

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Baptism of the Lord

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CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Rectory Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. (non-school days):

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to Mass

The Church is Open for prayer and adoration

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from

6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus wanted it that way not because he needed to be baptized. How could he? He is the Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light. Still, Jesus wanted to be baptized in order to introduce us to baptism as God's own preferred way of saving sinners. Jesus' last words to his apostles before ascending to heaven included the order to baptize everybody. Baptizing people is the responsibility of those who belong to Jesus. Here are six things that happen to you when you are baptized.

Six Effects of Baptism:

Effect #1: All of your sins are forgiven. This is the first thing that happens to you when you're baptized. It's hard to believe, but it's real. Our state of Original Sin as well as our actual guilt for any and all the sins we have ever personally committed is completely pardoned and forgiven. The inclination to return to sin still remains in an unruly manner—but we can conquer it. Indeed we must conquer it. But, nevertheless, the important thing is that our sins and our sinful status is forgiven.

Effect #2: We receive the gift of being born again as children of God. There is no one who is baptized who cannot truly call God "our Father." This is our new status now—we are no longer sinners and strangers, but sons and daughters of God.

Effect #3: Any and all punishment due to our sins is forgiven. Any punishment we would have had coming to us on account of our sins or our sinful state is entirely remitted and cancelled out. This may sound similar to the previous effect, but it's distinction is important. Not only is our actual guilt for our sins forgiven along with the forgiveness of our status as sinners but also the consequence of punishment for our sins is also forgiven.

Effect #4: Our soul is infused with certain heavenly powers especially the power of belonging to the Body of Christ. We receive deep into our souls the gifts and powers necessary to live as children of God. The living of the Christian life may be difficult, but we are nevertheless equipped with what we need for the struggle. This is especially seen in our membership in the Church—we can rely on the strength we receive from Christ, our head, from Our Lady, and from all the saints.

Effect #5: Our soul is indelibly marked with the seal of a Christian. We are forever marked so as to be identified as someone who has been uniquely blessed. Nothing can efface this mark on our soul. It stands as evidence of our personally having received the unrepeatable gift of belonging to God.

Effect #6: The gates of heaven are open to us. The gates had been closed to us through sin. But now, by the Gift of Christ's baptism we can look forward to entering into heaven.

May our celebration of the Feast of the Lord's Baptism cause us to cherish all the more dearly these effects which he has accomplished in each of us. If you or anyone you know needs to be baptized, let me know and we'll see to it.

With paternal affection,



| <i>Mass Intentions for January 13th through January 19th</i> | | |
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| Monday | 8 a.m. | James Alan Burch |
| Tuesday | 8 a.m. | Christopher Vadala & Hilda Diaz |
| Wednesday (<i>Latin</i>) | 8 a.m. | Kevin Paul Russell |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr. |
| Saturday | 5 p.m. | Mary E. Bowles |
| Sunday | 8 a.m. | Helen & Stanley Sinkovich |
| | 10 a.m. | Thomas F. Royals, Sr. |
| | 6 p.m. | <i>Pro Populo</i> |

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Preston (Al) Tyer, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

| <i>Mass Schedule for January 18th and 19th</i> | | |
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| | <i>Altar Servers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> |
| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | | Christine Komar |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Braylon & Bryson | Brian Fenwick |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | Sam, Liam & Nigel, Francis and Owen | Valerie Young |

Offertory, December 22, 2019 – \$4,886.00

Christmas – \$10,562.00

Offertory, December 29, 2019 – \$4,054.00

Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2020 – \$2,313.00

Offertory, January 5, 2020 – \$5,173.00 ***Building & Repair*** – \$1,298.00

Other donations, including online – \$1,453.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Online Giving – St. Joseph's Church accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org.

Transportation for Homebound Parishioners – We are in need of volunteers to transport homebound parishioners to and from Mass. Please call the Rectory for more information.

2020 Lector Workbooks are now available in the Sacristy.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday, January 14th – CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 19th – Donuts & Coffee after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, January 21st – No CCD.

Tuesday, January 28th – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church

Archbishop Gregory will be celebrating Mass for Catholic Schools week at Mother Catherine Academy on January 28th at 10:15 a.m. MCA would like to invite the parishioners from Immaculate Conception, Holy Angels, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes to celebrate with us. Seating will be limited as we anticipate a large response from the MCA families as well as our local parishes. If you would like to join us, please call MCA at 301-884-3165. We look forward to seeing you there!

Marriage Enrichment Series – Take time to invest in your marriage! Make your marriage a priority by seeking out enrichment opportunities together. The Office for Family Life is offering a free Marriage Enrichment series. Tuesdays - January 28, February 4, 11 and 18 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Leonardtown, MD. To register for St. Aloysius go to the following link: <https://mestaloysius.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

Walking Where Jesus Walked -- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! October 18 to 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy and is \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents and ask for Pat. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!