example how to seek Him. He took the ritual of John and turned it into a sacrament that would open for us our entry into God's family, as adopted sons and daughters. Jesus was revealed to all in that moment as the anointed one, the chosen one of God and even more powerfully, the beloved son of God.

Do you remember this daily? That we have been adopted by God as His beloved sons and daughters. Do you truly see yourself that way...? You are a beloved son or daughter of God. He loves you! No matter what.... You are His beloved. Ponder that today.

Jesus, with no sin to wash away, climbed down into that river to be washed and to initiate His ministry, that would lead to the cross, as a means of paying about our sinful ways. Then He was resurrected, ascended into Heaven and He sent us the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to stand in His place, ever-present to us to plead our cause to the Father and to defend and help us in this battle called "life."

When the Holy Spirit is prompting you, listen to Him! Someone else may be waiting for the mercy and grace of God to become present to them *through you*. And by responding, have no doubt that *your* day will be blessed.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew
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*All women are invited
to join us for our next*

**Walking with Purpose
Women's Bible Studies**

beginning

 **January 11**

Two Sessions available - at 10 am and 7 pm

Join us in the Sr. Carol Center for a cup of coffee and to learn about the fruits of these beautiful weekly Catholic Bible Studies written especially for women. All women are welcomed and invited to bring a friend. Each group is doing a different study. Feel free to drop in on the first session - there's always an open seat. No experience necessary!

The morning group is revisiting the first study in the series - *Opening Your Heart*, and the evening group is starting with *Keeping in Balance*.

Visit sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose for more information about these groups and studies.



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 16 C

Reading One – Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth; Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Alleluia - 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it’s much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus’ baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, “You are my beloved Son.” So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father’s saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God’s beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as “the doorway to the Church” because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (Cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn’t. Each day that we “put on Christ” and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

SERVE Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been “anointed,” in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?



Dear Padre,

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring



that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

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JANUARY 14

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Mk 2:1-12

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Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

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JANUARY 16

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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The Baptism of the Lord (C)

January 9, 2022

Renewal by the Holy Spirit

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the LORD, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So, ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love! +

Sunday Readings

**Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 or
Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11**

I, the LORD, have called you
for justice, /
I have grasped you by the hand.

**Acts 10:34–38 or
Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7**

He went about doing good and
healing all those oppressed by the
devil, for God was with him.

Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

[John said,] "I am baptizing you
with water, but...he will baptize you
with the holy Spirit and fire."

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—Angelus, Baptism of the Lord,
January 10, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- When was the last time I prayed to the Holy Spirit? He is a real divine person; talk to him.
- Do I have courage to ask the Holy Spirit to come down and touch my soul with his fire?

The Art of Complaining

By Very Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

At some time or another, I think every pastor has gotten “hate mail.” Letters of complaint, filled with anger, the occasional foul word, or any variety of accusations and disparaging remarks are part of pastoring. Pastors can’t please everyone. Once, just briefly, I thought about printing a viciously negative letter I received in the parish bulletin. I even thought about tacking it to the church notice board. I didn’t do it, realizing it could embarrass the author or—worse for me—earn the writer a few sympathizers.

Complaining is part of being human. We’ve likely all been known to complain about family members, friends, or coworkers. As a pastor, complaints can be helpful. How else will the parish improve? The difficulty is that there are very few persons schooled in fashioning and delivering a well-thought-out complaint. That means, for most of us, our message is lost.

Here are some tips to help parishioners master the art of complaining and get their pastor’s ear:

Presume goodwill. Pastors don’t make random decisions just to make their parishioners miserable. Decisions are often given a great deal of thought and discussed thoroughly with parish staffers, pastoral councils, and other clergy and laity. Presume your pastor’s heart is in the right place. Most pastors love their people and want what is best for everyone in the parish.



Don’t be anonymous. Anonymous complaints are rarely taken seriously unless they’re of the type that require the intervention of law enforcement. I’m not writing about those here. A complaint should invite conversation, interaction, and hopefully an exchange of ideas, concerns, hopes, and probable solutions. You can’t talk to “anonymous.” Unsigned complaints usually go nowhere.

Find allies. True concern for the well-being of the parish should be shared. If one person is struggling with a pastor’s decisions, it is likely that others are, too. I’m not making the strength-in-numbers argument here. Lobbying in church really isn’t a good idea. But if a decision is negatively affecting a number of people, it should be reviewed.

Meet in person. Much is left open to interpretation when a complaint is only shared in writing. Text and email complaints, even with the inclusion of emojis, don’t carry emotions. Facial expressions, body language, tone and volume of the speaker, even silence, allow for total communication. Ask for a meeting. Agree together about who should be invited. Sit down and have a dialogue.

Be open to compromise. Don’t go to your pastor with a decision. Approach him with a question. Why the change? Why now? Why this new direction? “Why” is a great starting point. It can lead to greater understanding, which may change your opinion. Be part of the solution.

Be Christian. Kindness, even when you’re angry about something, will always win you a fair hearing. Be kind. Be kind. Be kind. +

Complaints can help a parish improve. Check out these tips for some good ways to get your pastor’s ear.



Lord, give me a shepherd’s heart so that I can show your love and compassion to someone in need.

—From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

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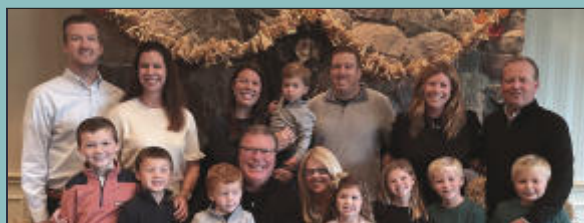

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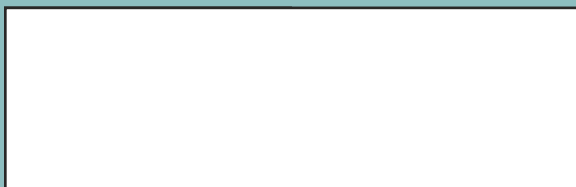
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