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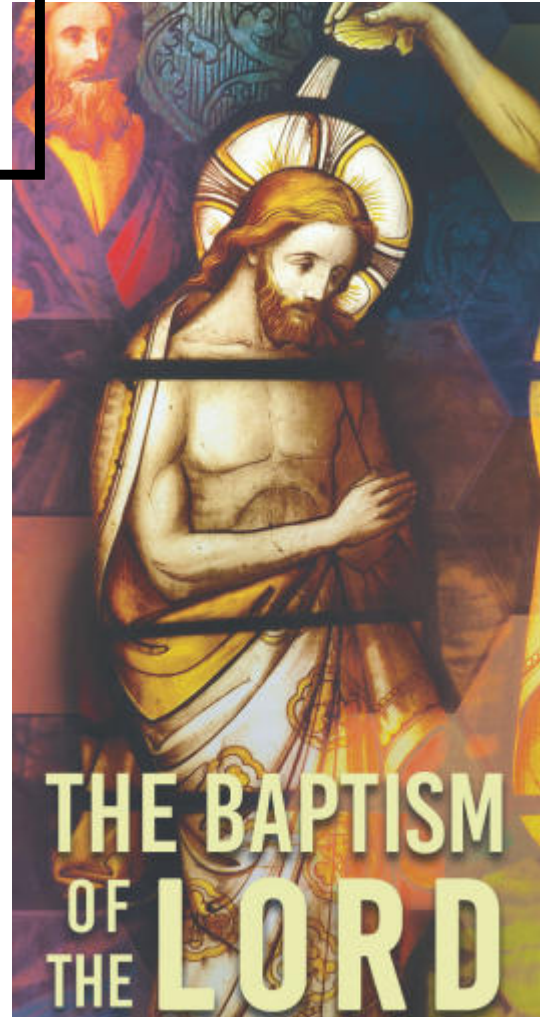
The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

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 stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, 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 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!



JOIN US...

after the 8AM & 10AM Masses
each week for coffee, donuts,
and a chat!

8AM: Chris Harthorne & Marnell
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10AM: Marilyn Sturm

If you're new and would like to know about what we have going on or have questions, please talk to a Hospitality Minister after the service - we'd love to help!

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SACRAMENTS

Do you have a baby that you'd like to baptize? Are you interested in joining the Church, getting confirmed, or taking steps towards baptism? Are you looking to prepare for marriage? Please contact Marti Lundberg or visit parish.stbens.net/liturgy-sacraments for more info.

CABRINI MINISTRY

If you know someone who needs the Eucharist, we can bring communion and pray with them. Please call the Parish Office to let them know and we will arrange for someone to bring the Eucharist to them. This can be on a limited basis or long term.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Bruno Berselli, Carmen Gonzalez, Nora Taylor, Dale Steen, Willie Kleffner, Easton Brown, Eli Mahnken, Janice Mosey, Eugene Haydu, Xavier Schmitt, Ann Person, June Gill, Darcy Fulcher, Kim Gruenberg, Mary Alice Tully, Tom Weber, Aidan Schellings, Ron Willette, John Frantz, Rev. Steve Roman
**Contact the Parish Office to have a name added to this list. For privacy reasons, the individual must expressly give consent.*

STEWARDSHIP

Annual Report
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	OFFERINGS	BUDGET
DEC	\$ 59,947	\$ 50,011
YTD	\$239,542	\$225,500

Fiscal Year Budget: \$451,000

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SCHOOL NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER - SAVE THE DATE

The ever-popular Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, January 26, from 11am to 7pm, with a happy hour from 2 to 4pm. Take the day off from cooking and let the 6th graders from St. Benedict wait on you! Invite your family and friends and join the St. Benedict community for some great food, bake sale, raffle prizes and more! The funds raised will help send our 6th graders to Environmental Camp in May. This event kicks off Catholic Schools Week and you won't want to miss it.

Please visit <https://www.stbens.net/school/giving/spaghetti-dinner/> for more information and ticket order forms. Please email 6spaghetti@stbens.net to reserve a table for groups of 6 or more.



N SEATTLE CATHOLIC YOUTH NSCY.org contact: mariah@nscy.org

All students (grades 6-12) are welcome to join us for our youth events centered on growing in faith, asking questions, building relationships, playing games, reflections and discussions - we even enjoy a meal with another!

NEXT EVENT is Feb. 2 titled: *What is love? How does God's love change everything?*

Events meet in the gym at Christ the King Parish from 5-7PM.



STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Six Dates for Catholic Couples

Time is a rare commodity for married couples. Our 6 week program gives you evenings to: pray, watch a video, then head out on a date night with guided questions!

Learn more & register:
<https://parish.stbens.net/6-dates-for-catholic-couples>

UPCOMING DATE TOPICS:

- Jan 25: Marriage is...
- Feb 15: What Keeps You Together
- Feb 29: What About Me?
- Mar 14: Blueprint of Love
- Mar 29: Where Do I Find Courage

HAVE A REQUEST FOR THE BULLETIN? SEND TO PARISH@STBENS.NET DEADLINE IS BY 4PM ON THURSDAY, 10 DAYS PRIOR TO SUNDAY BULLETIN

HUMAN CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER TALK ON RACISM

Patty Bowman (Executive Director for Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center) is scheduled to present the US Bishops recent letter on racism, followed by racism in the US criminal justice system. The presentation will be **Sunday, January 19 at 11:15AM**. All are welcome to attend - those at 10AM Mass will have time to get coffee and donuts and come back to the church to participate in this session.

COMMUNITY NEWS



CONSIDERING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on Feb. 21-23, 2020, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Adrian Dominican Sisters seek an Administrative Assistant for the Dominican West Mission Chapter Office in Seattle, WA. 2-3 years admin experience, written and oral communication skills and above average computer skills required. Part-time: Tuesday-Thursday; 8-18 hours per week (average 13 hours); flexible time. Send resume to: 1216 NE 65th St., Seattle, WA 98115 or employment@adriandominicians.org

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 7-9, 2020 at the Best Western Wesley Inn & Suites in Gig Harbor, WA or April 24-26, 2020 at the Bellevue Sheraton in Bellevue, WA. Apply today at www.wwme.org. For more information please contact Jeanpierre and Gay Charette at 253-582-0239. Early sign up is recommended. Sign up today!

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Please join us Thursday, January 16 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Music Room, Victoria Hall. The title of the presentation is: Flexible Hope: Living Well With Chronic Illness.

How do you work with discouragement when you have an illness that can't entirely be fixed? How do you keep hope while remaining realistic? And how do you tell when it's a good idea to try something new? In addition to a short presentation, Kathy will share some simple exercises to help participants come to a new place with these questions. Kathy Wilmering, MSW ARNP BC has decades of experience helping people with chronic mental and physical health issues figure out how to address hard challenges. She also has wrestled with these questions as she found ways to roll back her serious form of multiple sclerosis to a mild version. Refreshments provided, and free chocolate! RSVP: Trez - 206-930-2739 or bucklandmike@hotmail.com

HAPPENINGS!

MONDAY

8AM Mass
8:30AM Rosary *Church*

TUESDAY

No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Mass

THURSDAY

10:15AM Mass @ *No Mass @*
Columbia Home *St. Ben's*
7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY

10AM Prayer Group *Parish Center*
10:30AM Confirmation *Parish Center*
Prep

SUNDAY

8AM Mass
11AM RCIA *Parish Center*
10AM Mass
4:15PM Reconciliation *Church*
5PM Mass

DAILY SCRIPTURE

Monday, Weekday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Weekday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, St. Anthony, Abbott

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

12 SACRAMENTAL PREP

The next Sacramental Prep for First Holy Communion is Jan. 12th. Topic: Chp 1, We Belong. Class meets at 8:45AM in the School Library.

19 RCIA

Our next RCIA class meets Jan. 19 at 11AM (following 10AM Mass) in the Parish Center.

19 HCSJ SPEAKER ON RACISM

Join us at 11:15AM in the Church for a presentation from Patty Bowman on the recent US Bishops letter on racism & racism in the criminal justice system.

20 SMDP SANDWICH MAKING

Join us in making sandwiches together that we deliver to the St. Martin de Porres Shelter. Meet at 9AM in the Parish Center.

20 OFFICE CLOSED - MLK JR. DAY

The parish office will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 20th; however, Mass will still occur.

21 HCSJ MEETING

The Human Concerns and Social Justice team have a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 6PM in the Parish Center.

22 JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a joint council meeting for the Finance, Pastoral and School commissions on Jan. 22nd at 6:30PM in the Parish Center.

25 6 DATES FOR CATHOLIC COUPLES

The next session for the 6 Dates program is Saturday, Jan. 25th at 5:30PM.

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