



# Baptism OF THE Lord

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**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?



**A MESSAGE FROM FR. GABRIEL....**

We all know that we cannot live without water. In fact, water is so essential for life that it makes up some 60 percent of the human body itself.

So it should be no surprise that water symbolism plays a part when Jesus, after some three decades of waiting to start his ministry, finally decides that now is the time. The water of the River Jordan became a sign that something new was happening, something astonishing—the beginning of the effort by the son of God to announce that God's kingdom was at hand and that people could live in that kingdom of justice, mercy, compassion and love today.

John's Baptism of Jesus, complete with an affirmation from God's voice about Jesus' identity and about being pleased with him, was in some ways unexpected. Yet, Jesus knew that John had prepared the way, had attracted the attention of people who longed for a close relationship with God. So, his baptism was a sign to those spiritually hungry people of where to find food.

Today, let us remember not only the baptism of Jesus, but also our own, which marked our entry into the Christian family, which seeks to follow Jesus—the vibrant, unchained, risen and living Christ. That is no easy task, but Christ promises to walk with us.

This weekend closes our Christmas season. Let us reflect on the greatest gift given to us—the son of God. We will then journey with the Lord through his works leading up to the promise of his death and resurrection.

Please continue to prayer for one another as we still struggle through the pandemic with hopes of an ending in sight.

Continue to support our Adoration. Contact Diane Calabrese if you wish to become an Adorer. Begin the new year with dedicated time to Jesus.

God Bless,  
Fr. Gabriel

**Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"**

<b>December 27</b>	
Envelope Total:	\$ 7,355
Electronic Giving:	\$ 2,472
<b>Week Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,827</b>
<b>2019— Dec 29</b>	<b>\$10,898</b>
<b>January 3</b>	
Envelope Total:	\$11,580
Electronic Giving:	\$ 2,472
<b>Week Total:</b>	<b>\$14,052</b>
<b>2020— Jan 5</b>	<b>\$13,518</b>

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00nn will be held in the **CHAPEL**. The Sunday 6:00pm will be held in the **CHURCH**.

6:30am & 8:00am weekday Mass (Mon-Sat) will be held in the **CHURCH**

### YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS ONLY

The mandated guidelines/restrictions which MUST be followed are:

- ◆ Facemasks must be worn
- ◆ Maximum capacity of building space will be followed
- ◆ Sit only in designated spots
- ◆ Follow Ushers direction
- ◆ Social distancing of 6ft must be maintained
- ◆ If you have any symptoms of being sick, please stay home
- ◆ Those at high risk may consider staying home

The above guidelines/restrictions will also be enforced for Sunday Masses.

**You must PRE-REGISTER for weekend Mass by calling the Parish Center or you can email the following information to mbvivi-ani@optonline.net**

**Name, Contact Phone Number,  
Mass Time & Number of Attendees**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER DURING THE WEEK**



### ADORATION RESUMES....

**Adoration will resume on Monday, November 30. Please note the following:**

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings MUST be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

### Morning Prayers

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!



Welcome to Facebook Corpus Christi Parish! Please see our new parish Facebook page and click "Like". Feel free to share the page with friends so they can find out about Corpus Christi.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic**. We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will offer in the year ahead. It is through the contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at Corpus Christi.

As you consider your weekly contribution, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week, but, when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, [www.corpuschristihh.org](http://www.corpuschristihh.org), click on Electronic Giving to enroll. If you switch to e-giving and are receiving envelopes, please call the Parish Center to stop the mailings. Thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi Church.

### PRAYER FOR LIFE...

*Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.*

Amen



# MASS INTENTIONS

## ANTICIPATED MASS, JANUARY 9

5:00 PM Edward Wojick

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Michael Bagdzinski

10:00 AM Julia Pagliei

12:00 NN Louis Romano

6:00 PM Adrian Bermudez

## MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 AM All Parishioners

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 AM Walter Rodger Pickwood

8:00 AM All Parishioners

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 AM All Parishioners

8:00 AM All Parishioners

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30 AM Arthur Lindquist, Sr.

8:00 AM Julia Berhain

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 AM All Parishioners

8:00 AM All Parishioners

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Bobby Senzon

## ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Gloria Coneys

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM Dates & Jones Families

10:00 AM Mary Aluotto

12:00 NN Dorothy Studer

6:00 PM Alina Wszeborowska

### CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Ann Enrico** from Diane Calabrese.

### HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK

The hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **Marie Sarracino** from Phyllis Calabrese.

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Henry Libreros, Migdalia Ferrandiz, Eli Moran, Blanca Rodriguez, Michael Cahill, Betty Jo McCalman

## Bereavement Ministry

The faith community of Corpus Christi offers continued support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are overwhelmed by feelings of sadness and sorrow, please contact Patricia Caulfield at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 138. We will help you find light, warmth and comfort.



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Elizabeth Semenez, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

#### Sharing the Gospel

"Keep trying, You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too.

#### Prayer

God, I am so glad you love me.

#### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling someone special, "I love you."

#### Mission for the Week

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

