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## Sunday, January 12th, 2020

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| Sat. Jan 11 | | | **Baptism of the Lord** |
| | 9-10am | | **Confessions** |
| | 4 -4:45pm | | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** |
| | 5:00pm | | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sun. Jan 12 | | | **Baptism of the Lord** |
| | 9:30am | ✞ | Michael McLaughlin (Liliana Haynes) |
| | 11:00am | ✞ | John & Francis Blazic (Teresa Blazic) Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek) |
| Mon. Jan 13 | 9:30am | ✞ | Souls in Purgatory (Teresa Walters) |
| | 7-8pm | | **Holy Hour & Confessions** |
| Tues. Jan 14 | 9:30am | ✞ | Verna Yakielashek (Gloria Egert) |
| Wed. Jan 15 | | | **St. Ann School Mass** |
| | 9:30am | ✞ | Cecil Shannon (Racz Family) |
| Thurs. Jan 16 | 9:30am | ✞ | Melissa Monachino (Carla Bianco) |
| Fri. Jan 17 | 9:30am | | Intention of the Immaculate Heart of May (Teresa Walters) |
| Sat. Jan 18 | 9-10am | | **Confessions** |
| | 4-4:45pm | | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** |
| | 5:00pm | ✞ | Isaiah (Magazzeni Family) |
| | | ✞ | In Memory of Dean Yakielashek (Myszczyszyn Family) |
| Sun. Jan 19 | 9:30am | | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | ✞ | Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) |
| | | ✞ | Ray Kardas (Jay Yurcich) |

**Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**

## The Baptism of the Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we are bathed in the waters sanctified by God the Son. There, God the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "'This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.'" And the Holy Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism necessary for salvation. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, we can receive Baptism only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the guilt of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or be always searching for a new start that never comes.

**Offertory January 4th & 5th, 2020**

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| 73 Envelopes | $1, 933.00 |
| Loose Collection | $ 73.20 |
| Total Offertory | $2, 006.20 |
| Maintenance | $ 255.00 |
| Initial offering | $ 90.00 |
| Jan 1/20 | $ 60.00 |

## ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The Church calls us to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity between January 18 and January 25. Please join with Bishop Gerard Bergie for a 'Service of Prayer for Christian Unity' at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., followed by coffee and cookies. The themes and materials for this year's world-wide prayer were prepared by the Christian Churches of Malta. The key verse in the week of prayer is: "*They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2).*

**8 DAY BIBLE STUDY FOR JUSTICE**

One of the resources available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25) is a very thoughtful eight-day bible study guide prepared by the Christian Churches of Malta. This resource could be for individual use, or for small study groups.

The eight daily themes are: *Reconciliation, Enlightenment, Hope, Trust, Strength, Hospitality, Conversion and Generosity.*

This PDF file is available at https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2020-wpcu-resources, or by emailing mprindiville@golden.net

**Prayer for Christian Unity:** Almighty and eternal God, You have promised that there will someday be but one fold and one Shepherd. Hasten that day, we pray You, in Your most merciful kindness and generosity. Pour the light of Your grace into the minds of our non-Catholic friends so that they may see the truth, and fully realize that the truth is one and undivided. Give them also the strength of will needed to follow in the direction of the light You give them.

Let us, their neighbours and friends, not be a hindrance to their conversion by our bad example. Rather let Your goodness be made clear to them by the virtue of our lives. Then may they finally all be brought to You, the Light that enlightens every person who comes into the world. Amen.

**On January 6, 2020 confessions will begin at St. Denis Parish from 8-9pm, Monday to Friday.** These confession times will continue throughout the entire year. A confessional has been built for this purpose in the meeting room close to the St. Denis adoration chapel. The entrance is off of Carlton Street and there is parking in the Church parking lot. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to come have your sins forgiven. *Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds and there is room for more - St. Joseph Cafasso*

**Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY** support group monthly meetings. *The Journey* (Sept 9, 2019); and *Pastoral Care, Fr. Chris Kulig presenter* (Sept 23). Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. No pre-registration required. January 13, 2020- ***Welcoming the New Year, Kathryn Morrow Presenter.*** January 27, 2020- ***Identifying Losses.*** February 10, 2020- ***Making Good Decisions, Kathryn Morrow Presenter.***

## Parish Calendar

**January 2020…..**

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| **Jan 15th…..** | St. Ann School Mass 9:30am |
| **Jan 15th…..** | **Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm.** |
| **Jan. 15th…..** | Finance meeting 6:30pm |
| **Jan 18-25….** | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |

**Bingo every Thursday evening 7-9pm in the parish hall.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**: ***for grades 5-12, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm. resumes January 15th, 2020.*** **Registration form is on our website http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry.** If you would like to volunteer to assist with activities on Wednesday evenings, check out our website http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry or email the parish. **This coming week,** we welcome back Genevieve Broadley to co-ordinate this ministry in our parish. Gen has been on maternity leave for the past year and we look forward to her return.

**2020 Offertory Envelopes: FOR THE YEAR 2020, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** Some numbers are re-assigned every year and if you use old envelopes someone else may get credit for your contribution. ***It is best to destroy all old envelopes.*** A reminder that if you forget your envelope at home, there are visitor envelopes at the church entrance you can use - don't forget to include your name and address on them.

- If you are making up for a missed week, **it is not necessary** to use more than one envelope. Use the envelope for the week you are attending.
- It is always helpful for us if you mark the amount of your donation on the envelope, however this is not required.
- If you are using a lot of coins for your contribution, we suggest that you tape the envelope well as loose change falls out easily.
- For any donations by cheque, please make payable to St. Ann Parish, **including all special collections. Take extra care with the date for the new year.**
- **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOUR ADDRESS OR OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED.**

If you do not use envelopes but would like to, contact the office and we will prepare a box for you.

## Parish Registration

**Question:** Why is it important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

**Answer:** Registration is very helpful for the pastor to know who is actually attending the parish; and not only who, but how many, and from where, and how many people are part of a family, etc. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a parish, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission.

**Cathedral Appeal:** Visit the website at www.saintcd.com/appeal today or pick up a brochure and pledge form at the back of the church. Donations can be made at any time.

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