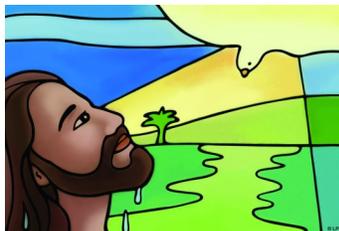


The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.



If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our

past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die. People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

Mass Registration

A reminder that you must register for **ALL** Masses, including weekdays & HOLY HOUR. Please phone or email the office **for weekend Mass attendance and the following weekday Masses no later than the Friday morning before the weekend.** That will give us time to put the attendance sheets in place for the ushers and Fr. Rey. Once the 10 person limit has been reached, the doors will be locked. This includes the pastor, so we can allow for 9 people in the worship area.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. Jan 9
 - 3:30pm † Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
 - 4:15-:4:45pm **Confessions**
 - 5:00pm † Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
 - † Ethel DellaValle (Jan & Lana)
- Sun. Jan 10
 - 9:30am Missa Pro Populo
 - 11:00am † Anne Kardas (Pat Vaillancourt)
 - 12:30pm † Anthony & Muriel Guest & Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
- Mon. Jan 11
 - MASS CANCELLED**
- Tues. Jan 12
 - 9:30am † Deceased Members of the Akkarakaran Family (Zita Alamparambil)
 - 7-8pm **HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS & Communion Service**
- Wed. Jan 13
 - 9:30am † Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
- Thurs. Jan 14
 - 9:30am † George Albanese (Vince Addario)
 - Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
- Fri. Jan 15
 - 9:30am Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
 - † Helen Lelievre (Racz Family)
- Sat. Jan 16
 - 3:30pm Missa Pro Populo
 - 4:15-:4:45pm **Confessions**
 - 5:00pm † Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
- Sun. Jan 17
 - 9:30am In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
 - 11:00am † Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
 - 12:30pm † Anthony & Muriel Guest & Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

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