



Saint John of the Cross

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

What a difference a year makes. 2020 started like any other year. Reminiscing of another disappointing Cleveland Sports Season. I kept my New Year's Eve tradition of sleeping through the New Year until 7:00 am, waking up the Monday after New Year's Day and going to my 8:00 am – 5:00 pm secular job that was a part of my life for the last 11 years. It was a great place to work, and I thought I would retire from there.

Then March of 2020 hit, with good days and, as Father Loya would say, hard days. The good days were anytime I spent here at St. John of the Cross, but there was a stretch of several good days that I was blessed with when my wife and I purchased a new condo and sold the old house all in a matter of one week. To top that off, I started full time here at St. John of the Cross. Then the world as we knew it for the last 50 to 60 years no longer existed. I do not need to go over the details.

We must keep in mind that there have been hard days in the past, and there will be hard days in the future. This is life on the planet earth until our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ returns at the end of time.

But there is good coming out of all the hard days that we experienced in 2020. Any time we wake up in the morning and put our feet on the floor is a good day when we are aware of the presence of God in our lives.

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus. When Jesus is baptized, he is anointed by the Holy Spirit to begin his prophetic ministry, a ministry of inclusivity, the relinquishment of fear and bondage.

We live in a world today where many do not know God's love, compassion and mercy. We are living in a world that God is an afterthought or thought of not at all.

We as Christians share in the prophetic and divine ministry of Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a reminder to the call to be **Missionary Disciples**, to reach beyond what we see and experience which is directly in front of us, and to seek out those who live on the margins in our community.

As we leave 2020 behind, we look forward to a brighter 2021. We have a handful of **young adults here at SJOC**, who have gathered from time to time, share the Gospel and make it their mission to announce the Good News of Salvation – Please pray for them. **Monday Night Sacred Scripture Study** will resume on January 25th and will then continue every other Monday. This will be an online Zoom meeting, starting at 6:45 will last between 30 to 45 minutes. We will continue to have **Morning Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration Friday mornings**. Morning prayer starts at 8:30 am and adoration will continue until 2:00 pm.

The **Spiritual Life and Evangelization Ministry** is inviting the entire parish to join us on the second Thursday of each month after the 6:30 pm evening Mass. It will be in person and Zoomed. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer, followed by a 15 – 20 minute video from either Bishop Robert Baron, Father Mike Schmidt, and occasionally the Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen. This will be followed by an open dialogue on how God will help us develop a Missionary Discipleship mentality. Your time, talents and creativity are welcomed as we work as one, announcing the Good News of Salvation to build the Kingdom of Heaven. Communication is one of the keys to building the Kingdom of Heaven. The best way to keep in touch with what is going on here at SJOC is to sign up for Flock-notes. **Go to: www.flocknote.com/StJohnoftheCrossEuclid OR Text: SJOCEUCLID to 84576 from your cell phone.**

God bless you, and May the Lord shine His face upon you.

Deacon Tom

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Dear Parishioners,

What a phenomenal Giving Tree we had this year. St. John of the Cross really outdid itself! Thanks to everyone for passing the word and making special trips during this year of COVID 19. All 87 gift tags were taken from the Giving Tree, and all organizations benefited: St. Aloysius, Birthright, Rose Mary Home, Thea Bowman Community Center, and our Nicaragua mission.



There were so many wonderful gifts, including handmade items, gift cards, baby items, tickets to Polar Express and we were even able to help three families with a full Christmas dinner. All extra gift cards were used to supplement items.

To everyone who participated — thank you for your generosity during these challenging times. We would also like to recognize the **Legion of Mary Ministry** for delivering gift bags to seniors and to the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** for their handmade items of comfort.

As you can see 2020 was once again an awesome year. Thank you for your prayers, kindness, and love.

Peace to all,

The Social Justice Ministry

2020 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

If you would like to request your 2020 Offertory statement, please complete the below statement request and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Requests can also be made by calling the parish office at 216-289-0770 x.100 or emailing kduke@sjceulid.com.

Please Note:

- Statements will only be issued upon request and will be available at the end of January.
- Faith Direct statements were generated and mailed out from Faith Direct.

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PLEASE SEND ME A 2020 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Name: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Observances for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Euclid Hunger Center-

You may drop off your donations at the Church.

FOOD DONATIONS

- cereal, canned fruits/vegetables, canned tuna/chicken, soup
- toiletry items (deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene items)

The Year of St. Joseph

On December 8th, Pope Francis declared the next year, beginning on that day and concluding on December 8th, 2021, as the Year of St. Joseph. This proclamation comes as we prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.



To mark this special year, the Pope wrote an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde*, or "With a Father's Heart." In it, he explores the man and father that Joseph was, and calls us to do the same. Especially in the time of this pandemic, Pope Francis says that Joseph "has helped us to see more clearly the importance of 'ordinary' people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day." Pope Francis has also introduced a prayer for Saint Joseph to be used throughout the year. God bless!

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust'
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen*



Monday, January 11

8:30 AM (JB/TS) † St. John of the Cross Parish family

Tuesday, January 12

6:30 PM (JB) † Anne Schmidt

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 AM (JL) † St. John of the Cross Parish family

Thursday, January 14

6:30 (JL/TS-P) † St. John of the Cross Parish family

Friday, January 15

No Mass (8:30 am Morning Prayer; 9am-2pm Adoration)

Saturday, January 16

4 PM (JB/TS) † Fritzie Holtcamp

Sunday, January 17

7:45 AM (JL/TS) † St. John of the Cross Parish family

10:15 AM (JB/TS) † Valerie McDanel

Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving \$11,594.02

Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$ 1,165.00

Faith Direct*- Half Giving.....\$

Faith Direct*- Half Maintenance.....\$

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

CHRISTMAS DONATION TOTALS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A FUTURE BULLETIN

Family Life Events

Our Doors Are Always Open

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at www.sjceuclyd.com

Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm

Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczak

John Ballard

Noella Burrows

Barbara Contorno

Constance Durrah

John Hocevar

Andrew Jarm

Anna Jalovec

Nick Kaluza

Joe Matejka

Ronald Maxey

Sheila Moore-Baka

Rudy Myeress

Larry O'Donnell

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when a name can
be taken off this
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