

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 13, 2019

Anointed to Save the Nations

Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Psalm 29:1–4, 9–10;
Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Rev. Henry J. Januszkiewicz, 81. Died on January 5, 2019. He served several parishes on Maryland.

Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord

Knights of Columbus – Tanzi Council. Mass for Tanzi families will be on Sunday, January 20 at 10:00 AM. After mass, breakfast will be served at the Lounge.



Youth Rally, Thursday January 17, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, DC Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom. Doors open at 1:30 pm. More info at: marylembke@marchforlife.org

Mass for Life, Friday, January 18 at 9:15 am at the Capital One Arena. Confessions will be available before mass.

Nativity welcomes **The Archbishop of Kansas** with students from the Benedictine College. Mass at 8 am on Friday, January 18.

Respect for Life

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life on the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tax statements request: Forms are located at both entrances of the church. Complete the form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory. Tax statements will be mailed.

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 12 - 19, 2019

Sat. 1/12	8:00 am	Homebound parishioners
	4:30pm	Martinez-Fernandez family
Sun. 1/13	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	All Catholic Missionaries
	1:00 pm	Nativity youth
Mon. 1/14	12:00	+Joel Schultz
Tue 1/15	12:00	Nativity: Sick list
Wed. 1/16	12:00	+Fr. Henry J. Januszkiewicz
Thu. 1/17	12:00	Mr & Mrs John Reuttemann, Jr.
Fri. 1/18	12:00	Maria Myers intentions
Sat. 1/19	8:00 am	Homebound & sick parishioners
	4:30pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, * Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, * Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehala, *Father Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta

ATTENDANCE REPORT

1/6/19

Attendance: 451 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$8,397

Spanish Mass: \$222

Utility fund: \$170

Christmas: \$5,071 (total so far)

Last week to submit your Christmas Donations! All donations and offerings received on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day or marked as such are "donations" not collections and are exempt from all Archdiocesan taxes and assessments. Thank you for your generosity to your beloved parish home of Nativity.

Hiring services without Pastor's approval. It has come to the attention of the ADW that in some churches, parishioners have hired services without Pastors' approval. This is not acceptable; the Parish will not cover the expenses of non-approved vendors and free lancers.

ADW news release regarding Cardinal McCarrick, Cardinal Wuerl and former priest Robert Ciolek is at the entrance of the church.



Attention College Students: Summer Internships

Catholic Charities has a variety of (unpaid) summer internship opportunities available for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students for 10 weeks this summer from late May to early August. Projects include programs providing direct services to clients as well as in administration, finance, and communications. Sites available throughout the Archdiocese. Apply by March 15! **Get information and apply:** <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/intern/>



2019 Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – Saturday, January 19, 2019

St. Luke's Catholic Church – 4925 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20019

4:00 PM Praise and worship

– ADW Mass Gospel Choir

4:30 PM Mass.

Dr. King has a word for us! "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

QUO VADIS? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

If you are a Junior or Senior, come and shadow a day in the life of a seminarian at Saint John Paul II Seminary to experience seminary life first-hand! Friday, February 15, 2019. More information and to register visit: www.dcpriest.org or email vocations@adw.org