



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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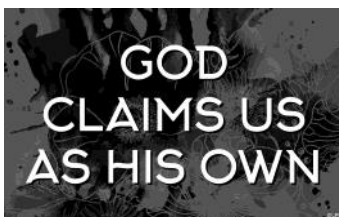
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What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear .



Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

December 26, 2021

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| Envelope Total: | \$ 6,554 |
| Electronic Giving: | \$ 3,204 |
| Week Total: | \$ 9,758 |
| 2020—Dec. 27 | \$ 9,827 |

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Jan. 2nd collection will appear in the Jan. 16 Bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

During Jesus' life and ministry on earth, those who followed him came to believe great things about him. His insights into both human nature and the scriptures amazed them. He performed "mighty acts" of healing and feeding, and he preached a message of love for others that appealed especially to those for whom life was hard. Disciples came to think of him as a prophet like those of old, and some believed him to be God's Messiah, the anointed one who would restore the kingdom to Israel and reign as God's adopted Son like Jesus' ancestor David.

The solidarity of the Son of God with us goes deeper than appearance. "The Word became flesh," our flesh, and in scripture the word "flesh" often suggests vulnerability and weakness. Jesus hungered and thirsted, and the Roman scourges and nails of the crucifixion were painful for him. He understands our suffering from the inside because he has suffered with us.

His solidarity with us goes still deeper in a way that brings us back to questions about him being baptized with sinners. Without ceasing to be the divine Word of God he was sent, Paul wrote, "in the likeness of sinful flesh, to deal with our sin," and died on a cross with two criminals.

Realizing the importance of Christ's solidarity with us, we can see how Luke did not try to hide the fact the Jesus was baptized. Instead, he speaks of Jesus' baptism in the past tense in order to put him together with sinners who are baptized at the same time. The sinless Son of God is given his baptismal bath in our dirty bathwater. "He had to be made like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Let us thank God for who Jesus is for us today.

We come to the close of our Christmas Season. I am very grateful for all in our parish community who gave of their time and talent in any capacity to make my first Christmas at Corpus Christi a special one.

On behalf of Fr. Gabriel and myself, a special thank you to all who extended gifts to us—we appreciate your generosity.

Let us all take some extra time this New Year for prayer. Make a special commitment to yourself that you will take time to talk to God, pray the Rosary—whatever you chose to do. Nothing is impossible with prayer and having faith. Ask yourself the question, what will I do this year?

Prayer is needed for our world, our local church, our parish, our families—ourselves. Strive to include deepening your faith in any New Year resolution you made—we owe it to ourselves.

Our Synod Listening Session will take place on January 18th, at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Thank you to all who have responded.

God Bless,
Fr. Kaj

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—

Please note the following:

- ♦ **Adoration is held in the Church.** Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ♦ **Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 8pm; Tuesdays 3pm & 4pm**

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

"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes." St. Pope Paul VI



Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at the 12nn Mass on Sunday, February 13th.

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, 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.

How To Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse and other misconduct.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling Karen Clark, the Director of the Department for the Protection of the Faithful at (973) 497-4254. Victims in need of assistance should call the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (201) 407-3256. They are also encouraged to call the Attorney General of NJ Clergy Abuse Hotline at (855) 363-6548.



**Would you like a say
in our future Church?
Attend the Synod Listening Session!**

Synod means "walking together". Pope Francis is asking for our opinion on what is expected of today's Church. This is your chance to have a voice in the process! Are you going to pass on this calling?

When: Tuesday, January 18, 7-9:30pm

Where: Corpus Christi School Cafeteria

Register: at cchhsynod@gmail.com

With name and phone number

Questions: Contact Bob Weingartner
(201) 753-8304

MINISTRY UPDATE....

Corpus Christi is in need of Ushers, particularly for the 5pm & 6pm Masses. Any man or woman in the parish that may be interested, please contact Dennis Buttacavoli at (201) 288-8812. This ministry falls under those members requiring Protecting God's Children certification which includes completing a Volunteer Application, Code of Ethics, Criminal Background Check and attending a PGC Workshop.

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

CALLING NEW CHOIR MEMBERS....

What better way to praise God than by singing to Him, and praising Him! The Adult Choir is looking for new members. If you can sing and would like to join, please come to rehearsal which is every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. If you have any questions, contact Joanna, Music Director, at 201-421-0900. Your voices are needed....

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. **There is a three-month evaluation period for new parishioners of your participation before determining if a Sponsor Certificate is issued.** 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

- 8:00 AM +Lazaro Mario Fanego
- 10:00 AM +Ann & Jerry Enrico
- 12:00 NN +Patricia Kunzmann
- 6:00 PM +Paul Kidney

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:30 AM +People of the Parish
- 8:00 AM +Julia Pagliei

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6:30 AM SM Charitine Spitalniak (Living)
(75th Ann of Religious Life)
- 8:00 AM +Mick O'Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 6:30 AM +Frances Moran Toth
- 8:00 AM +Jack Coneys

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30 AM +Sheila Castellucci
- 8:00 AM +Petromila Begazo-deNunez

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6:30 AM +Rosemarie Virginia Baxter
- 8:00 AM +Arthur Lindquist

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:00 AM +Beatrice Smith

ANTICIPATED MASS

- 5:00 PM +Jesus Nunez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 AM +Michael Bagzdinski
- 10:00 AM +Charles McCarthy
- 12:00 NN +Wayde Scott
- 6:00 PM +Ellen Cafaro

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Beatrice Smith** from daughter, Rosemary.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Stephen Lusko, Margaret Hillman, Joan Spaldo, Anthony Meringolo



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, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz, Leslie Macaluso, MaryAnn Settecasi, Julio Alvarez, Tom Dalton, Clarita DeLeon, Anthony Miele, George Pertuz, Tony Freay, Juan Moreno



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

