

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Walter Isaacs, Tom Milos, Annette Krietler, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Judy DiLorenzo.

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by the Coronavirus.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Book of Acts is considered to be the second volume in a two-part work written by the author of the third Gospel. This two-part work is often referred to as Luke-Acts. The book is the story of the men and women who, following Pentecost, began to spread the news of the risen Savior. It concludes with the account of Paul preaching this good news in Rome, the capital of the civilized world of the day. The date for the material as presented in the Book of Acts would run from a few weeks after Christ Resurrection to Paul's imprisonment in Rome awaiting trial around the year A.D. 62. The time of writing is generally considered to be around A.D. 80-85.

The Book of Acts may be divided as follows: witness in Jerusalem (1:1 - 8:4); witness in Judea and Samaria (8:5 – 12:25); witness to the ends of the earth (chapter 13 – chapter 28).

PARISH CALENDAR

By the Week: All activities suspended until further notice.

Saturdays: Stepping Class with Mercy Tabernacle
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Cub Scouts 5:45-7:30 pm

Mondays: Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: Mass for Healing, 9:00am
AA Meeting 12:00 pm

Thursdays: AA Men's Meeting 7:30 pm

Readers Roster:

The roster will be updated when services resume.

We celebrate the Contemporary Rite of the Mass, which begins on page 63 of the pew missal.

National Catholic Church



January 10, 2021 – Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

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In today's Gospel passage, Mark 1:7-11, we are witness to a theophany, a manifestation of God's presence in the world. We hear a voice from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This leads us to question what Jesus did to please God, his Father? Was it that Jesus had just been baptized by John in the Jordan? Yes, and so much more.

The public ministry of Jesus we read about in the Gospel accounts represents only a small portion of his life. We cannot lose sight of Jesus' formative years prior to his public ministry. It is during this time that Jesus, "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (Luke 2:52). That is our challenge for the New Year, that we please God by maturing into the person God created us to be.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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