

Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help And St Jude's

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The Last Celebration of our
journey through the
Christmas Season

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

We have all heard of devotion to the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*, but maybe not all of us know the story of how it was spread, a story that illustrates God's surprising ways of working in the world.

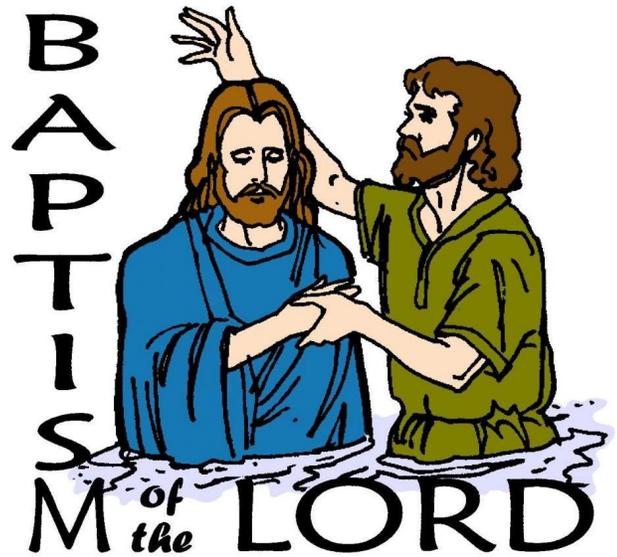
It was *Our Lady of Fatima* who gave this devotion its real push. It happened in 1917, when she appeared to three poor shepherd children in the hills of Portugal. She appeared to them six times, on the 13th of the month from May through October.

By the last appearance, a huge crowd of somewhere near 70,000 people were in attendance, and they all witnessed a promised miracle in which the sun spun around and then moved dramatically up and down in the sky.

Throughout this series of apparitions, Mary instructed the children (a seven-year-old, a nine-year-old, and a ten-year-old) to pray the Rosary and to offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

Mary didn't appear to a community of monks in a monastery. Nor did she ask a group of priests and bishops to do sacrifices in reparation for sin and to console her Immaculate Heart. Instead, she gave her heavenly message to three poor shepherd children. And the children responded with great faith to Our Lady's entreaties, dedicating themselves passionately to prayer and penance in spite of their age. One day, for example, they were with their sheep in the fields, and they were talking about what sacrifice they could offer to God. One of them suggested that they give their lunch to their sheep instead of eating it themselves – which they did. Other days they gave their lunches away to nearby children even poorer than themselves, and they would just eat pine nuts instead.

This was the **unlikely and unexpected** way God in his Providence reminded humanity of the importance of prayer and repentance at the very beginning of the bloodiest century in human history.



Help needed
Monday evening at
St Jude. Starting at
7pm, help is
needed to take
down the Christmas
decorations. Hope
that you can take a
little time and help
in this event.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

— THE ROMAN MISSAL

PRAYER FOR THE NATION OR STATE

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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EMHC Marge & Jonathon Vonesh
Collection/Gifts Troy & Lisa Lazur
Servers Volunteers
Ring Bell Jerry Linneman**OLPH Sunday, January 20, 10:30 AM**Lector Lance Keller
EMHC J Lazur, C Granger
Collection Mike Scholand, Ryan Sondrol
Gifts Lance Keller family
Servers Volunteers
Ring Bell Kevin Leddige**OLPH Sunday, January 27, 10:30 AM**Lector Tom Fischer
EMHC L Schadewald, M Vonesh
Collection /Gifts Dan & Kim Lazur
Servers Volunteers
Ring Bell Kevin Sondreal**January 2019 - 5:00 & 8:30****Saturday - January 12th**Lector Mary Franklund
EM Mary Franklund
Gifts Brandon Weber & Brenna Carpenter
Servers Thomas Schumacher & Katie Zafke**Sunday - January 13th**Lector Theresa West
EM Daria Harbacheck & Wayne Mager
Gifts Luke & Sarah Dockendock
Servers Jessie Plain & Jacob West**Saturday - January 19th**Lector Carol Johnson
EM: Carol Johnson
Gifts Jim & Donna Pilon
Servers Courtney & Samantha Garman**Sunday - January 20th**Lector Bill Weber
EM: Mary Krogstad & Maureen Larrabee
Gifts Bill & Beth Weber
Servers Jordan West & Thomas Zafke**Offertory January 6, 2019****OLPH—\$670.00 Online: \$1306.42****ST JUDE—\$1305.00 Online: \$310.18****mass intentions**12—OLPH +Tom Meagher by his dad
13—SJ Mass for the people
OLPH Libbey Ritteman by D/V Moch
15—OLPH Jim & Laura Breen by D/V Moch
16—SJ
17—OLPH +Henry Lazur by family
18—SJ +Donna Weber
19—SJ +Vernon Adams his family
20—SJ Mass for the people
OLPH Adam & Jess Moch by D/V Moch
22—OLPH +Louis Lazur by family
23—SJ +Carolina Adams by M Adams
24—OLPH Thomas & Allyssa Moch by D/V Moch
25—SJ +Carl Hansen by R/C Thompson
26—OLPH +Margaret Meagher by her husband
27—SJ Mass for the people
OLPH Blake & Megan Ritteman by D/V Moch
29—OLPH Phil & Katie Zubrod by D/V Moch
30—SJ +Gene Adams by R/C Thompson
31—OLPH +Bill Leddige by his family

Two years ago Chick-fil-A made national headlines when company president Dan Cathy spoke out in support of traditional marriage. Liberals and gays came unglued and launched massive protests against the restaurant chain. Several mayors spoke out saying they would not allow any more Chick-fil-As to be built in their cities. They tried boycotting the Christian owned company, but that backfired. Instead, Chick-fil-A had a world record day with many locations selling out of food to the hundreds of thousands of supporters. Is it any surprise that the only news the liberal mainstream media has reported concerning Chick-fil-A has only been the negative?

Remember when the ice storm hit the south? The mainstream media showed footage of miles of cars stranded on the frozen interstates. Several national news broadcasts reported about school kids trapped on busses for almost 24 hours because of all of the ice and parents going frantic wondering where their kids were. In all of the icy gloom and doom, I bet you didn't hear about the heroic and generous actions of a Chick-fil-A along Highway 280 in Birmingham, Alabama, did you? Mark Meadows, owner of the Chick-fil-A closed early the day of the storm and sent all of his employees home. However, the employees and Meadows soon discovered that they were not going to be able to get home with all of the stranded motorists stuck on the roads. Some of the cars near the restaurant had been stranded for up to 7 hours. Meadows and his employees fired up the kitchen and began preparing chicken sandwiches as fast as they could. They prepared several hundred sandwiches and then Meadows and his staff headed out and began distributing the hot meals to the stranded motorists on both sides of Highway 280. Some of the drivers tried to pay them for the sandwiches, but Meadows and his employees refused to take a single penny. Audrey Pitt, manager of the Chick-fil-A, explained why: "This company is based on taking care of people and loving people before you're worried about money or profit. We were just trying to follow the model that we've all worked under for so long and the model that we've come to love. There was really nothing else we could have done but try to help people any way we could." However, Meadows and Pitt were not through with their Good Samaritan efforts. They helped push cars off the roads, up inclines and whatever else they could do to help. Then they kept the restaurant open overnight so that stranded motorists could have a warm place to be. A number of motorists slept in booths or on the benches.

In the morning, they again fired up the kitchen and prepared chicken biscuits for their overnight guests and once again they refused to accept any payment. During that 24 hour period, this Chick-fil-A restaurant opened their kitchen, their doors and their hearts to hundreds of stranded motorists and they did so refusing to accept any payment. As one source put it, Meadows and his staff lived up to the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 25:35 which states: "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in..." Their actions were truly generous and heroic as they also braved the frigid temperatures to hand out hundreds of hot meals to complete strangers. And I bet you never heard anything about this from the mainstream media. Their liberal bias and intolerance would never allow them to report on a Christian company doing something so positive for so many.

13 January 2019**Baptism of the Lord****Jan 14—OLPH CWO Meeting 7p Gr 3****Refreshments****Jan 22—SJ Parish Council—6:30P****Jan 24—OLPH Parish Council—6:30p****Jan 27—SJ Confirmation/Eucharist Retreat 1-3p****Feb 9/10—Gods God Kick Off Weekend****Feb 16/17—Gods Gift Education Weekend****Feb 23/24—Gods Gift Commitment Weekend****Feb 24—SJ Confirmation/Eucharist Retreat 1-3p**