
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**Baptism of the Lord
January 11th & January 12th, 2020**

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).



"This is my son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased"
(Matthew 3: 13-17)

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	Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request. The Pastor is also available to hear you every Saturday from 14:30-15:30.

Ministers and servers	Saturday January 11 th 16:00	Sunday January 12 th 10:00	Saturday January 18 th 16:00	Sunday January 19 th 10:00
READERS	Steve Kack	Pierre Gagnon	Steven Neatt	Maria Di Giovanni
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The collection total for January 1st and the weekend of January 4th and 5th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$1005.00. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	January 11 th (16:00)	Baptism of the Lord	Clorinde Lemieux Desjardins (1 st A.)	
Sunday	January 12 th (10:00)	Baptism of the Lord	Gilles Gagné	Diane Pleasance
			Jeanine Dumas	Succession of Jeanine Dumas
			Elenita Concepcion	Famille et Amis
Monday	January 13 th (11h30)		Paule & Clémentine	Drouin Families
Tuesday	January 14 th (11h30)			
Wednesday	January 15 th (11h30)			
Thursday	January 16 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 17 th (11:30)		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saturday	January 18 th (16:00)	2 nd Sunday in OT		
Sunday	January 19 th (10:00)	2 nd Sunday in OT	Yolande Bédard-Vézina	Pierre Gagnon & Family
			Laurence Pigeon	Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin



We have the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Saturday Mass. Between 14:30 and 15:30, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Father Lussier will be available to hear **Confessions** or for private consultations. **Confessions** are also heard before each Mass upon request. Our families and our Congregation are in great need of prayer; please come and join our Pastor for Adoration.



Happy New Year Blessings to all. Annual dues of \$25 are being collected by Marie White or Maureen Martineau. Many thanks to those who have submitted already. Visit cwl.ca for information about upcoming conventions, our 100th anniversary in 2020 and communiques. For prayer requests, information, or to join, please contact Marie White at [418-254-0510](tel:418-254-0510) or mariewhite.qc@gmail.com ♥.

«Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him»

Today, we contemplate the Messiah —the Anointed— by the river Jordan «to be baptized by him [John]» (Mt 3:13). And we can see Jesus Christ as betokened by the visible physical occurrence of the Holy Spirit and, through audible words, by the Father, who proclaims of Jesus the following: «This is my Son, the Beloved; he is my Chosen One» (Mt 3:17). Here, we have a marvelous motive and, at the same time, an encouraging incentive to live a life: to be beloved and chosen by the Heavenly Father. To enthrall the Father!

Somehow, we already request it in the collect prayer of today's mass: «Almighty and eternal God (...), turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ». God, who is infinitely good, “loves us well” all the time. But, do we allow him to? are we worthy of his divine benevolence?; do we correspond to this benevolence?

To deserve such divine benevolence and complacency, Christ has provided the waters with a regenerating and purifying strength, so that, when baptized, we truly become sons of God. «Maybe someone will wonder: ‘why did He want to be baptized, if He is Holy? Our Divine Lord Jesus Christ was baptized not to be made holy by the waters, but to make holy the waters’» (St Maximus of Turin).

All this —undeservedly! — places us in a connatural level with divinity. But this first regeneration does not suffice: we need to experience the Baptism once more through a kind of continuous “second baptism”, which is our spiritual rebirth. Parallel to the Rosary's first Mystery of Light —Christ's Baptism in the Jordan river— we must contemplate Mary's example in the fourth Joyful Mystery: Purity of Heart. She, Immaculate, and a pure virgin, is quite willing to submit herself to the purification process. We crave for the simplicity, sincerity and humility that allow us to constantly live our purification as a sort of “second baptism”.

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