



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2021

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55. 1-11

Second Reading: 1 John 5, 1-9

Gospel: Mark 1. 7-11

Reflection:

“You are My Beloved Son”

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus' life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it's important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,” spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an “epiphany,” a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him “baptizing” the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

Lord, I thank You for Your humble act of baptism by which You opened the Heavens to all who are sinners. May I open my heart to the unfathomable grace of my own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as a child of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

Week Day & Weekend Masses

****There will be no masses in our church until at least February 5th, 2021****

Father will send an email to the parish list with the Zoom ID and pass code for the week day and weekend masses.

Father will then give communion outside the church Sunday morning from 10 am to 10:30 am.

For weekday, if anyone wants to receive Holy Communion, please phone or email to the parish office to confirm with Father.

The procedure is for people to come in their cars, put on a mask, roll down their window, receive Holy Communion in their hand, remove their mask, consume the Eucharist and leave. You can also drop off your weekend envelopes at that time.

For further information/instructions please call Father Luan Vu at the parish office 250 837-2071.

Mass Times & Special Intentions

Saturday, January 9: 5 pm - Special Intentions for Neil Pederson (Rip) from Claudette & Bud Kendel

Sunday, January 10: 9 am - Special Intentions for the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier

Tuesday, January 12: 9 am- Special Intentions for Maria Lentini (Rip) – from the Dulisse Family

Wednesday January 13: 9 am – Special Intentions for Domenic Marcoffio (Rip) – from the Dulisse Family

Thursday January 14: 9 am – Special Intentions for Rosa & Donato Dulisse (Rip)- from the Dulisse Family

Friday January 15: 9 am- special intentions for Comcetta Donato (Rip) - from the Dulisse Family

Saturday January 16: 5 pm – Special Intentions for Domenic Marcoffio (Rip) from Annette Marcoffio

Sunday January 17: 9 am - Special Intentions for the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier

Saturday January 23: 5 pm – Special Intentions for Joe Sacino (Rip) - from Rosetta Bernava

*** To request a Mass for special intentions, please contact Fr. Luan Vu**

Confessions are heard by appointment. Please contact Father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E transfers

The Diocese office has set up a new email for those wishing to use e-transfer for donations to our church.

etransfer.SFAREV@nelsondiocese.org

This new email address will ensure that the funds donated go directly into our St. Francis of Assisi bank account for use here in our parish.

****Please ensure you have auto deposit set up for your e-transfers**

Pilgrimage of Faith – 2020

We have had 34 families donate to Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal, plus the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies of St. Francis and the Revelstoke Italian Canadian Club - all stepped up with very generous donations especially the Italian Canadian Club.

Our goal for 2020 was \$11,650

Our total to date is \$15, 272 for 2020

FUND RAISING IDEA

Do you have items in your home you are no longer using? Perhaps you could post them on the Stoke List or RevySell. When the items sell, donate the money to the church. Some parishioners might need help with posting on the Internet but children and/or grandchildren may be able to assist.

Safe Environment Coordinator Needed


The Parish is looking for 1 or 2 individuals to volunteer to be our Safe Environment Coordinators.

This commitment does not take up much of your time but is an important requirement of the Diocese.

Thank you for your consideration in taking this on. For more information please contact Jean Pedersen.

Knights of Columbus - Annual Charity Appeal Raffle Tickets
Now available for purchase on-line only.

\$177,000 in prizes including \$100,000 grand prize. \$3.00 per ticket. Draw date: January 30, 2021
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Financial report for November 2020

Nov. 1 – Nov. 30, 2020

Income: \$23,703.97

Expenses: \$7,818.31

Profit: \$ 15,885.66

Year to date: January 1 – November 30, 2020

Income: \$97,452.60

Expenses: \$105,382.42

Shortfall: -\$7,929.82

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